## St. Teresa's Morden

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## 31ST JANUARY 2016

Mass Times and Intentions
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Fourth Sunday of Year
Vigil 6.30pm Carmelo D'Emanuele R.I.P.
9.00am Bernard Thompson R.I.P.
11.00am People of the Parish

Monday 1st February

10.00am Joseph McBride R.I.P.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> The Presentation Of the Lord Candlemas

10.00am Ellen Joyce R.I.P

Wednesday 3rd

10.00am Antony Rajaratnam R.I.P.

Thursday 4th

Please note no 10.00am Mass

12noon Funeral – Stanley Birch R.I.P.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> NO Benediction and Adoration or 10.00am Mass today

**12noon** Funeral – Vincent Chung R.I.P.

Saturday 6th

Confessions 10.30 - 11am & 6.00 - 6.15pm

Sunday 7th 5th Sunday of the Year

Vigil 6.30pm Ann Pigott R.I.P. 9.00am People of the Parish 11.00am Idy Rastrick R.I.P. **Parish Activities** 

<u>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></u>: Refreshments in the parish centre after the 11.00am Mass

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>: Parent and Toddlers meet at 9.00am in the parish centre.

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

<u>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>:</u> Tuesday Club in the parish centre at 10.30am.

SVP at 6.30pm in the parish office.

Prayer and Adoration at 7.30pm in the Church.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 9.30am.

Prayer Group 7.30pm in the office.

Thursday 4th: Junior Youth Club 5pm.

Folk Group practice at 7.00pm. Legion of Mary at 7.30pm in the office.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>: Senior Youth Club at 7pm.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>: First Holy Communion Children meet at 9.30am.

Confirmation group meet at 4.30pm. Enrolment Mass at 6.30pm.

**Sunday 31st: 2nd Collection for Poor Parishes.** 

Thank you for the weekend collection £1047.48. Standing Orders £689.00. Total £1736.48...

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**Everyone – Please think about Lent** – As Lent begins on 10<sup>th</sup> February – perhaps we could all give some thought about its impact. Many people have family members and friends to whom the church is no longer relevant. This Lent – in the Year of Mercy – perhaps we could bring all those people who are still searching for something or someone – to the heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We can bring them in person or in prayer each Tuesday evening for adoration 7.30 – 9.00pm. there will be a special **Book of Prayer** where you can write their (first) names and we will pray for them throughout the great season of Lent.

We shall also run **Landings** during Lent. This is a small discussion group set up to welcome returning Catholics who may want to explore the obstacles, the confusions and the boundaries. More details later.

**Mothers' Prayers** – All those interested in forming a Mother' Prayer Group please meet in the hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 11am.

Celebrate Your Marriage – Taking place in Croydon, on February 13/14 (its not residential), this Catholic-orientated marriage enrichment experience is for couples with average-to-good marriages whether married several years or decades. 020 8651 2477 or by email: <a href="marriage2014@virginmedia.com">marriage2014@virginmedia.com</a>

**Deputy Headteacher** – Needed to start September 2016 at St John Fisher Primary School. Please contact Margaret Aldred at the school 020 8540 2637 or email her at <a href="mailto:Amin.officer@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk">Amin.officer@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk</a>

**Deceased** – Please remember in your prayers. **Stanley Birch.** His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 12noon. **Vincent Chung.** His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon. We also remember Ann Robinson who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Evangelisation and Visitors Group** – The next group meeting will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.30pm in the parish office.

## Thursday 11th February – in St Teresa's Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

**Evening Talk on Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si** – This will be led by Henry Longbottom SJ, who was an environmental lawyer before joining the Jesuits. The event will be an opportunity to explore practical ways we can respond to the encyclical's call for ecological conversion. This is a Merton Deanery event – open to all.

**Safeguarding training** – The Diocesan Safeguarding Team will be facilitating Basic Adult Awareness training at St Teresas, in the parish centre, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am-4pm (Tea and coffee available from 10am). The training is open to everyone but they strongly encourage leaders of parish groups and volunteers who are involved with children and adults at risk to attend. This is a free diocesan event and booking is essential. The form can be found on the diocesan website at www.rcsouthwark.co.uk, in the safeguarding section, or you can call 020 7261 1606 or email office@sgo-rcdsouthwark.org. Alternatively, please give your details to the parish office and we will register you. You will need to bring a packed lunch on the day. Many thanks.

**Prayer for the Sick** – Please remember in your prayers all those confined to home or hospital. Winnie Mann, Finola Kirrane, Frank Macklin, Anthony Kayode, Ivy Board, Mariquinha De Sa, Jim Creighan, Meta O'Donnell, Winifred Rogers and Lira Fernandes.