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



The Baptism of Christ - Bartolomé Estaban Murillo

Newsletter 13th January 2019

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Parish Mass Book page 118)

#### **SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

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

#### **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 resumes again in Lent.
Teenager Confirmation Group meet Saturday mornings from 12<sup>th</sup> January with St Mary's, Cadogan Street, SW3.

**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 Tel: 020 7352 0777 Email: paschalryan@rcdow.org.uk

**Parish Administrator** - Rosslyn Okumu Monday - Friday 9.30am - 1.30pm Tel: 020 7352 0777 Email: chelsea2@rcdow.org.uk

#### WHY IS THE CRIB STILL THERE?

While some people seem to think Christmas is over almost as soon as it is started, the Church in its prayer and public worship continues to celebrate the coming of the Son of God among us. The Gospels at Mass continue with the epiphanies (manifestations) of Christ, both at his Baptism in the Jordan and his first miracle at Cana.

#### **CRIB OFFERINGS**

As is customary in this diocese, your donations placed in the collecting box near the crib will be passed on to the Catholic Children's Society. Each year the CCS supports thousands of disadvantaged children across the Diocese of Westminster. To find out more about the range of services offered, please see www.cathchild.org.uk.

#### THANK YOU

My grateful thanks to those who contributed to the Christmas Offering, or sent cards and gifts to me in this festive season. I am very grateful for your generosity, especially given the short time I have been here. With my best wishes and prayers for you all, Canon Paschal Ryan.

#### MARY BARKER RIP, MARGARET MAITLAND RIP

Please pray for Margaret Maitland and Mary Barker who both died recently after long illnesses. Please include in your prayers their families and friends who now mourn them. The Funeral Mass for Mary Barker will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am. The Funeral Mass for Margaret Maitland will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon.

#### 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.

#### 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. There is clearly a need for such help at the 12.15pm Mass on Sunday.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 back up at the Offertory, bringing their work.

#### **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.

#### 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 HISTORY WALKS**The Tower and the City

3.00pm 20<sup>th</sup> January. Walk through the ancient City of London to the Tower of London. Explore the turbulent history of this area. Relive the history that was the life of heroes such as St Thomas More and St John Fisher. Meet at the Monument tube station.

#### A Royal Walk

3.00pm 27<sup>th</sup> January. Explore the world of Catholic London, our politics and the kings and queens that shaped them. Walk through historic Westminster to Buckingham Palace. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral, nearest tube station: Victoria

Cost £5, concessions available. Please wear suitable footwear and plan for the weather. See

www.catholichistorywalks.com

#### ON ART AND FAITH

Catholic Creators UK presents Gabriele Finaldi, Director of the National Gallery, talking about Art and Faith at 7.00pm on 21<sup>st</sup> February at Farm Street Church, 11 Mount Street, Mayfair, London W1K 3AH. For details contact: info@catholiccreators.org. Entry: £5.

#### VISITING?

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