

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



The Feast of the Holy Family

SUNDAY MASS

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

*Sunday 29th December: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
(Parish Mass Book page 106)*

The *Franciscan Sources* describe in detail what then took place in Greccio. Fifteen days before Christmas, Francis asked a local man named John to help him realize his desire “to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem, to see as much as possible with my own bodily eyes the discomfort of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, and how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he was laid upon a bed of hay”. [1] At this, his faithful friend went immediately to prepare all that the Saint had asked. On 25 December friars came to Greccio from various parts, together with people from the farmsteads in the area who brought flowers and torches to light up that holy night. When Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene. The priest then solemnly celebrated the Eucharist over the manger, showing the bond between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist. At Greccio there were no statues; the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present.
(Pope Francis *Admirabile Signum* #2)

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Thursday 2nd January to Saturday 4th January 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.

Parish Priest - Canon Paschal Ryan

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Parish Administrator - Rosslyn Okumu

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CRIB OFFERINGS

As customary in this diocese, your donations placed in the collecting box near the crib will be passed on to the Catholic Children's Society. Each year the CCS supports thousands of disadvantaged children across the Diocese of Westminster. To find out more about the range of services offered please see www.cathchild.org.uk.

THANK YOU

My grateful thanks to those who contributed to the Christmas Offering or sent cards and gifts to me in this festive season. I am very grateful for your generosity. With my best wishes and prayers for you all,
Canon Paschal Ryan

DAILY MASS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Until Sunday 5th January (Epiphany) daily Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am.

COLLECTION FOR GLASS DOOR

As we celebrate Christmas, so we are asking parishioners to help the work of Glass Door Homeless Charity in Kings Road, which is part of the London Homeless Collective. They provide a place to sleep for homeless men and women. At this time of year there are clearly people in need of such help. During Advent there will be a box at the back of the church where you can leave donations of items asked for by Glass Door: instant hot chocolate, vegetarian tinned soup, rice, biscuits, jams/marmalade, tinned tomatoes, tinned pulses. Please note they only accept non-perishable items, however they welcome toiletries of any kind (including sanitary products).

A particular word of thanks to the children of our First Holy Communion group who collected socks for Glass Door. Well done and thank you! The socks will be much appreciated by those who receive them.

TABERNACLE

The re-positioning of the tabernacle, approved by the Historic Churches Committee for the Diocese of Westminster, is now completed. As much as possible of the marble flooring has been reused. It will take a bit of time both for us to get used to the new placing of the tabernacle, as well as to work out how all the other items on the sanctuary should be rearranged in relation to it.

Clearly work such as this requires the talents of craftsmen who are experienced and skilled. Parishioners who appreciate the work that has been done might wish to consider making a special donation towards the expense incurred.

TEA TOWELS – ARE THEY YOURS?

Recently a local resident helped a lady in the street and mistakenly walked away with one of her plastic bags, containing some brand new tea towels and some milk. In the belief that this lady is a parishioner, he handed the bag into the Rectory. If the bag is yours, please retrieve it.

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.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2020

The 2020 edition of the Westminster Diocese Year Book is available at the back of the church. Price: £4.50.

SPUC APPEAL

At all Masses on the weekend 11th/12th January there will be a special collection in aid of SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children). SPUC campaigns for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. For details of their work see: spuc.org.uk

A CELEBRATION OF IRISH CULTURE : MUSIC, POETRY, DANCING

On the eve of St Brigid's Day, Friday 31st January, 6.30pm at St James' Church, 197 Piccadilly, W1J 9LL. Tickets £10 at eventbrite.co.uk.

SINGLE?

Are you single, separated, widowed or divorced? Catholic Singles helps practicing Catholics meet other Catholics. A confidential service that arranges social events and sends members a monthly bulletin, as well as supporting Catholic parishes and charities. For information please contact Catholic Singles by email info@catholicssingles.org.uk or phone 0161 941 3498.

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, have finalised an intense and exciting programme for 2018-2019, from the well established Mass & Dinner to Christmas Carols and Art Excursions. For more details please visit: ycc-london.co.uk or send an email to info@ycc-london.co.uk.

CLICK TO PRAY

The Pope's app that connects your prayer with

the world. Download the app for free from clicktopray.org.

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.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALK

Christmastide Walk, 6.00pm Mon 6th January from the Church of the Precious Blood, London Bridge, SE1 1TD. Cost: £10. Go to Eventbrite to book or simply come along. chwalkslondon@gmail.com 07495 205 568. catholichistorywalks.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.

WALSINGHAM RETREATS

A growing range of retreats, including individually guided retreats are offered at the Dowery House in Walsingham. For details: doweryhouse.org.uk/events. Dowery House Retreat is part of the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady. For information: walsingham.org.uk

NETWORK

“Come to the Waters” Conference 2020. Friday 20th March to Sunday 22nd March at The Hayes Centre, Swanick, Derbyshire. Keynote speaker: Christopher Chapman. Cost: from £275. For more information and booking visit csn.retreats.org.uk or phone 07756 864784.