



St. Teresa's Morden

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 2020

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 29th March

Vigil 6.30pm Jim Creighan and Patrick Kavanagh R.I.P.

9.00am John Turner R.I.P

11.00am People of the Parish

Monday 30th March

10.00am In thanksgiving

Tuesday 31st March

10.00am For Caitlyn's intentions (in Thanksgiving)

Wednesday 1st April

10.00am Roland Rosa R.I.P

Thursday 2nd April

10.00am Margaret Moran R.I.P.

Friday 3rd April First Friday

Midday – Mass for the sick

Saturday 4th April

10.00am – For your intentions

Sunday 5th April PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

Vigil 6.30pm Intentions of Bonny Obikwelu and family

9.00am SooSaipillai, Vitman, Jeniste

Anthoni Pillai Mariarahini R.I.P

11.00am People of the Parish

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Stations of the Cross every day after the 10.00am Mass.

Adoration – every day at 5.15 p.m.

Lenten Spiritual Reflection – every day at 6.00 p.m.
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Pope Francis

Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



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Dear Friends,

My greetings and blessings to you and your loved ones. I hope you are coping with all that is unfolding. These are difficult days, and challenging times lay ahead for us all. We are currently facing an unprecedented health crisis across the world. It has impacted upon our cities, our workplaces and our homes.

When humans face a crisis, feelings of fear and worry are inevitable. These are natural responses to uncertainty, and it is normal to worry about our wellbeing and safety, as well as the wellbeing of the people you love. While these are natural responses, it is helpful to consider what we can do to reduce the impact that anxiety and fear can have on our mental health.

It is important to remain informed on this crisis' developments and to focus on what actions you need to take to maintain your wellbeing. Please be careful, because the continual exposure to the media, TV etc, can heighten anxiety and bring about a fearful response (such as panic buying). Instead you should seek out factual information from reliable sources such as the [Government Health Service](#) and the [World Health Organisation](#) websites.

We are receiving good support from Government Departments and support by Opposition Parties. They deserve our support and prayers. Experts have recommended good hygiene, frequent handwashing, social distancing and maintaining daily routine during this time. When self-isolating, don't give up on activities that improve your mood, including daily physical exercise, social contact and healthy eating. These activities can positively impact upon our wellbeing and mental outlook. It is important to respect precautionary measures of self-isolation, which means adapting activities to remain safe amid the Covid-19 crisis. For example, you can set up a time to call or facetime a friend and have a virtual lunch together. This can provide you with much needed social interaction in a safe setting. You can also contact me by phone or email. Quite a few have phoned to say 'Hi' and ask for a personal blessing. At daily Mass (10a.m. including Saturdays) I am more than pleased via our [LIVE STREAM](#) to mention you and keep you up to date with [PARISH NEWS](#).

As many of you now know, we have an on-line Lenten SPIRITUAL JOURNEY RETREAT for the parish, taking us from Holy Week to Easter. With daily Mass at 10a.m., Rosary, Adoration and a Holy Hour each evening (starting at 5.15p.m.), this will help us to stay connected as a parish; reaching out in love and prayer to others. Thank you for your messages of support – I will continue to do my best to help you and to BLESS You from the Altar. I miss you!

To our Altar Servers, our children looking forward to making their First Holy Communion, our young friends waiting patiently for the coming of the Holy Spirit on their Confirmation Day; please enter the World of Prayer – the Lord will greet you and BLESS YOU. Seek your Guardian Angels powerful support. Join me online, join me spiritually at the Altar, join me in our evening Lenten Holy Hours. Join me in prayer; praying for your family, your friends, for all who are sick and especially those suffering from the Covid-19 virus. YOUR PRAYER COUNTS and makes a difference!

On Monday at 5.15p.m. I invite all the children and young people of the parish to join me [ONLINE](#) FOR A VERY SPECIAL Holy Hour.

'PRAY, HOPE AND DO NOT WORRY' – I echo Padre Pio's famous words during these difficult days, but we will come through this world-wide crisis. Things will get better:

*Be not afraid,
Let nothing disturb you,
Nothing frighten you,
All things are passing, God is unchanging,
And His love for you will never die.*
STAY FAITHFUL TO THE LORD OF DIVINE MERCY.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound – We ask Our Lady and St. Teresa to intercede for all the Sick and Housebound, for all who find themselves in hospital, for those coping with the Corona Virus, and other health issues. May our prayers and those of the parish family, see them on the road to recovery. We keep in our prayers Jean Lue, Ms Ruba Santiapillai, Baby Alexander Lynch, Joseph Lunn, Lorraine Miller, Erika Geddes, Barry Falcon, Denise Waaldjk, Lena McBride and Valerie Somerset. We keep those who care for them and all key workers in prayer, with our gratitude.

ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH KC*HS – In a private ceremony this Monday, Archbishop Peter will be laid to rest in our Cathedral – we keep him in our prayers; may he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

May They Rest in Peace – We continue to keep in prayer **PATRICK JOYCE** who has been called to Eternal Life. We keep in prayer his wife Bridget, his children, his siblings and friends of the Joyce family.

Prayers are also requested for the soul of **ANTONIO PERETTI**. We hold him, his wife Maria and children Rita, Anna and Roberta, family and friends, in our prayers. May he Rest in Peace.

We also pray for the repose of the souls of **ELLIE DRUDY** and **MARGARET McCARTHY** and for all those who mourn them – may they rest in peace.

Our Loving God has also called to Eternal Life the soul of **TERESA BEARNE**. She goes with the love and support of our parish family. Her dedication to her nursing and reaching out to the sick at St. Helier's Hospital is well remembered. Her active ministry in the parish for many years is held in high esteem. Teresa was an excellent Reader at Holy Mass and a Eucharistic Minister. We thank God for her ministry and witness in our midst. We offer our blessing to her family and friends and especially those who cared for her at the Nursing Home in Purley. May Teresa Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.

We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry – This will take place at our Sunday Masses on-line and during our 5.15p.m. Holy Hour and Adoration on Sunday evening.

Short Litany to our Blessed Mother:

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, *pray for us*

Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, *pray for us*

Our Lady, Help of Christians, *Pray for us*

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, *Pray for us*

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, *Pray for us*

Our Lady Queen of Heaven and Earth, *Pray for us*

Last weekend's Offertory – Standing Orders £729.00. With the closure of St Teresa's for Holy Mass, our running costs are still being incurred. Like many others our income has been suddenly curtailed. We will be happy to receive any offerings directly by on-line banking or by standing order, which can be arranged through your bank or on-line. **My thanks for your continued support.**