St. Teresa's Morden

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SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST 2018

10.30am

Sunday 19th: 20th Sunday of the Year

Vigil 6.30pm Mrs Monica Eze + 9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Françoise Morgan - Thanksgiving

Monday 20th

10.00am Lena Long +

Tuesday 21st

10,00am Josie Maley intention

Wednesday 22nd

10.00am Anthony & Clara Fernandes

Thursday 23rd

10.00am John O'Leary +

Friday 24th

10.00am Maria & Bogdan Popa Silver Jubilee Celebration Benediction & Adoration of

Blessed Sacrament at 9.15am

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Saturday 25th

Confessions 10.30 – 11am & 6.00 – 6.15pm

Sunday 26: 21st Sunday of the Year

Vigil 6.30pm James Gunaratnam's intention 9.00am Joanne O'Connor +

Tuesday 21st

Tuesday Club meet at

in the parish centre.

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

Wednesday 22th

9.30am Novena to Our Lady Perpetual Succour.

Thursday 23rd

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

Friday 24th

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

Catholic Papers & Booklets

A section of papers and booklets are available in the Narthex.

Exam Results – Please keep in your prayers the young people receiving exam results over

next couple of weeks.

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Last Weekends Offertory £1069.74. Standing Orders £710.00. Total £1779.74 Thank you.

Reflection: 20th Sunday

This is the last of the readings from the Bread of Life Discourse in John's Gospel. In today's passage, we move on from seeing Christ as the Wisdom of God, who must be accepted and believed, to a reflection on the sacrament of eating the bread of life. These two themes correspond to the two halves of the Mass, first the service of the Word, then the Eucharistic banquet. We are all so diet-conscious nowadays that it is quite obvious that the food we eat affects us. By eating the Body of Christ we are assimilated into him. But, just as, if I am sick, food does me no good and can even harm me, so if I eat Christ sacramentally without wanting to be moulded into him, it does me no good at all. That is why Paul complained that the Corinthian people were answerable for the death of Christ. Blood is the sign of life – if there is no blood, there is no life – and God is the Lord of life and death. So if I receive Christ's blood I take on his life, his divine life, as the gift of God. That has alarming side-effects: it means I share Christ's life with other Christians. We all live with the same life's blood. Do I really share my life, my talents, my goods with others, knowing that we share the same life of Jesus?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Liverpool Eucharistic Congress

This will take place 7-9 September in Liverpool, the first Eucharistic Congress in this country for over 100 years. There are 22 dioceses participating and some 5000 people expected to attend. The whole session is devoted to the centrality of the Eucharist and reminds us all how vital our Sunday celebration is each week.

A Day Of Adoration – Could we please have volunteers to attend a day of quiet prayer on Friday 7th September, the day the Congress begins. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day following the 10am Mass until 9pm to coincide with the Congress taking place in Liverpool. There is a list in the Narthex if you can please volunteer for 1 or 2 hours. Many thanks.

Deceased: Please keep in your prayers: Margaret Quinn, Agneszka Kister and Christopher Riley who died recently. May they rest in peace.

International Evening – On Saturday 20th October, First prize is a £1000, second prize and third prize £250 shopping vouchers. This is a fundraising event for the development of the Parish Centre. We also hope to welcome the Mayor of Merton, Cllr Mary Curtin to the celebration. All communities are invited to arrange a food stall and champion their own distinctive culture.

Welcome to a new neighbour. We warmly welcome Rev John Utumu, the new Vicar of the parish of St Helier, based at St Peter's C/E Church, Bishopsford Road. Rev John's official collation will be on Sunday 2nd Sept. 6.30pm by the Rt Rev Christopher Chissun, Bishop of Southwark, Do please remember St Peter's community – and St Helier's - as they begin a new chapter on their journey.

Family Extra – this is a new magazine published by Redemptorist Publications to coincide with the visit of Pope Francis to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next week. Cost: £3.95 and its available in the Contact Corner and Repository. There are several interesting articles about the family and you may well know some of the contributors.

Please Pray for the Sick – Cynthia Christian, Stephen Quilty, Bruce Cawood, John O'Neil, Lena McBride, Anthony Mills, Sheila Dunn, Tony Kelly, Ann Van Essen, Teresa Bearne, Sean Charlton and Jim Creighan.