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



St Peter's Chair

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 16th February: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Parish Mass Book page 136)*

Friday 21st February: St Peter Damian

Saturday 22nd February: THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

Each year, on 22nd February, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle. To celebrate the feast “of a chair” sounds rather strange. However, in this case the chair is a symbol of the primacy and authority, the role of leader, which Jesus entrusted to St Peter (*Mt 16.16*). His successors, the popes, have remained a source of unity and strength for the whole Church. Really it is the mission and office of the Pope which are being celebrated and honoured. Among all the bishops of the Church, the Pope has this particular primacy and authority, symbolized in the form of a massive monumental chair, to be found on the rear wall inside the Basilica of St Peter in Rome. It was sculpted in bronze by the artist Gian Lorenzo Bernini in the seventeenth century. Within that giant sculpture is a reliquary for what is traditionally believed to have been the original chair or “cathedra” of St Peter. What is of true importance is not so much the physical chair, but what is symbolized: the ongoing service rendered to the Church by successive popes, from St Peter to Pope Francis. The Pope is called “the servant of the servants of God” because of this service he gives the worldwide Catholic Church, his leadership. Let us pray for Pope Francis and all who assist him in seeking to give a clear and consistent witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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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RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Thank you for your donations last weekend to the special collection in support of the work of the Church in this country for Racial Justice. The total raised was £558.56. Our bishops in England and Wales have asked us to consider and pray about these words of Pope Francis: "The time has come to put an end to age-old prejudices, preconceptions and mutual mistrust that are often at the base of discrimination, racism and xenophobia. No one must feel isolated, and no one is authorised to trample on the dignity and rights of others."

LENTEN FAITH GROUP

This year's Lenten Small Faith Group programme is entitled 'A Word for Lent' and focuses upon Sacred Scripture and Sacred Art to take us through a Lenten Journey, a journey of seeing salvation through the eyes of Gospel men and women. The programme will comprise six sessions each on a Tuesday evening commencing on 10th March and held within the parish. For further enquires please contact Charles McFarland - 020 8767 7132.

EMPLOYMENT

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School is seeking part-time invigilators for their summer exams. Please refer to their website for details. <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Staff-Vacancies/>.

VACANCIES AT RIGHT TO LIFE

Right To Life UK is a charitable organisation focused on life issues – combatting abortion and assisted suicide through work across education, politics and the media. They are looking for hard-working, passionate, professional individuals to join the team and help to deliver positive changes to policy and culture which will save lives and support women with unplanned pregnancies. There are vacancies for the following full-time, permanent positions based in London: Media Officer, Director of Media, Full-Stack Developer. For more information, visit righttolife.org.uk/jobs
To apply, please send a covering letter and your CV to careers@righttolife.org.uk.

VINNIE PACKS

The SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) are distributing 11,500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of socks, wet wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, Pavement magazine, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. For more information on the work of the SVP: svp.org.uk.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer service (formerly World Women Day of Prayer) will be celebrated at St Mary the Boltons, SW10 9TB, on Friday 6th March, 11.00am-Noon. Service followed by refreshments.
This year the theme is 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'
It has been prepared by the people of Zimbabwe and will be presented by representatives from twelve churches in the Borough. All are welcome.

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.

LONDON CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Come and enjoy discovering London's Catholic History! Cost: £10 - Go to Eventbrite to book or simply come along. Each walk lasts about an hour and a half. Please wear suitable clothing and shoes.
Saturday February 21st 5.00pm
ST J H NEWMAN'S BIRTHDAY WALK: walk to Newman's birthplace near the Bank of England. Meet at the Church of the Precious Blood, O'Meara Street SE1 1TD
Saturday February 21st 2.00pm
HALF TERM SPECIAL FOR CHILDREN: London Bridge, Viking Battles and the City. Meet at Our Lady of Salette and St Joseph, SE1 3QP.

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.

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP RETREAT

An opportunity for young Catholics to explore what it means to be a leader. Guest speakers cover topics such as resilience, effective time management, identity and peer to peer impact. Saturday 7th March, 10.00am to 4.00pm at SPEC Retreat Centre, Waxwell Lane HA5 3EP. Limited spaces, to book by email: spec@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 3757 2500. Suggested donation £25, includes lunch.

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: holyredeemchelsea.com.

THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY

Once again, this year our Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent Nichols would like to invite members of this diocese who in 2020 are celebrating a 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage to a Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 30th May at 3.00pm in Westminster Cathedral. To ensure you receive an invitation, please send our Parish Administrator your names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email). Please do this before Monday 23rd March. This is a wonderful occasion to celebrate the gift of love lived by married couples.

SAINT ANTHONY COMMUNICATIONS

For a wide selection of books, DVDs and CDs on Catholic topics such as Prayer, Theology and the Sacraments, in particular by Frs Nicholas Schofield, Marcus Holden and Andrew Pinsent, see saintant.com

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