

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



The Epiphany

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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As the feast of Epiphany approaches, we place the statues of the Three Kings in the Christmas crib. Observing the star, those wise men from the East set out for Bethlehem, in order to find Jesus and to offer him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These costly gifts have an allegorical meaning: gold honours Jesus' kingship, incense his divinity, myrrh his sacred humanity that was to experience death and burial. As we contemplate this aspect of the nativity scene, we are called to reflect on the responsibility of every Christian to spread the Gospel. Each of us is called to bear glad tidings to all, testifying by our practical works of mercy to the joy of knowing Jesus and his love.

The Magi teach us that people can come to Christ by a very long route. Men of wealth, sages from afar, a thirst for the infinite, they set out on the long and perilous journey that would lead them to Bethlehem (cf. *Mt 2:1-12*). Great joy comes over them in the presence of the Infant King. They are not scandalized by the poor surroundings, but immediately fall to their knees to worship him. Kneeling before him, they understand that the God who with sovereign wisdom guides the course of the stars also guides the course of history, casting down the mighty and raising up the lowly. Upon their return home, they would certainly have told others of this amazing encounter with the Messiah, thus initiating the spread of the Gospel among the nations.

(Pope Francis, *Admirabile Signum* #9)

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 donate £5 to this parish. Thank you.

Parish Priest - Canon Paschal Ryan

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SPUC APPEAL

At all Masses this weekend there is a special collection in aid of SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children). SPUC campaigns for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. For details of their work see: spuc.org.uk

CRIB OFFERINGS

As customary in this diocese, your donations placed in the collecting box near the crib will be passed on to the Catholic Children's Society. Each year the CCS supports thousands of disadvantaged children across the Diocese of Westminster. To find out more about the range of services offered, please see www.cathchild.org.uk.

THANK YOU

My grateful thanks to those who contributed to the Christmas Offering, or sent cards and gifts to me in this festive season. I am very grateful for your generosity. With my best wishes and prayers for you all,
Canon Paschal Ryan.

COLLECTION FOR GLASS DOOR

A big "Thank you" for all the items given to Glass Door for the homeless people they help to

TABERNACLE

The re-positioning of the tabernacle, as approved by the Historic Churches Committee for the Diocese of Westminster, is now completed. As much as possible of the marble flooring has been reused. It will take a bit of time for us to get used to the new placing of the tabernacle, as well as to work out how all the other items on the sanctuary should be rearranged in relation to it. 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 contribution towards the expense incurred. We are very grateful for the donations already received.

LANDINGS

Landings brings together small groups of Catholics who have been away from the Church for a while and would like to reconnect with their faith. The lay-led meetings are accepting, confidential and enriching. Nothing is needed but an open heart and a readiness to listen. To find out more about Landings please contact Ruby Almeida at landings.london@gmail.com or check out landings@rcdow.org.uk.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2020

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

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@catholicsingles.org.uk or phone 0161 941 3498.

REFERENCES

Anyone who intends seeking a reference (for educational, employment or volunteering purposes) from the parish priest is asked to contact him **before** giving his name to those requiring the reference.

A CELEBRATION OF IRISH CULTURE : MUSIC, POETRY, DANCING

On the eve of St Brigid's Day, Friday 31st January, 6.30pm at St James' Church, 197 Piccadilly, W1J 9LL. Ticket £10 at Eventbrite.co.uk – search for

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: ycc-london.co.uk or email to info@ycc-london.co.uk.

CLICK TO PRAY

The Pope's app that connects your prayer with the world. Download the app for free from clicktopray.org.

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 HISTORY WALK

Christmastide Walk – 6.00pm Mon 6th January from the Church of the Precious Blood, London Bridge, SE1 1TD. Cost: £10. Go to Eventbrite to book or simply

come along. Contact: 07495 205 568 or chwalkslondon@gmail.com catholichistorywalks.com.

WALSINGHAM RETREATS

A wide range of retreats, including individually guided retreats are offered at the Dowry House in Walsingham. For details: dowryhouse.org.uk/events. Dowry House Retreat is part of the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady For information: walsingham.org.uk

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.

FR JACQUES PHILIPPE

All the six talks and the two homilies of the retreat led by Fr Jacques Philippe "Living in God's presence" last September are now on Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jacques+philippe+london+retreat+2019. They are also available in podcasts, for which the link is: https://www.ivoox.com/en/Jacques-Philippe-London-retreat-2019_sb.html?sb=Jacques+Philippe+London+retreat+2019. Fr Jacques will come back to Holy Apostles Church Pimlico on 23-24th April 2021.

CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS

Visit: ctsbooks.org

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.