



St. Teresa's Morden

Canon Michael Scanlon, KHS Parish Priest

Pastoral Assistant: Mr. Con Diver

Parish e-mail address: morden@rcaos.org.uk

250, Bishopsford Road, Morden. SM4 6BZ. Tel. 8648 4113

<https://www.stcm.org.uk>

Parish Secretary: Mrs Margaret O'Donovan



EASTER WEEK (A) 2020

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 11th April – EASTER SATURDAY

6.30p.m – Easter Vigil - People of the Parish

Sunday 12th April – EASTER SUNDAY

9 a.m. – John, Anne and Ray Russell R.I.P

11a.m. – Thanksgiving Mendes and Gomes families

Monday 13th April

10.00am Margaret Moran R.I.P.

Tuesday 14th April

10.00am In Thanksgiving – Emily's 1st Birthday

Wednesday 15th April

9.30am REQUIEM MASS for Ellie Drudy

Thursday 16th April

10.00am Antoneta Gouveia R.I.P.

Friday 17th April

10,00am Elcho Oru and Bola Coker – Birthday Blessings


Saturday 18th April

Vigil Mass of the **SECOND SUNDAY** of EASTER

6.30p.m – Muriel Birch and Winifred Claxton

EASTER SUNDAY – 5p.m. HOLY HOUR, ADORATION and BENEDICTION. NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY

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.

St Teresa's School, Montacute Road, Morden.

Tel No 020 8648 1846

Headteacher; Mr Justin Dachtler.

Merton Catholic Deanery

www.mertoncatholics.org.uk



Happy Easter

May the Risen Lord greet you and bless you. It has been a long Lent yet one rich in blessings. Our Parish Retreat has now come to an end. From now on we journey to Divine Mercy Sunday and to humble ourselves before God's Mercy – which we sorely need.

Future generations will look back on this season like no other. Disease and death have suddenly darkened the whole world. People are worried. Families have lost loved ones. The N.H.S. is on the frontline doing their very best to prevent further loss of lives. Financial hardship is coming down the road for many. The lockdown continues – the message is clear, **STAY AT HOME, SAVE LIVES.**

As Catholics we know that Our Redeemer lives; we can place our hope and trust in Him. We can offer all that we are going through to the Lord himself – the fear, the anxiety, the wounds that life has inflicted and continues to. We nail it to the foot of the Cross. As we gaze out on our Easter Day, we can see the morning light and know that we are free! Fear cannot destroy you. Death cannot destroy you. Don't let yourself be robbed of Easter joy.

In this difficult time for us all, we ask God for grace, that we might bear this burden together with all the nations of the world. We pray that this will come to end soon. In the meantime, we enter the world of prayer - the Lord is waiting, Our Lady will offer her blessing and support. Our Guardian Angels, our Patron Saints, our family and friends in Heaven, are ready and willing to intercede on our behalf.

In these holy days I once again cry out: *'PRAY, HOPE AND DON'T WORRY.'* I urge you to join yourself and your loved ones by making a simple spiritual communion. Don't hesitate, tell the Lord that you love Him more than anything in life and that you long to receive Him in your heart, even if you can't receive Him in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Offer your whole self to Him on the altar – all your sufferings and joys, all your talents and gifts. Tell Him that you never want to be separated from Him.

God Bless You, God Bless your families, **STAY SAFE**, and camp in the World of Prayer.

PERFECT CONTRITION AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus

If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined, you will be unable to receive the sacraments as normal. In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

The following devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practised by saints.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you are determined to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making you act of contrition: *'My God, grant me perfect contrition for my sins.'*

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of the crucifix and say to yourself: “ *Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins*”
2. Contrition is ‘perfect’ if you repent your sins because you love God and are sorry for having offended Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have bought our Lord His sufferings on the cross. Promise him that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focussed on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: “*O my God, because You are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against You and by the help of Your grace I will not sin again. Amen.*”
4. Make a firm resolution to go to a sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present – Body, Blood, soul and Divinity – in the Blessed Sacrament,
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de’ Ligouri: “*My Jesus, I believe You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You, Amen.*”
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

Divine Mercy – In these days to come I encourage you to join us on our journey to DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. We shall pray the Novena asking for God’s blessing for our family, our parish, our diocese. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the sick, the housebound, the victims of Coronavirus. It is a powerful prayer which will help us cry out to Holy God, the Holy Mighty One, the Holy Immortal One: HAVE MERCY ON US AND THE WHOLE WORLD.

This prayer might help you:

LORD JESUS, I give my hands to do your work.

I give you my feet to go your way.

I give you my tongue to speak your words.

I give you my mind that you may think in me.

I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

I give you my heart that you may love in me, your Father and all mankind.

I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work in me.

OUR SICK and HOUSEBOUND – We have twelve parishioners who are sick and housebound – we bless each of them and keep them in our prayer. We are also aware that some of our parishioners must self-isolate as they have contracted COVID-19, Corona Virus. You are in our

prayers and we wish you a speedy recovery. We also have parishioners young and old who must self-isolate for three months. Be assured you are wrapped in our prayers and if you need a chat or a blessing over the 'phone I am more than willing to support you. We remind everyone that we are on WhatsApp, if you wish to join.

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, Erika Geddes, Barry Falcon, Denise Waaldijk, Lena McBride and Valerie Somerset. We keep those who care for them and all key workers in prayer, with our gratitude.

GRACIOUS and LOVING FATHER hear our prayers for all our doctors, nurses and all on the frontline fighting this Corona Virus. Strengthen them in body and soul, watch over them as they minister to all who are fighting this virus, that takes the lives of young and old. We ask you to bless our hospital chaplains and ask your blessing and protection for all who in our Nursing and Senior Citizens Homes – AMEN.

FUNERALS: PLEASE NOTE – On the day of parishioner's funerals over these weeks to come, we shall CELEBRATE A REQUIEM MASS for them on the day of their funeral. Most days that Holy Mass will be at 10a.m. But when the funeral is timed for 11a.m. – The Holy Mass will be at 9.30a.m. Announcements will be made regularly to keep you informed and these Holy Masses will be shown on the parish website, so that the family can join in and the Parish Family can join in prayer and spiritual support.

FOR THE PEOPLE OF SRI LANKA We are praying for our brothers and sisters who were killed last Easter morning in Sri Lanka. May they know the promise of the Resurrection and may God continue to comfort their families and their loved ones. Only love can conquer evil and violence, so we ask Jesus on this first anniversary, for all the courage to love and we pray for the conversion of every heart that is hardened by hatred. We ask Our Lady for her blessing for all who have lost their lives to violence on our streets and especially for those who have been victims of terrorism.

WE CONTINUE OUR SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

RECENTLY: We add to our prayer list the soul of MARY McCOY, a mother of five children who was called on the Monday of Holy Week to her eternal reward. We thank God for her long life on earth and for the family she was born into. We thank the Sisters of the Poor in Vauxhall, for their love and care of Mary over the past ten years. We offer her children Edward, Kathy, Jimmy and Teresa and all family and friends the assurance of our prayer in days to come. *May she Rest in Peace, and Rise in Glory.*

Let us also pray for the soul of MRS MARY DOYLE. We offer our blessing to the family and friends of Mary. She was called to eternal life in these past days. We remember her soul in our Masses, Rosaries, Novenas and devotions. She was resident at Grange Cottage Nursing Home. We thank them for the love and kindness they showed to Mary during her long stay with them. Mary's funeral will be at Sutton Cemetery on 18th May. *May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

Almighty God has called into Eternal Life the soul of ELLIE DRUDY. She is reunited with her beloved husband Walter. We offer her two Grandsons and all family members assurance of our prayers at this time. Ellie did receive spiritual support from the parish on a regular basis. Shortly before her death, she was anointed and blessed by Canon Michael. Her funeral will take place at London Road Cemetery on 15th April at 11a.m. **Please note, this Wednesday, Holy Mass will be a Requiem for Ellie and will take place at 9.30a.m. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!**

The Parish commends the Soul of MARGARET McMARTHY to God's loving embrace. We offer her family our blessing and spiritual support. We also remember her neighbours in Central Road. We thank God for her witness to the Catholic faith and for her love of the Rosary. Margaret will be laid to rest on Monday 20th April at 2.40p.m. *May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!*

ANTONIO PERETTI - Son of Italy, was called to Eternal Life in his 91st year. He is survived by his loving wife Maria and his three daughters Roberta, Anna and Rita. We offer our prayers and spiritual support to all the family, friends and neighbours. Antonio will be laid to rest on 22nd April at Merton Cemetery. *May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!*

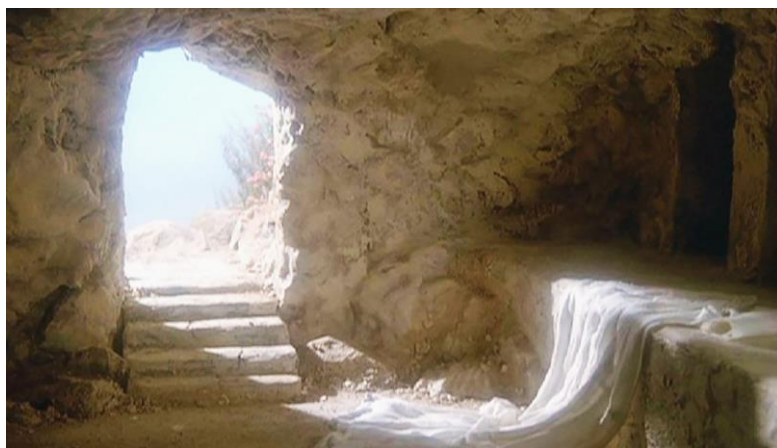
We continue to pray for the happy repose of the soul of PADDY JOYCE. We offer our blessing to his beloved wife and his loving children and we bless the family that he was born into. Paddy will be laid to rest on Tuesday 23rd April at 11a.m. *May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!*

MARIE BERRY – Daughter of Malta Aged 84. One of four, Marie's brother lives in Italy. Her daughter Doris became her fulltime carer supported by her husband Sean. Marie's funeral will take place at Lambeth Cemetery be on 1st May at 11 a.m. *May Marie Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!*

We also keep in our prayers each day and at all our Masses, times of Adoration and Devotions, the souls of TERESA BEARNE, PHIL O'SULLIVAN, DANIELLE SMITH and commend to God's love and mercy all who have been called to eternal life, especially those who have died of the Corona Virus.

Last weekend's Offertory – £351 received with thanks through Paypal and direct bank transfer. Standing Orders £729.00. Total – £1080.00 All Easter offerings this weekend will be your gift to Canon Michael.

We will be happy to receive any offerings directly by on-line banking or by standing order, which can be arranged through your bank, on-line or by using the [DONATE](#) link on the parish website. With thanks for your continued support.



He Is Risen Halleluiah!