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



**Lent**

**SUNDAY MASS**

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

**Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
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**LENT**

...And so, dearly beloved, what every Christian should always be doing must now be performed more earnestly and more devoutly. These forty days, instituted by the apostles, should be given over to fasting which means, not simply a reduction in our food, but the elimination of our evil habits.

To these sensible and holy fasts we should link almsgiving, which under the one name of mercy covers a multitude of praiseworthy deeds of charity. Thus all the faithful, even though unequal to one another in their worldly possessions, should be equal in the drive of their spiritual lives.

It is our duty to love both God and our fellow men and, however we may be hindered in other ways, we are always sufficiently free to wish well to others.

...There are all manner of possible works of mercy, and their very variety implies this for true Christians that both the rich and the poor have opportunities for doing good. Thus, even if we are not all equal in our worldly goods, we can achieve an equal standard in the love of our fellows.  
St Leo the Great, *Sermon 6 'On Lent'*

**MASS DURING THE WEEK**

Monday to 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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## LENT

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday mornings during Lent, immediately following the 8.00am Mass, there will be Stations of the Cross.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> March and held within the parish. For further enquires please contact Charles McFarland - 020 8767 7132.

### MAGNIFICAT

The Lent edition of 'Magnificat' is available near the Catholic newspapers in the porch. Also available are some copies of 'A Word for Lent'.

### CAFOD FAST DAY

CAFOD Family Fast Day is this coming Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. As we begin Lent, a time of prayer and fasting, we might think of a particular way in which we can show our solidarity with those for whom obtaining enough food is never easy. For information about the work CAFOD undertakes with local partners, please have a look at their website: [projects.cafod.org.uk/lent-local-experts/index](http://projects.cafod.org.uk/lent-local-experts/index). Please show your love this Lent. Eat a simple meal this Family Fast Day and give what you can to improve the health of our sisters and brothers around the world. One of the CAFOD slogans puts it so clearly: "Your love expressed through our hands."

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### THE LAURELS

The Laurels, nearby on Chelsea Embankment, is an Independent School with a Catholic ethos for girls (11 to 18). There is an Open Day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 12noon to 2.00pm. For further information: [TheLaurelsSchool.org.uk](http://TheLaurelsSchool.org.uk). The 2019 GCSE results put The Laurels in the top ten small independent schools.

### AMPLEFORTH

Ampleforth College is hosting an Open Morning on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Meet the students, talk to the teachers, take a guided tour of the campus and see lessons. To book a place go to [ampleforth.org.uk/college/events](http://ampleforth.org.uk/college/events) or phone 01439 741 087.

### SAINT ANTHONY COMMUNICATIONS

For a good selection of books, DVDs and CDs on Catholic topics such as Prayer, Theology and the Sacraments see: [saintant.com](http://saintant.com).

### SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE FORUM

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. Focus: Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. With speakers involved in helping trafficked people, and looking to see what more can be done. The Forum will be led by Bishop Paul McAleenan and Bishop Nicholas Hudson.

### PETER'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Performed by the Choir of Westminster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage and with actors from the Catholic Association for the Performing Arts. Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Westminster Cathedral SW1P 1LT. Admission free. Donations to Westminster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage.

### DOWRY OF MARY

In preparation for the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary, the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel in Walsingham will visit Westminster Cathedral from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Details: [dowrytour.org.uk](http://dowrytour.org.uk). Walsingham, a beautiful little village in Norfolk, is the home of the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady. The Shrine was originally established in 1061.

### SCHOLA CANTORUM

The Scola Cantorum of the London Oratory School will sing Victoria's "Responses for Tenebrae" in St James's Church, Sussex Gardens W2 3UD on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 available on the door and at [londonoratoryschola.com](http://londonoratoryschola.com).

### 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 m

more about Landings please contact Ruby Almeida at [landings.london@gmail.com](mailto:landings.london@gmail.com) or check out [landings@rcdow.org.uk](http://landings@rcdow.org.uk).

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

If any parents would like their children to join the children in the Children's Liturgy group, they are invited to take them downstairs to the Monckton room before the start of the 10.00am Mass. Parents are welcome to stay with their children to make sure they are happy. However, some children settle sooner without their parents present.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am to 4.00pm at SPEC Retreat Centre, Waxwell Lane HA5 3EP. Limited spaces. To book by email: [spec@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:spec@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 3757 2500. Suggested donation £25, includes lunch.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage to a Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This is a wonderful occasion to celebrate the gift of love lived by married couples.

### CLICK TO PRAY

The Pope's app that connects your prayer with the world. Download the app for free from [clicktopray.org](http://clicktopray.org).