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



# Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> St Wilfrid Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR – formerly the patron saint of England, this pious king built the first Westminster Abbey. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> St Callistus Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> St Teresa of Jesus Friday 16<sup>th</sup> St Margaret Mary Alacoque Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> St Ignatius of Antioch

#### PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6.30pm Sunday 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am (with Choir), 12.15pm, 6.30pm Monday – Friday 8.00am Saturday 10.00am

 Confession - To make an appointment, please contact the Parish Priest
Morning Prayer - Monday - Friday 7.45am, Saturday and Sunday 9.30am
Evening Prayer - Saturday and Sunday 6.00pm
Confirmation - For information about Confirmation please contact the Parish Office
Newly arrived in the parish: Please complete the Parish Registration Form, available at holyredeemerchelsea.com.
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.

**The Rectory -** 7 Cheyne Row, London SW3 5HS **Parish Priest** - Canon Paschal Ryan Tel: 020 7352 0777 Email: paschalryan@rcdow.org.uk **Parish Administrator** - Rosslyn Okumu Monday - Friday 9.30am - 1.30pm Tel: 020 7352 0777 Fax: 020 7352 4223 Email: chelsea2@rcdow.org.uk **CAFOD** – Normally our parish would take a special collection for this week's CAFOD Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. However, though we've all felt the impact of this terrible disease, such a collection is not possible. Nevertheless, you may wish to contribute to support CAFOD's work, visit cafod.org.uk.

**QR CODE** – The posters in the church porch with a matrix barcode, an array of black and white squares, display our QR (Quick Response) code. In combination with the NHS app, this code works as part of the Test and Trace system for combatting the spread of the coronavirus Covid-19. Those with the NHS app on their phones may prefer to use this rather than contacting the Parish Office.

**FR JOSEPH ARCHIBONG** – During the coming weeks, you may well see a new face on the sanctuary of Holy Redeemer. Fr Joe is a priest, a member of the St Patrick Missionary Society (aka Kiltegan Fathers). He was born at Calabar in Nigeria and started training when he was 22. After his Novitiate in Nigeria, he studied Philosophy in South Africa and Theology in Kenya. Ordained priest in 2007, his first appointment was in the Turkana Desert in Kenya. After some formation studies in Ireland he worked in a seminary, training future priests, from 2011 to 2017. He came to this country to raise money for the missions, but is unable to do that work during the present Covid crisis. He is particularly happy to come to our parish, as he has known about our local hero, St Thomas More, since he saw the classic film "A Man for All Seasons".

**EXPLORING OLD TESTAMENT TREASURES** – 2: THE SONG OF SONGS, THE GREAT LOVE SONG AT THE HEART OF THE BIBLE, with Fr John Hemer MHM on Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.00pm Online. To register visit catadmin@rcdow.org.uk. The Zoom meeting codes will be emailed to all participants in the first week of November.

**READINGS AT MASS:** Some people miss being able to read the Scripture texts during Mass, whether during the Liturgy of the Word or as a reflection after Holy Communion. Those of you with access to the internet may wish to find them at universalis.com. In the present circumstances, it is most acceptable to use phones or tablets in church, but only to access the readings, prayers, meditations etc

#### **COMING TO MASS:** Parishioners are kindly requested to notify in advance the Parish Administrator (020 7352 0777 x2 or

chelsea2@rcdow.org.uk) which Mass they wish to attend. While this may seem odd, perhaps slightly intrusive, it is asked of us as part of this country's effort to combat a renewed spread of Covid-19. If you have not been doing this, please start. We need to maintain the flow of people entering church, avoiding queues, or social distancing becomes a problem. However, if you cannot contact the Parish Office, you are still most welcome to come to Mass, though on arrival you will be asked to give your name and contact number or email address.

#### CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides catechists and parish volunteers with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. You can learn the course in person, by distance learning or online - details below: **Centres (in person learning)** brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/coursecentres **Life-Light Home Study Courses** (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com 01844 351 514

CCRS Online (online learning) ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk 0151 291 3055

## **KEEPING THE CHURCH**

**SAFE:** In the weeks since churches re-opened, we have been blessed in having a group of volunteers who act as stewards during Mass and then sanitise the pews and kneelers after every service. We need more people to help with this vital work. If you are a parishioner, aged 18 to 70 and not clinically vulnerable, please consider whether you could give a hand. To volunteer or get more information, please contact Charles McFarland 020 8767 7132 or cpmm@hotmail.co.uk.

## CONFIRMATION

Are there any younger members of the parish who would like to join the group preparing for Confirmation in 2021? We have been invited by our neighbours at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, to join them. The meetings in preparation for Confirmation will begin in the New Year. To take part, candidates from Holy Redeemer parish must be Mass attending baptized Catholics who are in Year 9 or above at school, and have made their First Holy Communion. For more details. please contact Rosslyn Okumu at the Parish Office.