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



ST THOMAS MORE

Saturday evening 6.30pm Vigil Mass
10.00am Family Mass
11.00am Sung Latin Mass
12.15pm Mass
6.30pm Mass

Newsletter 7th July 2019

Sunday 7th July: ST THOMAS MORE

(Parish Mass Book page 105)

People come to know our patron saint in many different ways: some read his book "Utopia", others come across the portrait by Holbein of him wearing his chain of office as Lord High Chancellor, older parishioners may remember the film "A Man for All Seasons" in which Paul Scofield played our local hero. He was a complex character who found himself in a difficult situation at a time when life was lived at the whim of the King. However, placing his love of God and his faith above all else enabled him to find his way while others went astray.

Tuesday 9th July: St Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied a French missionary, Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse, to his martyrdom in Beijing. Not long after his baptism, Augustine was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815. In 2000 Pope St John Paul II canonised St Augustine Zhao Rong and 119 others martyred in China.

Thursday 11th July: St Benedict, "The Father of Western Monasticism", in about 500 fled from the hubbub of Rome to seek God in a life of silence, prayer and work. Joined by others, he was abbot of a community whose way of life, laid down in his "Rule", has been imitated by many and inspired many more. He is buried in one of the greatest abbeys he founded, Mont Cassino.

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 9.30am, Sunday 9.30am

Evening Prayer: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 6.00pm

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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PATRONAL FEAST

This Sunday being the nearest to the anniversary of the martyrdom of St Thomas More, we are celebrating our patronal feast at all Masses this weekend. Below is one of the many prayers he wrote.

“Good Lord, give me the grace so to spend my life, that when the day of my death shall come, though I feel pain on my body, I may feel comfort in soul; and with faithful hope of thy mercy, in due love towards thee and charity towards the world, I may through thy grace, part hence into thy glory.”

Prayers of St Thomas More, CTS D740, p26

REGISTRATIONS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

First Holy Communion classes are open to children of parishioners registered with this parish. The children should be in Year 3 (seven years old). Classes will begin in September and take place on Tuesday evenings from 5.00pm to 6.00pm during term time. We follow the programme ‘On Our Way With Jesus’ which includes preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parents have a responsibility to teach and practice the faith at home. The parish priest meets parents at least once a term and each child’s book includes a family guide to encourage the parents’ participation.

PRE-HOLY COMMUNION

For younger children we offer a Pre-Holy Communion Class which takes place at the same time. To register an interest in your child joining either class, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

HELP NEEDED

Help is needed to support the catechists on Tuesday evenings 5.00pm to 6.00pm. This is a valuable contribution to the parish community and can be very rewarding, as well as being an opportunity to develop and enhance your own faith. For more details please contact the Parish Office

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PETER’S PENCE

On the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, last weekend, the “Peter’s Pence” raised a total of £895.55. This collection is used to support the pastoral work undertaken by Pope Francis. This country has a great tradition of loyalty to the Holy Father, as shown by the life and death of our patron, St Thomas More.

CONGRATULATIONS ARCHBISHOP WILSON!

Bishop John Wilson, the auxiliary bishop responsible for this part of the Diocese of Westminster, the Western Area, has been nominated by Pope Francis to succeed Archbishop Peter Smith as Archbishop of Southwark. Please remember the new Archbishop in your prayers, both giving thanks for his ministry in this Diocese, and seeking an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to guide and sustain him in his new apostolate on the other side of the River Thames.

SEA SUNDAY

This being an island country, most of the things we buy come from abroad, mainly by sea. Next weekend there will be a special collection at all Masses in aid of the Apostleship of the Sea (aka “Stella Maria”) which cares for seafarers. For more information, please visit apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

CARITAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

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

WESTMINSTER TO LOURDES

20th to 26th 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.

COULD YOU BE A LOURDES HELPER?

The Westminster Diocese Lourdes pilgrimage team is looking to recruit volunteers to lend medical and practical support for the pilgrimage from 20th to 26th July 2019. If interested, please contact the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office at Vaughan House on 0207 798 9173 or westminsterfrai@gmail.com or lourdes@rcdow.org.uk. Volunteering booking forms available online at <https://form.jotformeu.com/82291257422354>.

VISITING?

A warm welcome to all our visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay. Please tell your friends where we are and encourage them to be sure to visit this lovely church, one of the hidden gems of Chelsea, when they come on a trip to London.

MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners requesting a Mass to be celebrated for a particular intention are advised that a few weeks advance notice is suggested to ensure that a Mass be celebrated on their preferred date. It is customary that a donation to the parish should accompany such requests, which can be made either to the Parish Office or the Parish Priest.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALK

Southwark and the City:

7th July, 2.00pm

Alongside the River Thames and over London Bridge to the birthplace of Blessed John Henry Newman. Meet at the Church of the Most Precious Blood, O’Meara Street SE1 1TD near London Bridge or Borough tube station. Cost £5. The walk may take up to two hours. Wear good shoes & bring an umbrella!

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 also put the books back tidily 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.

PRAYER GROUP

A group of Parishioners meets every fortnight to follow a series of Ignatian spiritual exercises (drawing upon the work of St Ignatius Loyola provided by the Christian Life Community based at the Jesuit Centre in Farm Street). We look forward to welcoming new participants. For further information, please contact Charles McFarland on 020 8767 7132.

GARDEN PARTY

College Garden, Westminster Abbey

Friday 19 July, 6.00pm to 8.00pm
In aid of The Passage’s work with homeless people. Live music, prize raffle, silent auction. Admission only by ticket (£45, includes buffet supper), available from Eventbrite: passage-garden-party-2019.eventbrite.co.uk.