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



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

Newsletter 15th March 2020

Sunday 15th March: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (The Bible readings at Mass are available at Universalis.com) Response to the Psalm – O that today you would listen to his voice: "Harden not your hearts."

Tuesday 17th March: St Patrick, Bishop, Apostle of Ireland Wednesday19th March: ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.
(from the Prayer of St Patrick)

#### 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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## CORONAVIRUS COVID 19

Following a meeting with Cardinal Vincent Nichols, and having listened to the advice of the Parish Council, a number of changes are being made to the way we celebrate Mass during the current crisis.

All hymn books and missals have been removed from the pews. At the 10.00am Mass a single use hymn sheet will be available. The response to the Psalm is on the back of the Newsletter. All the Scripture Readings at Mass are on universalis.com.

## The Sign of Peace will be omitted.

It will be necessary to receive Holy Communion in the hand. In normal circumstances, by right a communicant can receive the Sacred Host in the mouth. However, no one has the right to pass on a potentially serious infection and at present there is a great risk of doing so. As in the initial stages COVID 19 is symptomless, no one can know whether or not they are infected. Studies have shown that in more than 90% of cases of COVID 19 the infection is present in saliva. A previous generation may have behaved differently, but we have a knowledge of microbiology they did not possess. As our intelligence is itself a gift from God, it would be wrong to behave as though we do not know what we know.

Some may think these changes unnecessary, but they are being made in the light of qualified and authoritative advice given by both the Church and medical experts. Charity demands that we do all we can to avoid harming our neighbour, especially as our neighbour may be vulnerable in a way of which we are unaware.

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, as well as those who care for them, and the doctors and scientists working to combat this virus and develop a remedy.

Canon Paschal Ryan

14th March 2020

#### CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL

This appeal supports three areas of mission: Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, Service in Society. Among other projects, the Cardinal has launched a new programme to alleviate food poverty, Envelopes for Gift Aid donations are available in the porch.

#### CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Some Springtime walks are coming up soon: 15.3.20 3.30pm ISLINGTON hear about the ancient shrine of Our Lady of the Oak and modern Catholic heroines. Meet at St John the Divine Church, N1 8AL. 22.3.20 3.30pm RICHMOND walk along the Thames to St John Henry Newman's house in Ham. Meet at the Church of St Elizabeth of Portugal, TW10 6AQ. 30.3.20 6.30pm WESTMINSTER Parliament, the Abbey and more. Meet at Victoria Cathedral steps SW1P 1LT- *Mass at 5.30pm* Cost: £10. Book on Eventbrite or simply come. Website: catholichistorywalks.com

#### DAY OF PRAYER

The Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse will be marked this year on Friday, 3 April 2020. This is a day when we think about and pray for all those impacted directly by abuse – for the victims themselves at the heart of our prayer, their families, friends, and communities. The traumatic effects of sexual abuse cause a person to experience in mind, body and spirit all sorts of long-lasting conflicts and struggles -it can be like a battlefield in the body. Very clearly in the Gospel, Jesus stands with all victims, and calls us to co-responsibility in responding to their pain. When one part of the 'Body of Christ', the Church, is hurting, everyone is aware and affected. Everyone can do something towards alleviating that pain. Pope Francis says the Church must be like a field hospital in battle, ready to respond, ready to heal the wounds.

### 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### 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.