



## St Mary's Catholic Church Cadogan Street, Chelsea, SW3 2QR

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **We Welcome...**

*People of All Faiths and Cultures  
Divorced or Separated Persons  
Families with Children  
Those in Loving Relationships  
Those in Difficulty  
Married Couples  
Single Persons  
Those in Recovery  
Travellers from Far and Near  
Widows and Widowers  
Visitors*

### **We Seek...**

*To live the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
To Gather the Community and Tell the Story  
To Sing and Make Music to the Lord  
To Break the Bread and Share the Cup*

### **We Celebrate...**

*Diversity  
A spirit of hospitality  
The unity that God wills  
Enlightening those who seek God  
Reaching out to alienated Catholics  
Reverencing the dignity of each person  
Caring for the needs of the less fortunate  
Empowering Christians to realise their call  
Providing a spiritual oasis  
Honouring an understanding among all  
faiths  
Nurturing our gifts and sharing them*

### **PARISH DIARY – REGULAR EVENTS**

*Lectio Divina – Tuesdays during term time*

*(Email [kjaubert@btinternet.com](mailto:kjaubert@btinternet.com) for details)*

*Mother's Prayers – Wednesdays in the STM Room 10am*

*SVP Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 7pm*

*SVP Outreach – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 8pm*

*Good Friends Café - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10.30am*

*The Parish Office open Mon, Weds & Fri. 9.30am - 3.30pm*



At this time of year many schools and churches celebrate a harvest festival. The word 'harvest' comes from the Old English word 'hærfest' meaning 'autumn.'

In the UK such festival are traditionally celebrated on the Sunday nearest the Autumn Equinox.

The harvest festival is the closest thing we have to a day of thanksgiving. Although these days we can plan a fixed day for this celebration, in the past the harvest festival differed, based on when all the crops had been brought in. The whole community, including children, needed to help right up until the end, as lives depended on the success of the harvest.

When the last of the crops had been brought in a lavish the meal would be prepared. It would brim with several meats, vegetables, puddings, tarts and ale, and would be accompanied by singing, drinking games and much reverie.

Finally, on the 29<sup>th</sup> September, there would be a St Michael's Mass. This celebrated the end of the productive season. Also known as Michaelmas, it signifies a time when all the harvest should have been brought in. Its beginnings can be traced to the 5<sup>th</sup> century when the cult of St Michael spread to Western Christianity. During the Middle Ages it was celebrated as a huge religious feast, and the harvest traditions grew from there. Fairs and games took place around this festive time and churches were decorated with autumnal produce. People also ate geese at Miccaelmas, because a goose was thought to be lucky and believed to bring financial protection for the next year.

A harvest tradition in the fishing town of North Shields was to give the first salmon catch to the vicar. I wonder what the local vicar would get in Chelsea!

*Fr Shaun*

## Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year

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The Harvest

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Sat 21 Sept **18.30** Private Intention  
Sun 22 Sept **10.00** Private Intention  
**11.30** For All Sick People  
**18.30** Thanksgiving - Ruby  
Mon 23 Sept **10.30** Private Intention  
*At the Royal Hospital - St Pio of Pietrelcina*  
Tues 24 Sept **12.00** Private Intention  
*Our Lady of Walsingham*  
Wed 25 Sept Church open for private prayer  
Thur 26 Sept **12.00** Loyola Family Thanksgiving  
*Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs*  
Fri 27 Sept **12.00** Michael Hawksley RIP  
*St Vincent de Paul, Priest*

Exposition 11am-11.45 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 17.45 to 18.15

(Reconciliation at other times by arrangement)

## Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year

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Sat 28 Sept **18.30** Karl Monvoisin RIP  
Sun 29 Sept **10.00** Private Intention  
**11.30** For All Parishioners  
**18.30** Diego Ribeiro RIP

**Secondary School Applications** Fr. Shaun will be available to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice at 9.30am in the Sacristy (which is accessed via the church) on the following dates, 28<sup>th</sup> September & 19<sup>th</sup> October, otherwise by appointment. Please download your Certificate by going to the homepage of the parish Website. [www.stmaryscadoganstreet.co.uk](http://www.stmaryscadoganstreet.co.uk)

**First Communion** Our next First Holy Communion preparation session for Parents takes place on Saturday 12 October 2019. We begin at 10am in the church before meeting in small groups. We will be focusing on the first three chapters of the Reconciliation Book, God Gives You Life, God Gives You Love and God Gives You Joy.

**Glass Door** On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, some of our wonderful parishioners will sleep out overnight in the Duke of York Square as part of the annual fundraising event for Glass Door, a local charity that provides a night shelter for the homeless. We hope to raise £2,500 as our contribution. If you would like to support this effort then follow the link below to the justgiving page. A big thank you to our valiant volunteers.

<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/st-marys-cadogan-street-sleepout-2019>

**Caritas Concert** On September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, our parish will host a concert of classical music, the funds from which will go to supporting the work of those who help and rescue victims of modern slavery. Please follow the link to purchase your tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/support-victims-of-modern-slavery-classical-concert-tickets-61926624200>

**Confirmation** From this weekend we will be opening applications for Confirmation. If you are in year 9 of Secondary School and wish to be Confirmed at St Mary's please see Fr Shaun after any of the Masses, he will give you an application form.

**Sing a New Song to the Lord.** We are really blessed in having a number of people who lead the singing at our 10am and 6.30pm Masses on Sunday. An invitation has been extended for you to think about joining one of the choirs; please approach any of the choir members to find out more. Aware of how busy people are, these choirs meet just before Mass in order to run through the liturgy.

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School** You are invited to our Reception Open Days on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 2pm and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6pm. Come and see our Ofsted Outstanding school and hear from our Heads on how St Joseph's could be the perfect start to your child's education. Please contact the School Office to register your attendance on 0207 589 2438.

**Remembering Rorke's Drift** Please join us at St Mary's on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 7pm - 8.30pm, for a fundraising talk given by world renowned author, historian and storyteller Rob Caskie, on the historic story of the dramatic defence of a small missionary hospital at Rorke's Drift in South Africa. Rob will tell the story of the courage and resourcefulness of men on both sides of the battle. Tickets are available at £20 per person from Eventbrite, just follow the link.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/path-out-of-poverty-in-aid-of-the-goedgedacht-trust-south-africa-tickets-64387529835>

**Family Fast Day** Takes place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. This year we meet Fabiano whose village in Uganda has been devastated by drought and we learn how CAFOD helped. Have a simple meal on Fast Day and put the money you save into an envelope which is available from the back of the church.

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