OUR MOST HOLY REDEEMER AND ST THOMAS MORE

LETTER TO PARISHIONERS

Sunday, 19th July 2020

CHURCH RE-OPENING: I would like to begin this letter by expressing my gratitude to all those who made it possible for the church to be re-opened, first of all for individual prayer and then for public Mass. Reopening the church for Mass with a congregation was made a rather daunting task, both by the circumstances and by the requirement to adhere to the guidelines issued to help us safely welcome people into the church. None of this would have been possible without the help of the people who act as stewards and then sanitise the pews and kneelers after every service.

Apart from some benches being cordoned off to facilitate social distancing, the biggest change is parishioners being asked to notify in advance the Parish Administrator (020 7352 0777 x2 or chelsea2@rcdow.org.uk) which Mass you wish to attend. While this may seem odd, perhaps slightly intrusive, it is asked of us as part of the country's effort to combat a renewed spread of Covid 19. If you cannot do this, you are still most welcome to come to Mass, though you will be asked to give your name and contact number or email address. However please note the special August Mass times.

TIMES OF MASS DURING AUGUST

Mass of Sunday:

Saturday 6.30pm

Sunday 11.00am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO MASS AT 9.00am OR 10.00am

Daily Mass (Monday to Saturday) 10.00am

CONGRATULATIONS! The Wedding of Sebastian De Zulueta and Annabella Hardinge took place at Holy Redeemer on Friday 17th July. May they enjoy many happy years of married life together! Please remember them and all the couples who are getting married this summer in your prayers.

MAGNIFICAT: Copies of the July and August issues are available from the Rectory. Please contact the Parish Administrator. We are happy to post copies to parishioners and payment can be made later.

NEWSNIGHT: A few weeks ago BBC2's current affairs programme "Newsnight" featured the Trafalgar Square initiative to feed homeless people, part of the outreach organised from Farm Street Parish and also involving volunteers from this parish. Though that scheme is ending, others are being planned in its place. If you would like to get involved in such initiatives, please contact our Diocesan charity organisation Caritas Westminster (caritaswestminster.org.uk/get-involved.php) or have a word with our local SVP representative Charles McFarland 020 8767 7132 or cpmm@hotmail.co.uk.

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