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# St. Teresa's Morden

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## 29TH NOVEMBER 2015

## Parish Activities

### Mass Times and Intentions

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> First Sunday Of Advent

Vigil 6.30pm John O'Leary R.I.P.

9.00am Sheila Hanrahan R.I.P.

11.00am People of the Parish

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> St Andrew

10.00am Christy Aduaba's Intention

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

10.00am Michele Fermo R.I.P.

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

10.00am Eileen Clifford R.I.P.

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> St Francis Xavier

10.00am Mary Edwards Intention

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

**Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.15am**

10.00am Catherine Andrea Driscoll R.I.P.

#### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

Confessions 10.30 – 11am & 6.00 – 6.15pm

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

6.30pm Sarah Beazley R.I.P.

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Thanksgiving – Fernando family

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Refreshments in the parish centre after the 11.00am Mass.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>: Parent and Toddlers at 9.00am in the parish centre.

RCIA Journey in Faith at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>: Tuesday Club meet after the 10.00am Mass in the parish centre.

SVP meet in the parish office at 6.30pm.

Prayer and Adoration in the church at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 9.30am.

7.30pm Prayer Group in parish office.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>: Junior Youth Club at 5.00pm in the parish centre.

Folk Group practice in at 7.00pm.

Legion of Mary meet in the parish office at 7.30pm.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 9.30am in the church.

Senior Youth Club at 7.00pm in the parish centre.

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St. Teresa's School, Montacute Road, Morden. Tel. 8648 1846

Headteacher: Mr Justin Dachtler.

Merton Catholic Deanery

[www.mertoncatholics.org.uk](http://www.mertoncatholics.org.uk)

**Community Development Manager – Rob Mobile 07429 454480**

**Thank you for the weekend collection** £1009.07. **Standing Orders** £689.00. **Total** £1698.07.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> collection Catholic Youth Services** £354.38. Thank you.

**St Teresa's School** – Data analyst post and Year 1 teacher required. See notice board for details.

**Archbishop's Pastoral Letter** – Copies available in the narthex, please take a copy home

**The Season of Advent** – Today we begin four weeks of preparation for the great festival of Christmas. Advent reminds us all of the arrival of Jesus into the world 2000 years ago. His presence today is just as essential as ever. During Advent, the dominant colour is purple. We omit the Gloria and the Alleluia from the Mass so that we can welcome the birth of Jesus with gusto at Midnight Mass on 24<sup>th</sup> December. The Advent wreath on the sanctuary helps to guide us through this lovely season. The 1<sup>st</sup> Candle represents the prophets of the Old Testament. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Candle represents John the Baptist who came to prepare the way for Jesus. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Candle is for us the people of God, the recipients of God's message of love. The 4<sup>th</sup> Candle is for Mary, the Mother of the Redeemer. Let us use this great season to prepare a sacred place worthy of the infant King.

**RCIA – The Rite of Welcome and Acceptance** – Today we welcome Denys Hyde, Gina Maher, Laurie Johnson-Mattheson, Francesca Lisa Ribaud, Lucia Gabriella Ribaud and Roshan Packer-Saibo who are all preparing for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or Reception into the Church. This is their first official step towards full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter 2016. It is also an opportunity for us – as the local church – to welcome them into the household of Christ. Please pray for them as they continue their faith journey. We pray too for their families, catechists and sponsors.

**Young Adults** – London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meet every month. Our next get-together is on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, in the back-bar of The Alexandra Pub, Wimbledon, SW19 7NE. please feel free to come along. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242.

**Legion of Mary** – Annual General Reunion for all Legionaries and Auxiliaries on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at SS Peter & Paul's Church, Cranmer Road, Mitcham CR4 4LD at 2.00pm.

**Deceased** – Please keep in your prayers David Whelan who died recently. His Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am. May he rest in peace.

**St Teresa's Christmas Lunch for Elderly & Housebound** – We shall have a Christmas lunch and celebration on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1pm for parishioners who may otherwise be on their own at this time of the year. If you know of anyone who should be invited to this event, please give their names and contact details to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council at the Contact Corner.

**New Altar Servers Training** – Continues Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am.

**Mother's Prayers** – This year is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the group known as Mother's Prayers. There are members from many different cultures, denominations and countries all over the world. Being a 'mum' isn't an easy job and members support each other by praying for their children and grandchildren and offering them up to Jesus' loving care. If you are interested in forming a group please give your name in at the Contact Corner.

**Prayer for the Sick** - Please remember in your prayers all those confined to home or hospital. Finola Kirrane, James Rice, Winnie Mann, Mary Dunne, Tom Curran, Sean Breslin, Frank Macklin, Nicole Turner, Tony Kelly, Mariquinha De Sa, Ivy Board, Phil Diver, Jim Creighan, Meta O'Donnell, William Hanrahan, Glenys Marsh, Winifred Rogers, and Lira Fernandes.