

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



St Frances of Rome giving alms

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 March: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
(Parish Mass Book page 155)

ALMSGIVING

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "Almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, along with Prayer and Fasting, Almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

There are several special opportunities for Almsgiving through donations to charities for which collections are conducted during the Lenten season including CAFOD, The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal and the Holy Places.

Furthermore, there are countless other ways to offer your time, talent and treasure to needy individuals and organizations during Lent and throughout the year. For ideas look at the websites of Glass Door (glassdoor.org.uk), CARITAS (caritaswestminster.org.uk) or the SVP (svp.org.uk).

(adapted from usccb.org/prayer-and-worship)

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 10th 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'.

CORONAVIRUS

The best way of protecting ourselves from the spread of Coronavirus COVID 19 is for everyone to use universal good hygiene which will effectively disrupt the spread of the virus. Please remember the instruction to use tissues if you have a cough or sneeze:

CATCH it – BIN it – KILL it (wash with soap and water or use alcohol hand gel)

At the Sign of Peace, anyone with cold or flu symptoms should refrain from physical contact at the Sign of Peace. Please don't be upset if someone does want to shake hands. You can bow, wave, make a thumbs up sign or some other friendly gesture.

Please pray for those affected by the virus, directly or indirectly. Pray that even when we are stressed or frightened by what is happening around us we should remain charitable to those around us. Some people may be vulnerable in ways that are not immediately obvious

CAFOD FAST DAY

CAFOD Family Fast Day was on Friday, 6th March. This weekend, at the end of each Mass, a parishioner will say a few words about CAFOD's work. There will be special collection as you leave the church. For information about the work CAFOD undertakes with local partners in a number of countries, please have a look at their website: 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."

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE FORUM

Saturday 14th 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 12th 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 19th to 22nd March. Details: 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 26th March at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 available on the door and at 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

more about Landings please contact Ruby Almeida at landings.london@gmail.com or check out 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.

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.

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.

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.