

St. Teresa's Morden

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Second Sunday Of Advent

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent
Bible Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm Ellen & Joseph Cormack R.I.P.
9.00am People of the Parish.
11.00am Deceased members of the
Mendes & Gomes Families

**Monday 9th The Immaculate Conception Of
The Blessed Virgin Mary**

10.00am Mollie McKeon &
Winifred Madigan R.I.P.

Tuesday 10th

10.00am Rosamma Pillai R.I.P.

Wednesday 11th

10.00am Lilley Mary Francis Pillai
R.I.P.

Thursday 12th

10.00am Thanksgiving & Good Health
of Baby Mary

Friday 13th St Lucy

10.00am Marion Flaherty R.I.P.

Saturday 14th

Confessions 10.30 – 11am & 6.00 -6.15pm

Sunday 15th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm Mario Baretto R.I.P.
9.00am Bill Hanrahan R.I.P.
11.00am People of the Parish

Sunday 8th

Holy Hour and Adoration from 5.00 – 6pm
led by the Sri Lanka Community.

Refreshments in the parish centre this week.

Monday 9th: Parent and Toddler group meets in
the parish centre at 9.00am.

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

Tuesday 10th: Tuesday Club meet in the parish
centre at 12noon for their Christmas lunch.

Wednesday 11th: 9.30am Novena to Our Lady
of Perpetual Succour.

Thursday 12th: Folk Group practice at 7.00pm in
the church.

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

Friday 13th: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy at
9.30am.

Cafod's prayer for the Second Week of

Advent: *"John the Baptist appeared; he
proclaimed this message ... 'Repent, for the
kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.'* (Matthew
3:1-2) Merciful God, you sent John the Baptist
to preach repentance. Forgive us the times when
we have done wrong, when we have hurt other
people and damaged our earth. Lead us to make
a change to live differently, preparing a way and
making your paths straight. Amen.

St Teresa's School, Montacute Road, Morden.

Tel No 020 8648 1846

Headteacher; Mr Justin Dachtler.

Merton Catholic Deanery

www.mertoncatholics.org.uk

Last weekend's Offertory £1396.15 – Standing Orders £714.00 - Total £2110.15 Thank you.

Reception applications for September 2020 (Children born between 01.09.15 and 31.08.16.

Parents who wish to apply for a Reception class place for their child at St Teresa's Primary School for September 2020, are reminded that the closing date for applications is 15th January 2020. There are two parts to the application process as follows:

(1) Parents need to apply on-line to the council to whom they pay their Council Tax and ensure that they receive a reference number on submission.

(2) Parents need to complete a Supplementary Information Form, which also needs to be signed and stamped by their Parish Priest/authorised person, to confirm their child's Baptism and Mass attendance. This form must then be returned to the school by 15th January 2020.

Any parents who require forms or more information, please contact the Admissions Officer; Mrs Lorraine Isaac at St Teresa's School Office on 020 8648 1846 or option 2 via email at

lorraine.isaac@st-teresas.merton.sch.uk

Penitential Service for Advent and Christmas - Monday 16th December at 7.30pm at St Teresa's. There will be visiting priests available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St Teresa's International Evening – A big thank you to all who donated prizes, hampers, sold raffle tickets, prepared food, and to those who helped set up and clear away. Additional thanks to St Teresa's School for hosting the event; it was a great opportunity for people to gather and celebrate.

St Teresa's Christmas Lunch for Elderly Parishioners – We have a Christmas lunch and celebration on Tuesday 17th December at 12.30p.m. If you know of anyone who should be invited, please let the parish office know.

Candles – Please note that if you are lighting a candle in the church they are 50p each.

My Day by Day Advent Booklets - Available in the book stand in the Narthex. Price 70p.

St Philomena's High School – The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has celebrated the outstanding performance of St Philomena's High School for the third consecutive year since the Celebratory Programme began. The school was honoured for its work to reduce educational inequality and for achieving exceptional results for young people who were previously behind in their studies. St Philomena's has been recognised for securing outstanding outcomes for disadvantaged pupils, in particular those with low attainment. The *Schools for Success* programme was created by the Major in 2017 to improve the support given to young people.

St Helier 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 Pak. If Fr Philip knows you are in the hospital he will ensure you receive a visit and Holy Communion if required.

GOD'S STORY – Can be our story too. He was to be called Jesus and he would be great and called the Son of God. Gabriel's greeting and Mary's response lie at the Heart of Christmas.

God comes to us in Jesus, born of Mary, God steps into the world and shares our human experience - may each one of us find that childlike faith in our lives.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound –Ellie Drudy, Elizabeth McCarthy, Jim Edmunds, Halahakone Ezra, Johnny Greenan, Erika Geddes, Emmah Tigere, Penny Brummel, Barry Falcon, Denise Waaldijk, Lorraine Miller, Dorothy Pearce, Joseph Lunn, Irene Ward, Valerie Somerset, Marie Hamilton, Cynthia Christian, Lena McBride, Ann Van Essen, Teresa Bearne and Sean Charlton.