

## SOLEMNITIES, FEASTS AND COMMEMORATIONS

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### The Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St. Thomas More Cheyne Row, Chelsea



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> St John of the Cross** – This 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish Carmelite mystic said: “Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him.”

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Christmas Eve 6.30pm, 12midnight**

**Christmas Day 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am, 12.15pm**

Please remember to notify the Parish Office in advance.

#### PARISH INFORMATION

##### Mass Times

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am (with Choir), 12.15pm, 6.30pm

Monday – Friday 8.00am

Saturday 10.00am

**Confession** - To make an appointment, please contact the Parish Priest

**Morning Prayer** - Monday - Friday 7.45am,

Saturday 9.45am

**Evening Prayer** - Saturday and Sunday 6.00pm

**Newly arrived in the parish:** Please complete the Parish Registration Form, available at our website: [holyredeemerchelsea.com](http://holyredeemerchelsea.com).

**Mobile Phones** Please turn off all phones before entering the church.

**Donations to the Parish** can be made via: HSBC, Sort code: 40-05-20, Account no:91094386 Account name: Holy Redeemer Church, Chelsea.

**The Rectory** - 7 Cheyne Row, London SW3 5HS

**Parish Priest** - Canon Paschal Ryan

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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

This Newsletter is available online at [holyredeemerchelsea.com](http://holyredeemerchelsea.com)  
If you would like to receive this newsletter each week, please send your email address to the Parish Administrator at [chelsea2@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chelsea2@rcdow.org.uk)

## **FOOD FOR THE HOMELESS**

If you wish to donate food, please bring non-perishable items in packets or tins to the church during the time the church is open for Mass, or to the Rectory. It will be distributed by Glass Door, a local charity helping those who are homeless. To find out about their work: [glassdoor.org.uk](http://glassdoor.org.uk)

## **MARY'S MEALS "DOUBLE THE LOVE"**

Until 31<sup>st</sup> January, donations will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Mary's Meals feeds thousands of children every day and so enables them to receive an education. An amazing initiative that grew out of a life of faith and a personal decision to do something. How many thousands of meals do they provide? – see [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk)

## **IICSA**

The Report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse about the Catholic Church in England and Wales is available at [iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/roman-catholic-church](http://iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/roman-catholic-church). The statement subsequently issued by the Catholic Bishops Conference is at [cbcew.org.uk/statement-on-the-publication-of-the-iicsa-report/](http://cbcew.org.uk/statement-on-the-publication-of-the-iicsa-report/)

## **FOOD BANK CLUB**

St Luke's Church in Sydney Street and Mutual Aid have teamed up to provide Food Bank Club members with access to subsidised healthy fresh fruits and vegetables through the winter season for a voluntary donation of just £5 per visit. Tuesday 12noon to 2.00pm. For information see [mutualaidkc.com/foodbank-club](http://mutualaidkc.com/foodbank-club)

## **MAGNIFICAT**

"Magnificat" is a monthly selection of Bible readings, prayers and reflections. The December and January issues are available from the Sacristy or from the Rectory, price £4.99. If you cannot come to pick up a copy, please let the Parish Office know and we will post it to you.

**QR CODE** – The posters in the church porch with a matrix barcode, an array of black and white squares, display our QR (Quick Response) code. In combination with the NHS app, this code works as part of the Test and Trace system for combatting the spread of the coronavirus Covid 19. Those with the NHS app on their phones may prefer to use this, rather than contacting the Parish Office

## **READINGS AT MASS**

Some people miss being able to read the Scripture texts during Mass, whether during the Liturgy of the Word or as a reflection after Holy Communion. Those of you with access to the internet may wish to find them at [universalis.com](http://universalis.com). In the present circumstances, it is most acceptable to use phones or tablets in church, but only to access the readings, prayers, meditations etc

**COMING TO MASS:** Parishioners are kindly requested to notify in advance the Parish Administrator which Mass they wish to attend. If you have not been doing this, please start. We need to maintain the flow of people entering church, avoiding queues, or social distancing becomes a problem. However, if you cannot contact the Parish Office, you are still most welcome to come to Mass, though on arrival you will be asked to give your name and contact number/ email address or use the QR code.

## **KEEPING THE CHURCH**

**SAFE:** In the weeks since churches re-opened, we have been blessed in having a group of volunteers who act as stewards during Mass and then sanitise the pews and kneelers after every service. We need more people to help with this vital work. If you are a parishioner, aged 18 to 70 and not clinically vulnerable, please consider whether you could give a hand. To volunteer or get more information, please contact Charles McFarland 020 8767 7132 or [cpmm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cpmm@hotmail.co.uk)

## **AID TO THE CHURCH**

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is an international charity helping suffering and persecuted Christians in a number of countries around the world. If you like to find out more about their work see: [acnuk.org](http://acnuk.org)

## **STELLA MARIS**

Stella Maris, known to many as the Apostleship of the Sea, provides spiritual and welfare support for the seafarers without whom we would not have many of the things we need or enjoy, particularly at Christmas. Often seafarers are away from home for long periods and poorly paid. Stella Maris staff care for them, see: [stellamaris.org.uk](http://stellamaris.org.uk)