

Stations of the Cross

Church of the Holy Redeemer of Thomas More in Chelsea, UK

(Photos: Fr Richard Filima)

In 1892, Canon Cornelius Keens, known as “the church builder”, obtained permission from the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, Herbert Vaughan, to found a new parish in the older part of Chelsea in London. The church, dedicated to Our Most Holy Redeemer, was built between June 1894 and October 1895. Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, Herbert Vaughan laid the foundation stone. The church was consecrated ten years later, on June 21st, 1905, by Archbishop, later Cardinal Bourne. St Thomas More was added as patron following his canonisation in 1935.

The church was designed by Edward Goldie and built by Messrs Goddard of Farnham and Dorking. The church escaped extensive damage when it sustained a direct hit

during the Word War II, but the organ was completely destroyed, and the west window and the floor needed repair. Further general restoration was carried out in 1962 and in later years.

The Stations of the Cross, by Ken Thompson, were commissioned by Father (now Bishop) Alan Hopes as the parish’s commemoration of the Jubilee of the Birth of our Lord in 2000. Ken is well-known for his memorial to the Air India crash at Ahakista in West Cork; the Stations of the Cross in Longford Cathedral, Ireland; and the statue of St Patrick at Lough Derg, Co Donegal (see page 22).

To read more of the history of the Church of the Holy Redeemer go to: www.holyredeemerschelsea.com



1. Jesus is condemned



2. Jesus receives his cross



3. Jesus falls the first time



4. Jesus meets his mother



5. Simon helps Jesus



6. Veronica wipes Jesus' face



7. Jesus falls the second time



8. Jesus meets the women



9. Jesus falls the third time



10. Jesus is stripped of his garments



11. Jesus is nailed to the cross



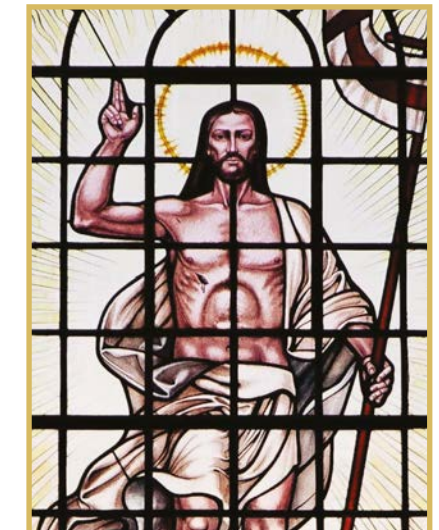
12. Jesus dies on the cross



13. Jesus is taken from the cross



14. Jesus is laid in the tomb



The Risen Lord
(The West window)