
St. Teresa's Morden

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7TH FEBRUARY 2016

Mass Times and Intentions

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.

Monday 8th

10.00am Stephen Labastide R.I.P.

Tuesday 9th

10.00am Benicna Rajani Kumthill

Wednesday 10th Ash Wednesday

Day of fasting and abstinence

10.00am Charles Sellasamy R.I.P.

6.30pm Teckla Kumuthini & Benicna Rajani

Francis & Chrisantha Nandin R.I.P.

Thursday 11th

10.00am Grace Payne R.I.P.

Friday 12th Benediction and Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.15am

10.00am Seamus Heffernan R.I.P.

Saturday 13th

Confessions 10.30 – 11am & 6.00 -6.15pm

Sunday 14th First Sunday of Lent

Vigil 6.30pm People of the Parish

9.00am Bill Hanrahan R.I.P.

11.00am Deacon John R.I.P.

Parish Activities

Sunday 7th: 2nd Collection – Poor Parishes fund enables Archbishop to help smaller parishes.

Refreshments in the parish centre after the 11.00am Mass.

Monday 8th: Parent and Toddlers at 9.00am in the parish centre.

RCIA Journey in Faith 7.30pm in the Parish centre.

Tuesday 9th: Tuesday Club meet in the parish centre at 10.30am.

Prayer and Adoration in the church at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 10th: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 9.30am.

7.30pm Prayer Group at 7.30pm in parish office.

Thursday 11th: Junior Youth Club at 5.00pm.

Folk Group practice at 7.00pm.

Legion of Mary 7.30pm in the parish office.

Friday 12th: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 9.30am.

Youth Club at 7.00pm.

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

Headteacher: Mr Justin Dachtler.

Merton Catholic Deanery

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Thank you for the weekend collection £1099.87. **Standing Orders** £689.00. **Total** £1788.87.

Archbishop's Pastoral Letter – This weekend we have a letter from Archbishop Peter Smith to prepare the way for Lent – there are copies available at the Contact Corner.

Welcome – A big welcome to Rev Naveen Xavier SJ who was ordained a Deacon this weekend. He will be with us at St Teresa's over the coming months for pastoral experience so do greet him and ask him lots of questions.

RCIA – The Rite of Election – We remember our catechumens and candidates: Denys Hyde, Gina Maher, Laurie Johnson-Mattheson, Francesca Lisa Ribaldo, Lucia Gabriella Ribaldo and Roshan Packer-Saibo who are all preparing for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or Reception into the Church. Next Saturday they go to St George's Cathedral to celebrate the Rite of Election – when the Archbishop calls them to the Easter Sacraments. We pray too for their families, catechists and sponsors.

Everyone – Please think about Lent – As Lent begins on 10th 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.

Help – We need readers and Lay Ministers for all three weekend Masses. Also is there any one with IT experience who could help prepare the hymns for the projector screens on Sunday. Any musicians in the congregation who could manage piano or organ on Sundays? Please see Fr John.

Deceased – Please remember in your prayers Maddalena Warwick who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 23rd February, 10am. May she rest in peace.

Ash Wednesday – 10th February. Mass will be at 10am and 6.30pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both celebrations. This is a day of fast and abstinence.

Baptism – We welcome Azahra Obironke Anna Adewale and her family into our community.

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 12th 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, Mariquinha De Sa, Jim Creighan, Meta O'Donnell, Winifred Rogers and Lira Fernandes.