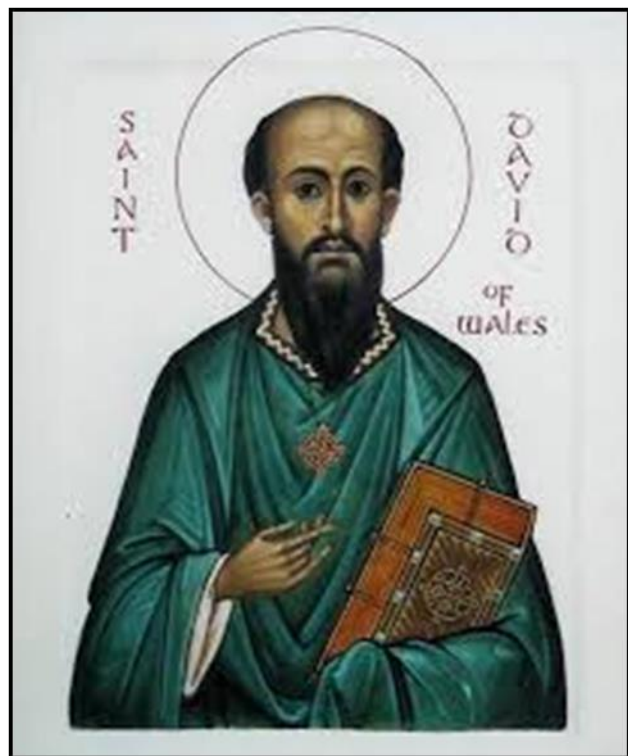


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**The Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer
and St. Thomas More
Cheyne Row, Chelsea**



St David of Wales

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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Sunday 24th February: 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Parish Mass Book page 142)

Friday 1st March, St David. was a Welsh monk, born about 500AD who became Bishop of Mynyw (now called St David). He sought both to inspire the monks to live very simple lives, eating no meat and drinking no beer, and to preach against heresy. The heresy of the time was Pelagianism, the only home grown British heresy, which (put very simply) says that we can achieve salvation by our own efforts. While he stressed that we have to commit ourselves to living the Gospel in every aspect of our lives, he also saw that it is by virtue of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ that we come to eternal life. At the end of his life he summed up his teaching: "Brothers and sisters, be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed, and do the little things you have seen me do and heard about. As for me, I will walk the path that our fathers have trod before us." In short: "Do the little things in life!"

It is interesting how the saints, think of St Thérèse of Lisieux, stress that it is by little acts of practical kindness and by a commitment to prayer throughout our day that we find our way to become true disciples of Jesus. If God wanted us to be angels, he would have given us wings!

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 Tuesday 12th March for 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 - ONE WEEK 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 www.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 Saturday 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 www.thelaurelsschool.org.uk.

RACIAL JUSTICE

Thank you for your donations to last weekend's collection to support the work of the Church in favour of Racial Justice. The total raised was £382.24. Apologies for the lack of prior notice.

FAITH GROUP

A parish Lenten Small Faith Group will commence from Tuesday, 12th March. Using the Westminster Diocese Lenten programme, it will run for six consecutive Tuesday evenings. This season's theme is entitled, '*Rejoice and Be Glad*' focussing upon the joy of being a disciple. Anyone wishing to enquire about participating this Lenten season should contact the parish office on 020 7352 0777.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

During Lent, at 6.30pm on Monday evenings, Canon Paschal Ryan will lead a group looking at the readings for the following Sunday. The group will meet in the Monckton Room and is open to anyone who would like to come. Just turn up if and when you can!

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.catholicsingles.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 www.tangney-tours.com.

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.

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 the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster on Friday 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.

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).