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



Our Lady of Mt Carmel icon

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Newsletter 14th July 2019

Sunday 14th July: **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
(Parish Mass Book page 108)

Monday 15th July: St Bonaventure, known as "the seraphic doctor," was born at Bagnoregio, in the Lazio region of central Italy, in 1221. He was given the name "John" at his baptism. Unfortunately he fell ill, but his mother asked St Francis to pray for the child. The saint cried out: "O buona ventura" (O good fortune!) and the name stuck. At the age of twenty-two he entered the Franciscan Order. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies, being awarded his Doctorate, together with St Thomas Aquinas. In fact he insisted that his friend (against the latter's will) receive the honour of having it conferred upon him first. He was later elected Superior General of his Order, and finally was nominated Cardinal Bishop of Albano.

Tuesday 16th July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This feast commemorates the approval of the rule of the Carmelite Order. According to legend, a religious community was established on Mount Carmel even before the time of Christ. Mount Carmel overlooks the Mediterranean Sea and is where the prophet Elijah successfully challenged the priests of Baal and won the Jewish nation to the true God. Our Lady is depicted holding the Brown Scapular, the wearing of which is an expression of the filial relationship between Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and those who entrust themselves to her protection, mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.

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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SEA SUNDAY

This being an island country, most of the things we buy come from abroad, mainly by sea. This 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. When sailors from abroad are stranded or fall ill, there is often no one to care for them. Even when they are ok, their conditions of work can be appalling. The AoS Chaplains and volunteers do all they can to look out for them and look after them. For more information, please visit apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

NEW ARRIVAL

This week we will be welcoming Fr James Buah Nkwantabisa, who is a priest of the Diocese of Koforidua in Ghana. He will be with us for five weeks, and during that time will be celebrating Mass here and helping out. This is his first visit to London, and we hope he will enjoy his stay, getting to know this parish and its parishioners.

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.

Please note: to register an interest in your child joining either class, kindly contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

HELP NEEDED

Help is needed to support the First Holy Communion 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.

LIVING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

7-8th September, Holy Apostles Church, 47 Cumberland St, Pimlico, SW1 4LY. Spiritual retreat with Fr Jacques Philippe, who will talk about personal prayer life based on his book "Thirsting for prayer". Father Jacques Philippe is a world renowned Catholic priest and author of several books. He belongs to the French Community of the Beatitudes where he works as a spiritual director. He preaches in France and abroad. The retreat runs over two days: Saturday 7th September, 9.30am-5.15pm, and Sunday 8th September, 9.30am-1.30pm (registration from 9am). Please bring a packed lunch. Booking compulsory. Only 250 tickets available. Price £25. Please see jphilippelondonretreat.eventbrite.co.uk or email jphilippelondonretreat@gmail.com to buy tickets. Free for priests and seminarians. Book now!

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.

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy group, which normally meets in the Monckton Room during the Sunday 10.00am Mass, has gone on holiday. Meetings will resume on Sunday 8th September.

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 catholicsingles.org.uk.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALK Richmond

Wednesday 24 July, 7.00pm.

Sunday 28 July, 3.00pm.

A walk in Tudor history, along the River Thames to the childhood home of Blessed John Henry Newman. Meet at St Elizabeth's Church, The Vineyard, TW10 6AQ. Cost £5. Nearest Tube station: Richmond. Length: 2 hours.