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



The Visitation of Mary with Jesus to Elizabeth with John (the Baptist)

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

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

**Newsletter 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 10.30am – 11.30am, 5.30pm – 6.00pm  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 10.30am – 11.30am

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am Mass

**SOLEMN CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS  
Vigil of Carols from 11.30pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am, 11.00am, 12.15pm  
(Please note: no Mass Christmas Day evening)

**ST STEPHEN'S DAY (BOXING DAY)**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am Mass

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am Mass

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am Mass

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am Mass

**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.

**Parish Priest** - Canon Paschal Ryan

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**Parish Administrator** - Rosslyn Okumu

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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](http://www.glassdoor.org.uk)

## **ADVENT INTO CHRISTMAS**

In these final days of the season of Advent we really begin to feel already the excitement that accompanies the birth of a baby. A period of waiting is coming to an end. We may, like Mary visiting Elizabeth, be visiting family or friends. Let pray for ourselves and those we meet, that these encounters may be opportunities for the expression of real affection and support. In particular, let us pray for the grace to recognize those whose pain or suffering is hidden, and gently and appropriately find ways to be of service to them. Mother Teresa, the Saint of Calcutta, spoke of Christ coming to us: "in the distressing disguise of the poor". May we see him, not only in those who do not have money, food or shelter, but also in those who are masking their loneliness or insecurity as they sit or stand beside us at a party or family gathering.

## **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 Canon Paschal Ryan.

## **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](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts).

## **MARGARET MAITLAND RIP**

Please pray for Margaret Maitland who died last Sunday after a long illness. Please include in your prayers her husband Alex, and all her family and friends who now mourn her.

## **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.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.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.

## **VISITING?**

A warm welcome to all our visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay in London.

## **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.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Write to Mrs O'Connor at 32 Scalebor Gardens, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley, LS29 7BX or email: [k6oconnor@aol.com](mailto: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.