St. Teresa's Morden

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18TH DECEMBER 2016

Sunday 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil 6.30pm Paddy & Mary Daly's Intention 9.00am Edith Mannion R.I.P. 11.00am People of the Parish

Monday 19th

10.00am Francis Prince R.I.P.

Tuesday 20th

10.00am John, Mary Kate & Sean Ryan R.I.P.

Wednesday 21st

10.00am Kryzsztof Krzysiaezek R.I.P.

Thursday 22nd

10.00am James & Primrose Gunaratnam's Intention

Friday 23rd

10.00am Michele Fermo R.I.P.

Saturday 24th Christmas Eve

Vigil 6.30pm Maurice Mills R.I.P.

11.15 Christmas Carol Service

12.00 Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th Christmas Day

9.00am Joseph McBride R.I.P. 11.00am Hugh & Kathleen Doherty R.I.P. **Parish Activities**

<u>Sunday 18th:</u> Refreshments in the parish centre after the 11.00am Mass.

Tuesday 20th:

Prayer and Adoration at 7.30pm in the church.

Wednesday 21st:

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 9.30am.

Thursday 22nd:

Folk Group practice at 7.00pm in the church.

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

Friday 23rd:

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 9.30am in the church.

Saturday 24th: 11.15am Syro-Malabar Malaysalam Mass.

Tuesday Club re-opens on Tuesday

3rd of January 2017.

RCIA resumes again on Monday 9th January, 7.30pm.

Thank you for the weekend collection £1011.04. Standing Orders £755.00. Total £1766.04

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Crib Offerings – This year we shall be sending crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. This will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. Let's keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.

Advent draws to a close – This 4th and last week of Advent we focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. As we approach Christmas we remember the mothers of the world who face difficult and challenging choices in their lives. We pray especially for those who have lost children because of illness, violence or conflict. We ask God to give them hope and consolation through our prayers.

Christmas & Midnight Mass – The whole world knows that this feast is on and even those who do not share our faith seem to join in the festive season. Christmas is a time to remember loved ones and give thanks for the privilege of having them in our lives. At Midnight Mass we shall have a procession of light to honour and pay tribute to the most important people in our lives, living and dead. We ask that the light of the Infant King will be a beacon of welcome, hope and love in a very complex world.

Christmas Timetable – Please pick up a timetable this weekend from the Narthex for all the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Christmas Celebrations – Readers, lay ministers, collectors and servers – please go to the sacristy and sign up for ONE celebration. Please pay attention to the exact dates and times.

Penitential Service for Advent & Christmas – On Monday 19th December 7.30pm. There will be 6 priests available for Confession.

Holly – Does anyone have any holly growing in their garden that we could use for the crib and church decorations? Please bring it in and leave in the narthex. Thank you.

Christmas Offerings – These are your personal gifts to Fr John Mulligan. Thank you for your support and generosity. Envelopes available in the Narthex.

Confirmation 2017 – For year 9 and above. Introduction session and sign up for parents and candidates will be held on Saturday 4^{th} February at 11.00am. Application forms will only be given at this session. This years programme will include attendance to Flame at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 11^{th} March . All to attend.

St Teresa's School – Are holding a Christmas Market in the school hall at 3.20 - 5.00pm on Tuesday 20^{th} December. All are welcome.

Southwark Directories 2017 – Available in the Repository price £3.

St John Fisher Justice and Peace Group – Will be holding their annual New Year Peace Service on Monday 2nd January at 7.30pm.

Pray for the Sick – Baheerathy Reshekaron, Beryl Seaforth, Freddie Mensah, Stephen Quilty, Eva Christian, IdanVijay, John Payne, Ann Van Essen, Valerie Keogh, Jim Creighan, Winifred Rogers and Lira Fernandes.