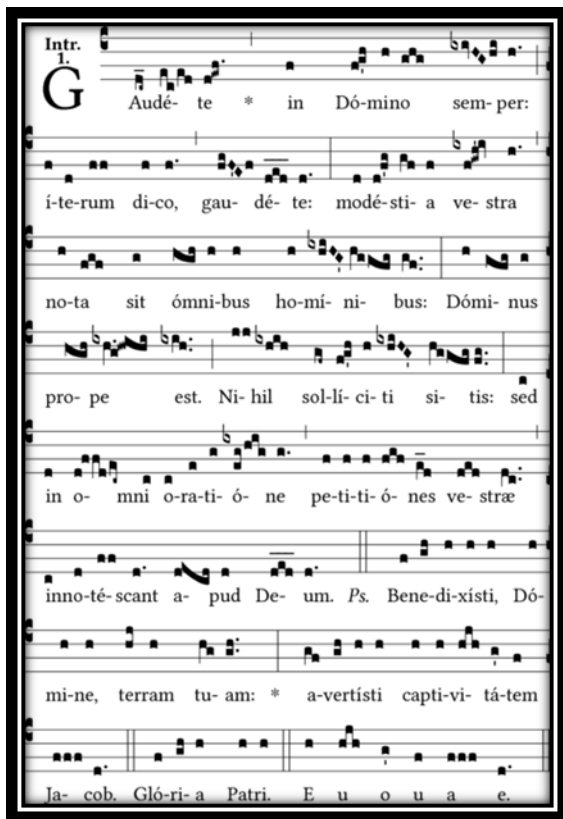


**The Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer
and
St. Thomas More
Cheyne Row, Chelsea**



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 16th December **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
(Parish Mass Book p.88)

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is known as “Gaudete Sunday” from the first word of the Latin text of the Entrance Antiphon (Introit) at Mass: “Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, Gaudete!” (Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice! *St Paul’s Letter to the Philippians, 4.4*) This rejoicing is reflected in the rose-coloured vestments worn today, whereas purple is the colour on the other Sundays of Advent. Today is also the day we light the rose candle on the Advent candlestand. Let us pray that we may experience the joy of knowing that we are truly and unconditionally loved by God, for this is the joy that enables Christians to keep their faith and rejoice even when suffering.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday 8.00am
Saturday morning 10.00am

Confession Saturday 22nd December 10.30am - 11.30am & 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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Parish Administrator - Rosslyn Okumu

Monday - Friday 9.30am - 1.30pm

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SOCKS FOR STOCKINGS

Many thanks to the children of our First Holy Communion class who collected socks for some of the homeless men and women in this area for Christmas.

For details of how to help the homeless, please see www.glassdoor.org.uk

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALK

London at Christmas & New Year

This Sunday, 16th December, at 3.00pm. Meet at the front of Westminster Cathedral.

Wear suitable clothes and footwear. Cost: £5. See catholichistorywalks.com.

ADVENT

Before any great celebration, there is a time of preparation. We want to make sure that 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 our neighbours at St Mary's, Cadogan Street. 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 at the end of Mass.

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.catholicssingles.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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

From time to time, as people move out of the parish, we need to recruit new lay volunteers to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. The description "extraordinary" in the title indicates that this role is one of an assistant to the priest who is celebrating the Mass. The essential qualifications are to be a baptized communicant Catholic who is a member of this parish and regularly attending Mass here. Given the very special and public nature of the role, it is not something that suits everyone. Therefore it would be a good idea if those who were thinking of offering themselves for this service at Holy Redeemer would first have a word with the Parish Priest.

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 3rd May to Thursday 9th 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 Nurses, before 14th January 2019. Write to Mrs O'Connor at 32 Scalebor Gardens,

Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley, LS29 7BX or email: k6oconnor@aol.com.

IMAGINING THE NATIVITY

Jesuit Media Initiatives and the Diocese of Westminster Marriage and Family Life team have joined forces to produce a series of imaginative contemplations to help families this Advent to journey alongside the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Available from the Jesuit spirituality website "Pathways to God", each contemplation focuses on a person or group from the Nativity story. Each session has its own suggested storyline and you are invited to imagine and reflect with it.

Families are invited to join the Holy Family on this special journey. It is one where we can reflect on the composition and the healthiness of the earth in the domestic setting of the home and in the context of the parish.

INTERESTED IN OUR FAITH?

The Diocese of Westminster Agency for Evangelisation, in partnership with the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham, has developed a programme which seeks to reach various needs of Catholics who wish to develop in their understanding of their faith. Three courses will be available in 2019:

Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry: one year part-time distance learning course.

Certificate in Catechesis: two year part-time distance learning course.

A Catechesis on Marriage and Family: six month part-time, for those interested in Marriage Preparation. For more details, please see Canon Paschal Ryan.