St. Teresa's Morden

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20TH DECEMBER 2015

Mass Times and Intentions Sunday 20th Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil 6.30pm People of the Parish 9.00am Edith Mannion R.I.P. 11.00am Brid Walsh R.I.P.

Monday 21st

10.00am Intentions of the Sister's of Mercy

Tuesday 22nd

10.00am James & Primrose Gunaratnam's Intention

Wednesday 23rd

10.00am Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

Thursday 24th Christmas Eve Vigil 6.30pm Maurice Mills R.I.P.

11.15pm Carol Service

Friday 25th Christmas Day – The Nativity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ

12 Midnight People of the Parish living and dead 9.00am Joseph McBride R.I.P. 11.00am Hugh & Kathleen Doherty R.I.P.

Sunday 27th The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Vigil 6.30pm John Lyons R.I.P. 9.00am People of the Parish 11.00am Bernard Thompson R.I.P.

Parish Activities

Sunday 20th

Refreshments in the parish centre after the 11.00am Mass.

Tuesday 22nd:

Tuesday Club meet at 10.30am in the parish centre.

Penitential Service at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 23rd:

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 9.30pm.

Christmas Flowers – Donations can be left in the black box in the Narthex.

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Confirmation 2016 for Year 9 +

Introduction Session and Sign Up is on Saturday 9th January at 10.00am in the parish centre.

Crib Offerings – Donations this year goes to the Catholic Children Society Crisis Fund (Southwark) to benefit disadvantaged children and families.

Southwark Catholic Directories 2016 Available in the Repository price £3.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

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Thank you for the weekend collection £1114.94. Standing Orders £689.00. Total £1803.94.

St Teresa's School – Thank you to St Teresa's School staff and children for the lovely Nativity plays and Christmas celebrations over the past week. As always the children bring the Jesus story to another generation and another audience. As the school takes its Christmas break we wish all the staff, parents, governors and children many blessings over the coming days and every success in 2016.

Penitential Service for Christmas – On Tuesday 22nd December at 7.30pm we shall have a number of priests available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please come along and take the opportunity to be reconciled with the Lord.

St Teresa's Christmas Timetable – Please take the Christmas and New Year timetable today so that you know the times of services over the festive season. Please also pass one on to any neighbours or friends who you feel may wish to know times of Masses etc. Thank you.

Christmas Offerings – The collection at the Christmas Masses will be your personal gift to Fr John. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for your support.

Church Projectors – We have recently installed two projectors in the church which will be used for the hymns for Mass on Sundays and major celebrations. The existing hymn books are diminishing in numbers as people take them away and then seem to have great difficulty in returning them. We all become attached to certain things and clearly the hymn books were a big attraction in recent years. We have lost at least 450 hymn books that were never returned. If you find one at home and you are not rehearsing with it – please bring it back – as we can still use the hymn books for funerals etc. they are very expensive to replace.

2016 Calendars – There are some very beautiful calendars in the Repository for £3 each produced by the Jesuits. It contains all the major Catholic feasts of the year and will be happy with a place on your kitchen wall.

Be Aware – Please be aware of any people on their own over Christmas and New Year. For some people this can be a very lonely time especially if there are no family or friends nearby. You may be able to invite someone for a meal over Christmas – or offer to bring a meal to them on Christmas or New Year's Day. If you are able to do a take-away meal for someone on Christmas Day – please see Fr John.

Friday 1st **January 2016** – We shall have a community Mass at 12noon on New Year's Day followed by a shared lunch in the parish centre. If anyone would like to help with this please put your name and Tel No on the list in the Narthex. Thank you.

Deceased – Please remember in your prayers **Bill Hanrahan** who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Thank you – To 2 sponsors who have contributed £100 each to St Teresa's Netball Team for a new kit etc. We are very grateful.

Readers, Lay Ministers, Ushers and Servers – Go into the sacristy and you will find a list of Christmas/ New Year celebrations. **Please read the top of the sheet for dates and times.** Sign up.

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