
St. Teresa's Morden

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20TH AUGUST 2017

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 20th 20th Sunday of the ~Year

Vigil 6.30pm People of the Parish

9.00am Siobhan Conway R.I.P.

11.00am Lawrence Fallon R.I.P.

Monday 21st St Pius X

10.00am Donal Coll R.I.P.

**Tuesday 22nd The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

10.00am Dennis O'Shea R.I.P.

Wednesday 23rd

10.00am Patrick & Ann Joyce R.I.P.

& John Breheny R.I.P.

Thursday 24th St Bartholomew

10.00am Majed Samson & Family

Friday 25th

**Benediction and Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament at 9.15am**

10.00am Bartholomew & Estrelina Gomes
R.I.P.

Saturday 26th

Confession 10.30 – 11am & 6.00 – 6.15pm

Sunday 27th 21st Sunday of the Year

Vigil 6.30pm James Gunaratnam's Intention

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Intention of Theresa & Lazarus
Johnson-Mathum

Thank you for the weekend collection £1091.31. Standing Orders £755.00. Total £1846.31.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 22nd:

NO Tuesday Club this week.

Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament at 7.30pm in the church.

Wednesday 23rd:

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual
Succour at 9.30am in the church.

Thursday 24th:

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

Friday 25th:

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

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Tuesday Club – The coach
trip to Eastbourne on Tuesday
22nd August, leaving the church at
10.00am.

St. Teresa's School, Montacute Road, Morden. Tel. 020 8648 1846

Headteacher: Mr. Justin Dachtler

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Our 80th Birthday – We now have our special birthday choir for the celebration on 1st October. Please note the rehearsal dates carefully and put them in the diary:

Saturday 16th September 10.30am – 12noon

Thursday 21 September 7.00 – 8.30pm

Thursday 28th September 7.00 – 8.30pm

Saturday 30th September 10am – 12noon

Sunday 1st October Celebration Mass 11.00am

Old Photographs – If you have any old photographs of events in St Teresa’s church over the past 80 years, please may we borrow them for scanning and display on 1st October. Please put them in an envelope with your name and phone number – so that they get back to you. We can use the sacristy as a pick up and return point. Thank you.

The Bishops Conference of England & Wales – Will host a Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in the Echo Arena, Liverpool, 7 – 9 September 2018. This is a national pastoral initiative based on the centrality of the Eucharist. The ‘pilgrimage’ aspect denotes the faith journey of the individual person.

Who is invited? Parish representatives, catechists, extraordinary ministers, RE leaders, clergy, religious orders, seminarians, hospital and prison chaplains, who are all pastorally involved and on the front line of evangelisation. The Southwark Diocese can send 570 delegates. Each parish can select, finance and send two representatives. Each school can send one representative.

What is a Eucharistic Congress? This is an ecclesial gathering of lay and ordained people from each diocese in England & Wales. Participants will take part in a series of Catechism sessions, focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist. This is a very positive opportunity for prayer, theological reflection and discernment.

20th Sunday Reflection: Mark’s Gospel was the first to be written, and Matthew edits and expands it, using other sources as well. In Mark, this Gospel scene is the only explicit encounter between Jesus and a gentile – and a woman at that! At first Jesus is reluctant to do anything for her, for his mission was primarily to Israel. He puts her off, and is really quite brusque to her. However, she wins through by her persistence and her determined confidence in his power. The disciples get fed up with her shrieking after them, and ask Jesus to cure her daughter, which he does.

We need to be persistent in our prayers and in our efforts. God does not grant a casual request. Secondly, this passage reveals a lot about Jesus’ relationship to women and about his sense of humour: Jesus and the woman seem to tease each other with their repartee. There is the same repartee in the account of Jesus’ meeting with the Samaritan women in the gospel of John: she stands up to him with her cheeky responses. Jesus and the woman are both obviously enjoying this playful scene. It suggests that not everything is solemn and serious in heaven, and there is room for a sense of humour!

Questions for reflection: Is Jesus rude to the Canaanite woman, or is he merely challenging her?

How does Jesus challenge you?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Pray for the Sick – Beeverley Coughlan, Denise Waaldijk, Marc Tannion, Beryl Seaforth, Kitty Brennan, Michael Carr, Declan O’Flynn, Andrea Newcombe, Jacinto Victor Mendoza, Ann Van Essen, Valerie Keogh, Jim Creighan, and Winifred Rogers.