## St. Teresa's Morden

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## 9TH DECEMBER 2018

Sunday 9th Second Sunday of Advent Vigil 6.30pm Theadore & Clara Ranasinghe R.I.P.

> 9.00am Mollie McKeon and Winifred Madigan R.I.P. 11am People of the Parish

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Monday 10th

10.00am Rosamma Pillai R.I.P.

Tuesday 11th

10.00am Fatima Raj R.I.P.

Wednesday 12th

Lady

10.00am In Thanksgiving.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> St Lucy** 10.00am Fr John Mulligan R.I.P.

Friday 14th St John of the Cross Benediction and Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament at 9.15am

10.00am Portia Callet R.I.P.

Saturday 15th

Confessions 10.30 – 11am & 6.00- 6.15pm

Sunday 16th 3rd Sunday of Advent

Vigil 6.30pm Antoneta Gouveia R.I.P.

9.00am Bill Hanrahan R.I.P.

11.00am People of the Parish

Sunday 9th:

Refreshments in the parish centre after the 11.00am Mass.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>: Parent and Toddlers meet in the parish centre at 9.00am.

RCIA Journey in Faith 7.30pm in

parish centre.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>: No Club today. Christmas lunch in the parish centre at 12noon.

Wednesday 12th: Novena to Our

of Perpetual Succour at 9.30am.

Confirmation catechists meet in the parish office at 7.00pm.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>: Folk Group - Carol Singing at St Helier Hospital,

meet in the foyer at 6.45pm.

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

Friday 14th: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 9.30am.

Sunday 16th: 3rd Sunday of Advent

PLEASE NOTE - The Rosary will be said every day after the 10.00am Masses Last Weekend's Offertory £1327.38. Standing Orders £710.00. Total £2037.38. Thank you.

> St Teresa's School, Montacute Road, Morden. Tel No 020 8648 1846 Headteacher: Mr Justin Dachtler. **Merton Catholic Deanery** www.mertoncatholics.org.uk

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Catholic Youth Work £566.97. Thank you.

Thank you for your warm welcome to the parish. I look forward to working and praying alongside you. Building on the good achieved by Fr John during his ministry amongst you is of the utmost importance to me. A word of sincere thanks to our Parish Secretary – Margaret O'Donovan who has been tremendous and hardworking since the sudden death of Fr John. She has had outstanding help and support from Con Diver. The parish has rallied round and the Parish Council, the head teacher Mr Justin Dachtler from St Teresa's School with Jesus in their midst, have been truly inspirational. WELL DONE & THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL.

**St Teresa's School Well Done Year 4** – With many parents present we were blessed by your Advent Service. You were terrific! Thank you for all the hard work you put into preparing for such a powerful and prayful service. May your Advent journey and your prayers at Church, at home and at school, bring a special blessing from St Teresa and the children in heaven.

My dear People – A church has to be the most sacred space in any parish. It is here every day that the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is re-enacted and relived by the people of the community. It is here that people are nourished by the bread that is broken and the blood that is shed for our salvation. It is here that children are born into the Family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism. There too they receive their First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Here couples give themselves to each other in love forever in the sacrament of marriage. And here too people and indeed priests and deacons rest on their final journey to the grave. It is because of all this that we gather week in and week out to live out our Catholic faith.

Every Mass you attend brings you blessings from Heaven, every sin confessed opens the door to God's mercy for our soul. Every visit to the Church to light a candle, say a prayer, to spend time in Adoration opens the door wide to blessings from God, for your soul.

As I take on my new ministry here at St Teresa's I promise to do my best to serve you, to serve the Lord and to do so in unity with our Archbishop, his brother bishops and my brother priests in the Deanery and across the diocese.

The parish is made up of sons and daughters of many nations. Those who have arrived in recent years are bringing with them a great devotion to our Catholic faith. Parishes are coming to life. A new springtime is in the air. Vocations are coming down the road. Prayer, Prayer, Prayer, and Adoration hour after hour will bring new life to the parish and to our parish school.

A big thank you also to those who signed up as ADORERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. It would be really good to see more join this very important ministry in the life of our parish. Many parents drop off their children for school. Try to pop into the Church before or even after school, even for just a few minutes. Many cars pass by our church every day, turn into the Church and take time to visit the Risen Lord. Yes, life is busy, we are all racing around as if time is running out. Taking time to visit the Lord will renew you in heart and mind as you thank Him for your life, your health, your faith, your family and your friends. Your visit to the Blessed Sacrament will enhance the day and will demonstrate to young and old that you really believe in your heart what we are celebrating each and every day. May the Lord bless you on your Advent Journey. May the Good Lord guide you on the Right Path. May He bless your family home. May those whose faith is not as strong as it used to be in our families and amongst our friends, be supported by our parish Masses and our prayers. May Christ be born again in their hearts this Christmas. Amen.

**ADOREMUS 2018** – *God be in my eyes and in my looking:* only when I look with your eyes, can I see clearly

**Legion of Mary** – Annual General Reunion is on Sunday  $9^{th}$  December from 2 - 5.30pm in the parish centre. All active members and auxiliaries are invited.

**Please** Pray for the Sick – Jeremy Ravindran, Irene Ward, Marie Hamilton, Angela Campbell, CynthiChristian, Stephen Quilty, Bruce Cawood, John O'Neil, Lena McBride, Sheila Dunn, Ann Van Essen, Teresa Bearne, Sean Charlton and Jim Creighan.