

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



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday evening 6.30pm Vigil Mass
10.00am Family Mass
11.00am Solemn Mass (Latin)
12.15pm Mass
6.30pm Mass

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*Sunday 8th December: Second Sunday of Advent
(Parish Mass Book page 85)*

Monday 9th December: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

ADVENT

The present season is one of particular importance. It is a sacred season. As the Holy Spirit says, it is the time of the Lord's favour, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation (cf Is 49.8, 2 Cor 6.2). The patriarchs and the prophets longed and prayed and yearned with all their hearts for this time. That just man Simeon at long last saw this time and his joy was boundless. And the Church has always kept this season in a special way. So, we too must continue to celebrate it fittingly, giving praise and thanks to the eternal Father for the mercy he has shown us in this mystery of the coming of his Only-begotten Son...

The Church calls this mystery to mind each year to stir us to renew constantly our memory of the great love God has shown us. This commemoration teaches us that Saviour came not only for the benefit of the people of his own time. His goodness is still there for us to share in. But, for our part, through faith and the sacraments, we must lay hold on the grace he won for us and live by it in obedience to him.

The Church wants us to understand that as he came once into the world in the flesh, so now, if we remove all barriers, he is ready to come to us again at any minute or hour, to make his home spiritually within us in all his grace.

(St Charles Borromeo, Pastoral Letters)

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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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 a 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).

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Last weekend Sr Maria of the Little Sisters of the Poor made an appeal on behalf of St Anne's Home in Stoke Newington, one of their two Homes for the Elderly in London. The Little Sisters of the Poor care for elderly men and women of all faiths and none, loving and serving them respectfully until death. Thank you for your generous response; the total collected was £1564.35. If anyone missed the collection and would like to contribute, please mark your donation clearly and hand it in to the Rectory.

THE PASSAGE - DOUBLE YOU DONATION

The Passage is raising funds through the Big Give until 12 noon Tuesday 10th December to support its work Helping Homeless People this winter. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be a company, individual or trust) gave £10 online, matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information phone Andrew Hollingsworth 020 7592 1856 or email andrew.h@passage.org.uk.

TABERNACLE

The re-positioning of the tabernacle, approved by the Historic Churches Committee for the Diocese of Westminster, is nearly finished. The tabernacle pedestal and the marble flooring has been returned. The work should be completed in the coming week. Clearly work such as this requires the talents of craftsmen who are experienced and skilled. Parishioners who appreciate the work that has been done might wish to consider making a special donation towards the expense incurred.

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!

BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON THE GENERAL ELECTION

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement on the General Election, see: cbcew.org.uk/2019-general-election-statement-and-bishops-plenary/.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2020

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

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.

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.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

During Advent you may like to use the "God who Speaks Advent Course" and "Matthew Day-by-Day Guide" available on the God Who Speaks website:

cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/focus/

For further information on 'The God Who Speaks' Year of the Word 2020 see rcdow.org.uk/faith/.

CLICK TO PRAY

The Pope's app that connects your prayer with

the world. Download the app for free from clicktopray.org.

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.

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.

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. For more information about our parish, have a look at our parish website: holyredeemerchelsea.com.

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.