

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



*St Casimir of Poland*

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March: 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
(Parish Mass Book page 145)*

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, St Casimir**, born in 1458 at Cracow, he was a prince of the Kingdom of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. After a strict upbringing and an involvement in a failed attempt to install him as King of Hungary, he was for a time Regent in Poland. A pious and prudent ruler with a great concern for justice, though his father wished him to marry, he chose to remain single. Weak from fasting he succumbed to a lung infection while on a visit to Lithuania in 1484. Given his reputation during his lifetime for kindness to the sick and generosity to the poor, it is not surprising that his tomb in Vilnius Cathedral became a place of pilgrimage and associated with many miracles. The patron saint of Lithuania, he is often depicted with a lily (symbol of purity).

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Mass (with imposition of ashes) 8.00am and 6.30pm**

Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence and marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent. These weeks of Lent, with the Church preparing for Easter, the greatest feast, are traditionally a time when adult converts prepare for Baptism.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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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## MARY'S MEALS – THIS WEEKEND

Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (*no duvets or pillows please*), and will be here at our church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://marysmeals.org.uk).

## LENT

### 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!

### LENTEN ALMS

During Lent, in addition to the CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the Diocese of Westminster has an ongoing campaign, the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal funds initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in the three mission areas of: **Marriage and Family Life**, enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church; **Youth and Evangelisation**, supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith; and the **Church's Service in Society**, putting our faith into action by serving the poor, the lonely and the marginalised. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about the last of these in particular, and he has launched a new programme focusing on the food poverty that affects so many across the Diocese. Much of this poverty remains hidden. Many use foodbanks even though there is a wage earner in the family. In addition, to find out about volunteering opportunities, visit [CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk](http://CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk). In the words of Cardinal Nichols: "I hope this Appeal offers you and your family one way in which to observe Lent and to grow in the richness of our response to God's blessings of life and faith."

## 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. For further details, please see [thelaurelsschool.org.uk](http://thelaurelsschool.org.uk).

## 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 [catholicssingles.org.uk](http://catholicssingles.org.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 [tangney-tours.com](http://tangney-tours.com).

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

In the Monckton Room during the first part of the 10.00am Family Mass. Parents are welcome to leave their children or stay. The children join the congregation at the Offertory, bringing their work with them.

## 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<sup>th</sup> 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).

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60<sup>th</sup>) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019 to a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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).

## 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. Please let Canon Ryan know if you would like him to visit someone at home or in hospital.

## 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.