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



# **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 31st March: 4th SUNDAY OF LENT (Parish Mass Book page 169)

## THE PRODIGAL SON'S ELDER BROTHER

While the Prodigal Son has become one of the better known characters from the Bible, his elder brother is mentioned less often. Yet, if one looks at the text Jesus clearly had something important to say about him too. Perhaps all too quickly we identify with the prodigal, forgetting the times we are better fitted for the part of the begrudging brother, not at all keen to forgive and forget. What is his problem? Perhaps he even secretly envies his little brother? Though in his father's house, how real is his love for the Father? How grateful is he to the Father?

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES DURING LENT

Monday - Friday 8.00am

Friday 6.30pm
(followed by Stations of the Cross)

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
Bible Study Monday 6.30pm (in the Monckton Room)
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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## LENT

#### FRIDAY EVENING MASS and STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mass is celebrated during Lent at 6.30pm on Friday evening and is immediately followed by Stations of the Cross.

#### **FAITH GROUP**

A parish Lenten Small Faith Group starts 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 leads a group looking at the readings for the following Sunday. The group meets 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 focussing 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. 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."

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Those attending Mass are requested not to park in or across driveways. Recently some of our neighbours have been greatly inconvenienced by parked cars preventing them leaving or entering their homes.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### THANK YOU

A big "thank you" to those using the Planned Giving envelopes for their Sunday contribution to the offertory at Mass and have collected their box for 2019 – 2020.

If you wish to start using these envelopes, please fill in an application form.

Even better, please make your donation to this parish direct from your bank by standing order. It makes everything much easier for everyone, especially our counters. Forms are available for setting up a standing order.

So, "thank you" also to those who have been using or have started standing orders.

#### LIFE

Clare Plasom-Scott from LIFE will talk on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April about the valuable work undertaken not only in the protection of the unborn but also in supporting women who find themselves in difficult situations upon learning they are pregnant. The talk will begin at 7.00pm in the Monckton Room.

#### CARITAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

"Giving your time is your greatest gift"
New vacancies listed weekly, one-off and short term. Tailored recommendations.
Contact Volunteer Coordinator on 07738 18 3 833 or caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk.
Register for the Volunteer Service at: caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer.

#### WESTMINSTER TO LOURDES

20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July, the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. There are opportunities to volunteer to assist sick pilgrims. For details see: tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/Westminster-lourdes-2019.

#### 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.

# 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).

#### VISITING?

A warm welcome to all our visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay in London. If you are on Twitter or other social media, please tell your friends about this church, one of the hidden gems of Chelsea.

#### THE PASSION OF JESUS

Live in Trafalgar Square on Good Friday, 19 April, at 12 noon and 3.15pm. This acclaimed production includes a realistic representation of the Crucifixion, so parental guidance is advised. For more details see wintershall.org.uk.