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



**St Josephine Bakhita**

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**  
Saturday evening 6.30pm  
10.00am (Family Mass with hymns)  
11.00am (Sung Latin with choir)

**Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
(Parish Mass Book page 133)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> St Agatha**, Virgin Martyr. In 251 AD, this young Sicilian woman was tortured, but she refused to deny her faith in Christ and so she was executed. She is the patron saint of breast cancer patients.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> St Paul Miki**. A wealthy young man, he gave up power and privilege to become one of the first Japanese Jesuits. During a persecution of the Christian community in 1597 he was executed along with 25 others in Nagasaki, now the city with the largest Catholic population in Japan. Before his most painful death, he insisted that he forgave his persecutors and that he was truly Japanese.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> St Josephine Bakhita** was born in Sudan, enslaved and sold many times, horrendously tortured, but later she was baptised and became a nun in Italy. She forgave those who hurt her, seeing them as unwittingly helping her to become a Christian and a nun. She is the patron saint of trafficked women.

**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** meets Saturday morning.

**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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## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

This year the theme of the World Day of Prayer is “Come - Everything is Ready”. The service is prepared by Christian women of Slovenia, and draws on the parable of the banquet in the Gospel of Luke (14.15 – 24). Our local celebration will be in the Church of St Augustine, 117 Queens Gate, Kensington SW7 5LP on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 11.00am.

## **NIGHTFEVER**

A time when the Church reaches out to those passing by and invites them to experience the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 6.00pm to 11.00pm in St Patrick’s, Soho Square, W1D 4NR (near Tottenham Court Road Tube station, just off Oxford Street). See: [www.london.nightfever.org](http://www.london.nightfever.org).

## **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.

## **EDUCATION FOR LOVE AND SEXUALITY: WHERE DO WE START?**

A talk for parents and educators aimed at helping with answering questions about when and how to talk to children and teenagers about these intimate matters. The speaker, Louise Kirk, author of “Sexuality Explained, a guide for parents and children” has wide experience educating young people. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions. At 7.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at Our Lady of Victories, 235a Kensington High Street, W8 6SA. No registration required, free entry, but donations welcome on the day. The evening is organized by Teenstar UK, [www.teenstar.org.uk](http://www.teenstar.org.uk).

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:info@catholiccreators.org). Entry: £5.

## **VISITING?**

A warm welcome to all our visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay. Tell your friends to visit us when they come on a trip to London.

## **SVP VINNIE PACKS CONCERT**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00pm, at Farm Street Catholic Church, Mayfair, London W1K 3AH. Featuring Alexander Armstrong, Miranda Heldt, Alex McQueen, The Choir With No Name. Tickets £30, must be booked at [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk) (search for Vinnie Packs). In aid of the wonderful SVP Vinnie Packs for the homeless. These packs are lifesavers on our streets. To learn more about the activities of the SVP, see [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk).

## **WESTMINSTER YEARBOOK 2019**

Available in the church porch, the Westminster Yearbook lists all the parishes,

priests and Catholic schools in the Diocese of Westminster. Price £4.50.

## **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](http://www.catholicingles.org.uk).

## **ROMANITA**

Go to Youtube.com and search “Osram St Peter’s” to find a wonderful short video on the relighting of St Peter’s Basilica.

## **FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS**

The Tablet, a leading Catholic multimedia journal is seeking to recruit a Fundraising and Events Officer. Salary TBC on appointment. Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> February. For further details, please see “Jobs” in [www.thetablet.co.uk](http://www.thetablet.co.uk).

## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November, led by Bishop Paul McAleenan. Visit Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the footsteps of Jesus. Full board, travel with BA from Heathrow. For details see poster in the porch or contact Gill Didino at [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com).

## **WEIRD SCIENCE AND GOD**

An evening at Farm Street Church with Dr Michael D Hurley on “World Science and the Search for God: G M Hopkins, A Conan Doyle, J R R Tolkien”. Thursday 14 March, 5.45pm to 8.15pm. For more information please see [www.thetablet.co.uk/events](http://www.thetablet.co.uk/events) or call 020 8748 8484 (part of the Stonyhurst 425 Lenten Lecture Series).