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Sunday 1st December: First Sunday of Advent

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

Tuesday 3rd December: St Francis Xavier

Wednesday 4th December: St John Damascene

Friday 6th December: St Nicholas

Saturday 7th December: St Ambrose



St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday evening 6.30pm Vigil Mass

10.00am Family Mass

11.00am Solemn Mass (Latin)

12.15pm Mass

6.30pm Mass

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

You may perhaps say: "My bread is ordinary." But that bread is bread before the words of the Sacraments; where the consecration has entered in, the bread becomes the flesh of Christ. And let us add this: How can what is bread be the Body of Christ? By the consecration. The consecration takes place by certain words; but whose words? Those of the Lord Jesus. Like all the rest of the things said beforehand, they are said by the priest; praises are referred to God, prayer of petition is offered for the people, for kings, for other persons; but when the time comes for the confection of the venerable Sacrament, then the priest uses not his own words but the words of Christ. Therefore it is the word of Christ that confects this Sacrament....Before it be consecrated it is bread; but where the words of Christ come in, it is the Body of Christ. Finally, hear Him saying: "All of you take and eat of this; for this is My Body." And before the words of Christ the chalice is full of wine and water; but where the words of Christ have been operative it is made the Blood of Christ, which redeems the people.

*(St Ambrose *The Sacraments* 4:4:14; 4:5:23)*

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Monday - Friday 8.00am, Saturday 10.00am

Confession: Saturday 10.30am - 11.00am, 5.30pm - 6.00pm

Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday 7.45am

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, 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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Newsletter 1st December 2019

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

This weekend we welcome Sr Maria of the Little Sisters of the Poor who will make an appeal on behalf of their Project. The Little Sisters of the Poor have two Homes for the Elderly in London, and 205 Homes in total. They care for elderly men and women of all faiths and none, loving and serving them respectfully until death.

ADVENT COLLECTION FOR GLASS DOOR

This Advent, as part of our preparation for Christmas, we are asking parishioners to help the work of Glass Door Homeless Charity in Kings Road which is part of the London Homeless Collective. They provide a place to sleep for homeless men and women. At this time of year there are clearly people in need of such help. During Advent there will be box at the back of the church where you can leave donations of items asked for by Glass Door: instant hot chocolate, vegetarian tinned soup, rice, biscuits, jams/marmalade, tinned tomatoes, tinned pulses Please note, they only accept non-perishable items. However, they welcome toiletries of any kind (including sanitary products).

“THE GOD WHO SPEAKS”

Solemn Vespers for the launch of the Year of the Word, Westminster Cathedral Sunday 1st December at 3.30pm, presided by the Right Reverend Paul McAleenan. For more information on the Year of the Word visit: godwhospeaks.uk.

TABERNACLE

The re-positioning of the tabernacle, approved by the Historic Churches Committee for the Diocese of Westminster, is under way. The tabernacle pedestal and some of the marble flooring has been removed, to be returned over the next two weeks. The work should be completed by the end of November. However, while the work is in progress, the church will not be available during the daytime. Unfortunately this has meant disruption for the First Holy Communion class and people who would otherwise pray. **Nevertheless, the First Holy Communion class will take place on Tuesday 3rd December.** Please note that when the contractors are on site the church will be closed from 8.30am.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Tickets now on sale for the Christmas Celebration concerts on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December, 7.30pm, with celebrity readers and the Westminster Cathedral Choir and Orchestra. Tickets priced £10 - £50 available from @TicketmasterUK and the Cathedral Gift Shop. Book now to avoid disappointment!

IICSA - INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Our Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, has published a statement “Safeguarding in the Church today”, which is available near the parish newsletters or on the Diocesan website rcdow.org.uk under the heading “Cardinal”. Please remember in your prayers those affected by the great suffering caused by all forms of abuse, but especially sexual abuse. We pray in particular for those who are sharing their experiences so that the Church may learn what needs to be done to keep people safe. May the current inquiry not only shed light on what has happened, but also serve to show us what needs to be done now and in the future.

CCP - CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Parishioners who need a CCP to accompany an application for a child to obtain a place in a Catholic school are kindly requested to phone the Parish Priest to make an appointment. Please don't leave it to the last minute!

MALE AND FEMALE: UNDERSTANDING GENDER

A study evening organised by the Association of Catholic Women. Speaker: Dr Kerri Christopher of the Humanum Institute, in the Monckton Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th December. Wine and light refreshments served from 7.00pm. Suggested donation £10. Details: associationofcatholicwomen.org.

BIOLOGY TEACHER

The Laurels School, an independent girls' school on Chelsea Embankment, is seeking to appoint a teacher of biology with the drive to set up the Biology Department at an exciting time in the school's development. For further information please see the notice in the porch or contact: office@thelaurelsschool.org.uk.

VOCATIONS RETREAT

“God has created me to do him some definite service”. A day retreat for young adults on Saturday 25th January, 10.00am to 4.00pm at SPEC, Waxwell House, 125 Waxwell Lane, Pinner HA5 3EP. To book a place contact: vocationspromotor@rcdow.org.uk.

CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY NETWORK

“Come to the Waters” Conference 2020. Friday 20th March to Sunday 22nd March at The Hayes Centre, Swanick, Derbyshire. Keynote speaker: Christopher Chapman. Cost: from £275. For more information and booking visit csn.retreats.org.uk or phone 07756 864784.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2020

The 2020 edition of the Westminster Diocese Year Book is available at the back of the church. Price: £4.50.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

Thank you for your donations, our collection raised £1275.53.

SINGLE?

Are you single, separated, widowed or divorced? Catholic Singles helps practicing Catholics meet other Catholics. A confidential service that arranges social events and sends members a monthly bulletin, as well as supporting Catholic parishes and charities. For information please contact Catholic Singles by email info@catholicssingles.org.uk or phone 0161 941 3498.

TEAS, COFFEES etc

Following the 10.00am Mass and 11.00am Mass, refreshments are available downstairs in the Monckton Room. However, help is needed to serve coffee, tea etc. If you would like to help, please have a word with Patti.

YOUNG CITY CATHOLICS

Young City Catholics@ St. Mary Moorfields (YCC), a group of Catholic young professionals in their twenties and thirties working in the City of London and Canary Wharf, have finalised an intense and exciting programme for 2018-2019: from the well established Mass & Dinner to Christmas Carols and Art Excursions. For more details please visit: ycc-london.co.uk or send an email to info@ycc-london.co.uk.

NEWMAN ON LITURGY

“The Most Joyful and Blessed Ordinance of the Gospel”, St John Henry Newman on the Sacred Liturgy; a talk by Fr Michael Lang in St Wilfrid's Hall at the Oratory 8:00pm on Wednesday 4th December. All are welcome. The Oratory, Brompton Road, London SW7 2RP.