St. Teresa's Morden

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1ST JANUARY 2017

Sunday 1st January Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

Vigil 6.30pm Thomas McHugh R.I.P. 9.00am People of the Parish 11.00am Bernard & Celia Thompson R.I.P.

Monday 2nd St Basil the Great

10.00am Holy Souls

Tuesday 3rd

10.00am Giuseppina Borrelli R.I.P.

Wednesday 4th

10.00am Seamus Heffernan R.I.P.

Thursday 5th

10.00am Eugene Brennan R.I.P.

Friday 6th

10.00am Beverley Coughlan - Thanksgiving

Saturday 7th Confessions 10.30 -11am & 6.00- 6.15pm

Sunday 8th The Epiphany Of The Lord

Vigil 6.30pm Patrick Kavanagh R.I.P. 9.00am Daisy Joseph R.I.P.

11.00am People of the Parish

PARISH ACTIVITIES

<u>Tuesday 3rd</u>: Tuesday Club in the parish centre at 10.30am.

Prayer and Adoration at 7.30pm in the Church.

Wednesday 4th: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 9.30am.

St Teresa's School opens today.

Prayer Group at 7.30pm in the office.

<u>Thursday 5th:</u> Folk Group practice at 7.00pm in the church.

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

<u>Friday 6th</u>: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 9.30am.

Sunday 8th: 2nd Collection. White Flower Appeal –The Society for the Protection of Unborn children. Thank you.

Southwark Directories 2017 - On sale in the Repository price £3.

This year Wimbledon College is celebrating its 125th Anniversary. A new book "Wimbledon College: The First 125 years" has been published to celebrate this. To find out details of how to order the book and more about the anniversary please visit www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/125

2017 – We wish you every blessing as we begin another new year. St Teresa's has much to celebrate in the great diversity of gifts, talents and culture that make up our community. We are

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grateful for such a rich tapestry of life here in Morden and realise how much we can all learn from each other. Undoubtedly, the New Year will have many surprises, disappointments, joys and sorrows, but the Gospel remains at the centre of our community. The world will ensure a loaded agenda with numerous voices claiming our attention. However, it is God's Kingdom we seek to build. May the infant Jesus continue to light our way and may we have the courage to hear his voice in the days and months ahead.

Thank You –To everyone for your generous Christmas offerings, cards, gifts and good wishes received over the Christmas days. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Thanks Also – To all those involved in our Christmas celebrations: readers, musicians, singers, servers, church cleaners, special ministers and collectors. Special appreciation to all the singers who went around some of the wards at St Helier Hospital just before Christmas. Thanks to Tom Malone for the Crib, Paul & Rachael Carter for the Christmas Tree and Primrose and Maria & their team for the flowers. It is a lot of work but Christmas is a very special event.

Crib Offerings – This year we shall be sending crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. There is a offerings box in the Lady Chapel, next to the Crib.

Welcome Back – On Wednesday 4th January to everyone at St Teresa's School.

Sunday 8th January – We celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany and Monday 9th January we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus which takes us to the end of the Christmas season.

RCIA – Resumes again on Monday 9th January, 7.30pm. The group continues their journey towards Holy Week and Easter.

First Communion – Children and parents resume on Saturday 14th January at 9.30am.

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

Deceased – Please remember in your prayers Augie Cardozo who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Church Unity Octave – From 18 -25th January. These days provided us all with the opportunity to pray for (and with) some of the local Christian Churches in our area.

St Helier's Hospital – Please remember if you or a member of your family is taken to hospital to ask the ward staff to inform the Roman Catholic Chaplain, Fr Philip. If Fr Philip knows you are in hospital he will ensure you receive a visit and Holy Communion if required. You can also inform the Parish Office if this is easier for you but please inform <u>someone</u> who can get the message to the Chaplain.

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