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



*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

**Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**10 DECEMBER:  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Monday: St Damasus, pope  
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Wednesday: St Lucy, martyr  
Thursday: St John of the Cross, Carmelite priest

**MASS**

Monday to Friday: 8.00am  
Saturday: 10.00am, Vigil Mass 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.00am, 11.00am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm

**Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday 7.45am  
Saturday 9.45am Sunday 9.30am

**Donations to the Parish** can be made via HSBC:

Sort code: 40-05-20, Account no: 91094386  
Account name: WRCDT Holy Redeemer Church Chelsea.

**The Presbytery** – 7 Cheyne Row, London SW3 5HS

**Parish Priest** – Canon Paschal Ryan

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**Parish Administrator** – Andrew Bebko

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm  
020 7352 0777 x2 email: [chelsea2@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chelsea2@rcdow.org.uk)



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## ***CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES***

### ***SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER***

*6.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass*  
*12.00pm Midnight Christmas Mass*

### ***MONDAY 25 DECEMBER***

*10.00am Mass of Christmas*  
*11.00am Mass of Christmas*  
*12.15pm Mass of Christmas*

### **ADVENT**

In the holy season of Advent, we approach the feasts of Christmas season. We come to those celebrations prepared spiritually, so as to more fully benefit from our participation in the Christmas devotions and Masses. During Advent we can hardly move for reminders in the streets and shops that Christmas is coming. Whatever other people make of the decorations and Christmas trees, they are for us a reminder to pray, to think about the gift God gives us in the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

Following a gap of several years, there will be a parish Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday 12 December at 7.00pm. Please mark the date in your diary, and do invite family, friends or neighbours. It is a wonderful opportunity to introduce them to the beautiful church with which we are blessed. In buying a ticket and coming along, you will both celebrate Christmas and help raise funds for the Royal Marsden Children's Fund.

### **ORDER OF MALTA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 3 – 9 May**

There are some spaces available for assisted pilgrims with the 2024 Order of Malta Lourdes pilgrimage, 3 - 9 May. They will be cared for by volunteers and a qualified medical team. Hospital-style accommodation is in shared, single-sex rooms in the Accueil. Departure and return from Stansted. Cost: £500 per person (financial assistance available in appropriate cases) To find out more please contact Duncan McKechnie: 07990 594441 or [hospitalpilgrims.secretary@orderofmalta.org.uk](mailto:hospitalpilgrims.secretary@orderofmalta.org.uk).

### **SAFE IN FAITH**

Safe in Faith is a project of Caritas Westminster, working to support survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence and exploitation in ways that understand how their faith impacts their experiences. Although this is a Catholic organization, based in the values of Catholic Social Teaching, they work with people of all different faiths. For more information see [safeinfaith.org.uk](http://safeinfaith.org.uk).

### **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND**

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has particularly asked that, especially in these times of crisis, we support the work done by this charity through its contacts in Gaza. Friends of the Holy Land is a non-political Christian charity. They are currently supporting the beleaguered community in Gaza. Both Christians and Muslims have found refuge in the churches supported by the Friends of the Holy Land, who remarkably have managed to continue to get funds to Gaza. To donate, see [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) or directly to their Nat West bank account, name: Friends of the Holy Land. Sort code: 60-05-41 Account number: 24591211.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

On Sundays, the children gather at 10.00am in the Monckton Room.

### **FOOD DONATIONS**

People in this neighbourhood need our support. Tins and unopened packets of food can be left in the box at the back of the church, to be distributed through the SVP or the Food Bank at St Luke's Church. Check your donation is not past its Best Before Date.

### **GROWING IN FAITH**

Many parishioners will remember that some years ago there was a fundraising campaign called "Growing in Faith". The response in this parish was very generous, and funds were raised for projects both here in Holy Redeemer parish and in the diocese. It is now proposed to use some of those funds to pay for the new boilers, being installed to provide heating in the church. If anyone would like further details, or has any objections, would they please contact the parish priest.

### **BOOKS FOR CHILDREN**

There are some new books for younger children in the bookcase under the picture of Christ, the Good Shepherd. Please return them to the bookshelf after reading, whether in church or at home.