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



The Chair of Saint Peter by Bernini in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome

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 17th February 2019

**Sunday 17th February: 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Parish Mass Book page 139)**

Thursday 21st St Peter Damian was a man who challenged his fellow priests to live the Gospel they were preaching. He also sought to encourage those who were struggling to overcome sin: "Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth."

Friday 22nd The Chair of St Peter. "The Chair" in the title of this feast is the "cathedra" (from which we get the word "cathedral") or throne of a bishop, which symbolises his role and authority as the teacher in a diocese, in this case teacher of Christian doctrine. The symbol is given a magnificent monumental representation above the Altar of the Chair, in the Apse of St Peter's Basilica.

Saturday 23rd St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr had learned from the apostle St John to avoid those who try to change the divine truth. One day in Rome he met a heretic who, resenting that Polycarp did not greet him, said: "Do you know me?" The saint replied: "Yes, I know you, the first-born son of Satan." Such directness might not make one popular, but Polycarp valued his faith above popularity. Among his pupils was St Irenaeus, Apostle of Gaul.

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 1st March at 11.00am.

MARY’S MEALS - TWO WEEKS TO GO

Mary’s Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (*no duvets or pillows please*), and will be here at our church until 12.15pm on Sunday 3rd March to collect them all.

Put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them that day when the charity Mary’s Meals will be here to pick them up. Amazingly 4 full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year!

Mary’s Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

To learn more about their magnificent work see marysmeals.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.

EMBRACED

Caritas Westminster invites you to an afternoon highlighting opportunities for volunteering and befriending in a variety of ways. We have brought together some of the things that happen around the Diocese with and for people with learning disabilities. The day will have testimonies, showcases of work already being done and a chance to learn more about learning disabilities and catechesis. The event will take place on Saturday 2nd March, from 2.00pm-4.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, 373 Bowes Road, London, N11 1AA. Refreshments will be available from 2.00pm. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or call on 0207 798 9030 for your free ticket. Alternatively, you can register your attendance on Eventbrite by searching for ‘Embraced’.

THE LAURELS

Relocating to Chelsea in September, the Laurels is an independent day school with a Catholic ethos for girls aged 11 to 18. The school opened five years ago in Clapham and has outgrown its present location. On 2nd March from 1.00pm to 3.00pm there will be an Open Day at the new school building at 1 Chelsea Embankment. For further details, please see thelaurelsschool.org.uk.

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.

ON ART AND FAITH

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

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.

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.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The 9th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 20th to 28th 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 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 14th March, 5.45pm to 8.15pm. For more information please see www.thetablet.co.uk/events or call 020 8748 8484 (part of the Stonyhurst 425 Lenten Lecture Series).

THE PASSAGE – CONCERT

Please support a St David’s Day concert in aid of The Passage at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster on Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm. Full details are on the website www.passage.org.uk or call 020 7592 1856 or email info@passage.org.uk. The Passage is a charity working with homeless people in Victoria.

READERS

Formation for Ministers of the Word. “Taster I: Ministry of the Laity and Word” with Sister Karen Marguerite d’Artois OP. Thursday, 21st February, 7.00pm - 8.30 pm. At Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. Email to livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7931 6078 in order to register (required). Suggested donation £5.

VISITING?

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

MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING Cardinal’s Mass of Thanksgiving For the Sacrament of Matrimony

As in previous years, Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be inviting all the couples in this diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and every year over 60th) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019 to a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 8th June at 3.00pm in Westminster Cathedral.

If you are such a couple and would like to be invited, please give the following details to the Parish Office: Spouses’ full names, date of marriage, full postal address and email (or telephone if no email).