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



# *11 FEBRUARY:* SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (PMB p137)

# MASS

Monday, Tuesday: 8.00am

Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY 8.00am, 6.30pm

Thursday. 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 020 7352 0777 x3 email: paschalryan@rcdow.org.uk Parish Administrator – Andrew Bebko Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm 020 7352 0777 x2 email: chelsea2@rcdow.org.uk



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#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the holy season of Lent, during which we prepare for the solemn celebration of Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Adapting a tradition which dates back to biblical time we are marked with ash, but in the sign of the cross. The Church calls us to repentance, to fast, and to abstain from meat, particularly on Ash Wednesday but also, in as much as we can, throughout Lent. Ashes will be imposed at both Masses on Ash Wednesday, at 8.00am and 6.30pm.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There will be a communal Stations of the Cross after Mass each Friday morning during Lent. Holy Redeemer Church is blessed with a wonderful and beautiful set of Stations of the Cross, and while you may not be able to access the church, you can always see them on the parish website: holyredeemerchelsea.com.

There is a picture of each station, and alongside a reflection on the composition of the picture. The Irish sculptor, Ken Thompson, made each one a meditation, rather like an icon.

#### **MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP**

Mothers and Toddlers Group - an informal, friendly gathering aimed at mothers to get together over tea and make friends, while sharing and growing together in faith. The next gathering will be on the 21 February at 9.30am in the Monckton room. If you are interested in joining, please email j14kerton@yahoo.co.uk.

# PARISH ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN 2023

A summary of this parish's Annual Financial Return is available on the Parish website. If you would like further information or clarification of any items, please contact Canon Paschal.

# WESTMINSTER DIOCESE YEARBOOK

The 2024 edition of the Westminster Diocese Yearbook, which provides information about the diocese, as well as listing all the Catholic priests, parishes, schools and societies in this diocese, is now available: price £5.

### HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Though no longer in the headlines, Caritas and St John of God Hospitaller Services are still looking for hosts to welcome Ukrainians as their guests. The aim of this project is also to help the Ukrainian guests to move on to private rented accommodation. Whether or not you have room for such guests, please remember this project in your prayers. For further details, please see the website sjog-homesforukraine.uk or on YouTube @sjoghomesforukraine.

### 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 to through the SVP or the Food Bank at St Luke's Church. Check your donation is not past its Best Before Date.

### **CHRISTIAN ART**

The wonderful website <u>christian.art</u> offers a unique approach to daily Gospel readings. Each day, a work of art is offered, relevant to the day's scripture passage, and also a short reflection. Written by Patrick van der Vorst, a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Westminster and a former Director of Sotheby's London, Christian Art's mission is to draw people closer to God through the magnificent pairing of art and the Christian faith.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO?

We recently received the following advice from Glass Door (glassdoor.org.uk), a local charity helping homeless people. "We are often asked 'what can I helpfully do if I see someone sleeping rough?' Aside from saying hello and having a chat, offering to buy a warm drink or giving spare change, one thing you could do is make a Streetlink referral", see thestreetlink.org.uk.

#### **VOLUNTEERING FAIR**

Caritas Volunteer Service will hold a volunteering Fair on Saturday 9 March, 3.00pm – 5.00pm, at Westminster Cathedral Hall, which is in Ambrosden Avenue. If you are considering volunteering and want to explore possible roles within the diocese and/or with Catholic charities and those who work alongside us, do come along. More details here: https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/volunteering-fair-2/.