
St. Teresa's Morden

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10TH DECEMBER 2017

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 10th Second Sunday of Advent

Vigil 6.30pm People of the Parish

9.00am Rosamma Pillai R.I.P.

25th Anniversary

11.00am Thanksgiving

Monday 11th

10.00am Rosleen Greedon R.I.P.

Tuesday 12th

10.00am Good Health for the Gomes
Family

Wednesday 13th St Lucy

10.00am Maureen Kelly R.I.P.

Thursday 14th St John of the Cross

10.00am Lindsay Whaley R.I.P.

Friday 15th

Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.15am

10.00am Francis Prince R.I.P.

Saturday 16th

Confessions at 10.30 – 11am & 6.00 – 6.15pm

Sunday 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent

Vigil 6.30pm Augusto Cardoso R.I.P.

9.00am Bill Hanrahan R.I.P.

11.00am People of the Parish

Thank you for the weekend collection £1350.35. Standing Orders £755.00. Total £2105.35.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday 10th: Refreshments in the parish centre after the 11.00am Mass.

Monday 11th: Parents and Toddlers at 9.30am in the parish centre.

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

Tuesday 12th: Tuesday Club meet at 10.30am in the parish centre.

Prayer and Adoration at 7.30pm in the church.

Wednesday 13th: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 9.30am.

Prayer Group meet in the parish office at 5.00pm.

Thursday 14th: Junior Youth Club 5.00pm.

Folk Group singing Carols in St Helier Hospital. Please meet in the foyer at 6.45 to start at 7.00pm.

Legion of Mary meet at 7.30pm.

Friday 15th: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 9.30am.

Saturday 16th: Prayer Day at 12noon to 3.00pm.

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St Teresa's School – Congratulations to Year 4 who presented us with a fantastic beginning to the Advent and Christmas season on 1st December. They told again the ancient story in music, song and drama. The confidence, talent and joy conveyed the sacred message. Parents, staff and governors should take great pride and encouragement.

Liverpool Congress – This will take place 7 – 9 September and involves all 22 dioceses in England and Wales. The 3 days will be an exploration and celebration of the Eucharist – inviting everyone to reflect on how we engage with this sacred event. We are now asked to pray – during Advent – so that we can all help to prepare the way for this unique moment in our spiritual journey. The last Eucharistic in this country was in London in 1908. So this event is a moment in history.

Christmas Timetable – Please be aware of the times of services of Christmas and New Year. This year, Christmas Day falls on Monday so we will have two successive days of celebration. New Year's day is also on a Monday and we hope to have a community Mass and shared lunch at 12noon that day. If anyone would like to help please inform the parish office or sign your name and phone number on the list in the Narthex. Many thanks.

Deceased – Please remember **Sister Canisius** who died recently. Sister was a Head Teacher at St Teresa's School for many years. May she rest in peace.

Advent – One of the greatest symbols of the season. The 4 purple candles symbolise our Advent journey. The 1st candle represents the prophets of the Old Testament who foretold the coming of Christ. The 2nd is for John the Baptist, the central figure of Advent. The 3rd is for us, the people of God, the recipients of the Good News. The 4th is for Mary, the Mother of the Redeemer. The central white candle represents Jesus himself the source and summit of our journey.

Penitential Service for Advent & Christmas – Monday 18th December, 7.30pm at St Teresa's, there will be visiting priests available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St Teresa's Christmas Lunch for Elderly Parishioners – We have a Christmas lunch and celebration Thursday 14th December 12.30 – 1.00pm. If you know of anyone who should be invited, please contact the parish office.

New Altar Servers – Training continues for new Altar Servers on Saturday 9th December and Saturday 16th December all at 11.00am.

Congress Prayer For The Church In Southwark – Loving God, help us to be open to the freshness of your Spirit. Fill us with enthusiasm for the Good News. Invite us into a deeper relationship with your Son, Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. Make us more aware of where there is need for new life. Help us to reach out to those who feel lost or abandoned, those who are searching and questioning, those who have walked away from you and those who are eager to know your love. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the Sick – Bethany Mary Potter, Beverley Coughlan, Marc Tannion, Jim Cunningham, Jacinto Victor Mendoza, Declan O'Flynn, Ann Van Essen, Valerie Keogh and Jim Creighan,