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**The Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer & St.
Thomas More
Cheyne Row, Chelsea**



Immaculada Concepcion - Zurbaran

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday evening 6.30pm
10.00am (Family Mass with hymns)
11.00am (Sung Latin with choir)
12.15pm and 6.30pm

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SOLEMNITIES, FEASTS AND COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday 2nd December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Parish Mass Book p.82)

Monday 3rd St Francis Xavier, the Apostle of the East, in the sixteenth century brought the Gospel to Japan and China, preaching in Africa and India on the way.

Friday 7th St Ambrose, the great Theologian and Bishop of Milan whose preaching moved St Augustine to stop shilly shalying and instead join the Catholic Church.

Saturday 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, God's preparation for the Incarnation of his Son by preserving Our Lady from any sin from the moment of her conception.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday 8.00am
Saturday morning 10.00am

Confession Saturday 10.30am - 11.00am & 5.30pm - 6.00pm

Morning Prayer Monday - Friday 7.30am, Saturday & Sunday 9.30am

Evening Prayer Saturday & Sunday 6.00pm

Faith Sharing / Prayer Group meets on Tuesday.

Teenager Confirmation classes resume again in January 2019.

Newcomers Please introduce yourselves and complete and return to the Rectory a parish registration form, which is available in the church porch or on our website.

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.

Text donation: Text 'PARISH CHELS' to 70800 to donate £5 to this parish. Thank you.

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ADVENT

Before any great celebration, there is a time of preparation. We want to make sure certain people can be present and we want to have things just right, all so that everything goes well on the day. While there is no doubt about the presence of the guest of honour at Christmas, what are we doing to prepare ourselves? In this season of Advent, let us take time to open our hearts, not just the doors on Advent calendars.

CONFIRMATION

Are there any younger members of the parish who would like to join the group preparing for Confirmation in 2019? We have been invited to join by our neighbours at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, to join them. The meetings in preparation for Confirmation will begin in the New Year. To take part, candidates from Holy Redeemer parish must be Mass attending baptized Catholics who are in Year 9 or above at school, and have made their First Holy Communion. To obtain an Application Form, please contact Rosslyn Okumu at the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Looking for something different? Don't know what to buy for that man/woman who has everything? Have a look at the CAFOD "World Gifts" catalogue, available on the table on the back of the church. These gifts are really something useful and are not like anything you can buy on the King's Road. Or go online: cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Usually in the Monckton Room during the first part of the 10am Family Mass. Parents are welcome to leave their children or stay with them. The children come up at the offertory, bringing their work.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Parents, please note that near the back of the church there is a bookcase with religious books for children. Please help yourselves, but put the books back on the shelves there at the end of Mass.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

Taking its inspiration from St Vincent De Paul, The Passage is a wonderful charity working with homeless people in Central London. Between 12 noon on 27th November to 12 noon on 4th December, every £1 given on The Big Give website results in a £2 donation to The Passage. Donations can be given by an individual, a company or a trust. To donate, please have a look at www.thebiggive.org.uk. To find out more about the great work The Passage does not far from Victoria station see www.passage.org.uk

ADULT BAPTISM

If you, a relative, or a friend are thinking about becoming a member of the Catholic Church, you might like to join a group that will meet weekly to learn more about our faith. This group is open to adults coming regularly to Mass in this church. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

YOUTH MASS

At 3.00pm on Saturday 8th December at St. Dominic's Priory, Southampton Rd, Belsize Park, London NW5 4LB, Westminster Youth Ministry will be celebrating its annual diocesan Youth Mass. Led by Bishop John Wilson, young people from across the diocese will be welcome. The music for the Mass will be provided by Catholic artist Edwin Fawcett and the young Music Ministry scholars who spent a year preparing for this day. For more information about the Youth Mass, as well as to apply for next year's free music scholarship, visit dowym.com.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

Bringing together single Catholics, Catholic Singles has for several years enabled thousands of people to find new friendships, in some cases leading to marriage. For more information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk.

I AM A CATHOLIC

Available from the table at the back of the church, credit card sized cards for your wallet or purse. These indicate that, if admitted to hospital, you wish to be visited by a Catholic chaplain. Please remember that hospitals may no longer inform the chaplain of your being a Catholic unless you ask them to do so.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 8 December, Our Lady of Grace & St Edward, 247 High Road, Chiswick W4 4PU, 10.00am to 5.30pm. Procession, Mass, Adoration, Rosary and Benediction. Preachers: Fr Michael, Dunne, Fr Gerald Hatton, Fr Carlo Mazzotta.

READERS AT MASS

From time to time, as Readers move out of the parish, we need to recruit new lay volunteers to read the First Reading, Second Reading and the Responsorial Psalm. The only necessary qualification is the ability to read clearly. Coaching can be provided if the reader is new to the task. If anyone is interested in finding

out more about what is involved, would they please have a word with Canon Paschal Ryan. With a reasonable number of volunteers, the commitment for each is not too onerous.

ORDER OF MALTA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The British Association of the Order of Malta takes a group of sick, disabled and older pilgrims every year to Lourdes. There is a full programme of religious events, opportunities for sightseeing and fun activities. Nursing and medical care is provided.

Applications are invited from sick, disabled and older people to join the pilgrimage from Friday 3 May to Thursday 9 May 2019, with accommodation in the Accueil Notre Dame. Pilgrims are asked to make a contribution of £300 towards the £600 cost, but this can be reduced in cases of need. Anything over £300 would be gratefully received to help less fortunate pilgrims. For information and an application form, please contact Mrs Kim O'Connor, Head Nurse, before 14 January 2019. Write to Mrs O'Connor at 32 Scalebor Gardens, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley, LS29 7BX or email: k6oconnor@aol.com.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALK London at Christmas & New Year

3.00pm Sunday 16 December. Meet at the front of Westminster Cathedral. Wear suitable clothes and footwear. Cost: £5. See catholichistorywalks.com

COFFEE ROTA

Refreshments are available in the Monckton Room after the Sunday 10.00am and 11.00am Masses. Volunteers are needed to give a hand preparing and serving coffee etc.