



# St. Teresa's Morden

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## PENTECOST (A) 2020

### *Mass Times and Intentions:*

#### **Sunday 31st May – PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Vigil Mass: Saturday 30th May:  
6.30p.m. Confirmation Candidates and Catechists  
9a.m. Teresa and David Lees Intentions  
11a.m. People of the Parish  
5 p.m. **ADORATION, BENEDICTION and SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

#### **Monday 1st June – Mary, Mother of the Church**

10a.m. Funeral Mass – Marlene Rita Rozario

#### **Tuesday 2nd June – Votive of the Holy Souls**

10a.m. Daniel Patrick Carrol R.I.P.

#### **Wednesday 3rd June – St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**

10a.m. Rohan de Silva R.I.P

#### **Thursday 4th June – Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**

10a.m. Teresa and Brendan Dillon R.I.P.

#### **Friday 5th June – FIRST FRIDAY**

10 a.m. Adoration and Devotions  
(Novena to St. Anthony of Padua begins)  
12.00 Mass: For All Who Are Sick

#### **Saturday 6th June – Our Lady of Guadalupe - Votive Mass**

10a.m. For your intentions  
Vigil Mass 6.30p.m. For Abigail, family and Friends

#### **Sunday 7th June – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

9a.m. People of the Parish  
11a.m. Philip Anthony Mendes  
5p.m. **ADORATION, BENEDICTION and SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

### **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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### ***Parish Prayer:***

With St. Teresa, Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless the people of our parish. Help us to know you in a new and deeper way. Help us to listen to your word in our daily lives. In the power of your Spirit, open our hearts to your healing grace that we may be more faithful in following You; *“The Way, the Truth and the Life”*.

Lord bless all the families in the parish that may be experiencing hidden and special difficulties. Bless our parish school and the children and young people of our parish family and through the protection of your Blessed Mother deliver them and protect them from all that is evil.

Bless the elderly, the lonely, the poor and the sick, the unemployed, those in need, those in sorrow and despair. Bless and protect us from the consequences of the Corona Virus. Please, bless and protect and bring back those who have lost their way.

May Your love be upon us as we place all our hope in You. Amen.

### ***Southwark Priests Called to Eternal Life***

Two outstanding priests, with long years of outstanding service in our diocese, have been called to eternal life. We commend their souls to Jesus the High Priest. Both are brothers. Edmund died a couple of days before his brother Francis. Ed and Francis Hartley are survived by another brother who is also a priest. Their brother is John and this weekend he celebrates 62 years of priestly ministry. Three priests from one family. All three honourable, decent and holy priests. We thank God for their calling to serve Him in our diocese for so long and so well.

Please keep the Hartley family in your prayers.

*May Ed and Francis Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

### ***Building a Better Marriage – Online***

All married couples, whether married a few years or for decades, are invited to this online event on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June (10a.m.-1p.m.) It's an opportunity to spend a couple of hours in the comfort of your own living room, improving communication skills and enriching your marriage. There is no group sharing. Another session will follow on July 4<sup>th</sup>. More details from Carole and Pete on [www.MFLKENT@RCAOS.ORG.UK](http://www.MFLKENT@RCAOS.ORG.UK)

### ***Passing on the Faith to One's Children***

Parents who wish to get new ideas and good spiritual support in passing on the wonders of our Catholic faith are invited to contact Lisette Blanchett-Ball on [www.MFLSE@RCAOS.ORG.UK](http://www.MFLSE@RCAOS.ORG.UK) This online course has been run in several parishes in recent times. I believe you will find this helpful and worth doing.

### ***Marlene Rita Rozario R.I.P.***

Marlene was called to Eternal Life on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Her Requiem Mass is this Monday at 10.a.m. She will be laid to rest at Croydon Cemetery. We pray for her family. She was much loved and will be sorely missed. She was one of three. Born in India, Marlene was bright and cheerful. Her skills in the world of sport brought her fame. She was outstanding at Hockey and qualified as a professional state player in her younger years. She was married for 49 years. Her husband was called to the next life back in 2012.

They were blessed to have 5 children and 14 Grandchildren; a close-knit family. Prayer and spiritual support were there for all to see. Family and friends will join us online. Our parish offers its love and blessing to all members of Marlene's family near and far.

*May She Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

***Come Holy Spirit! Bless Your Parish and All Who Join Us Online.***

This day, the Father of Light  
has enlightened the minds of the disciples  
by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.  
May He bless you  
and give the gifts of the Spirit forever.  
*Amen*

May that fire which hovered over the disciples  
as tongues of flame  
burn out all evil from your hearts  
and make them glow with pure light.  
*Amen*

God inspired speech in different tongues  
to proclaim our faith.  
May he strengthen your faith  
and fulfil your hope in seeing Him face to face.  
*Amen*

***We Begin Our Novena to St. Anthony of Padua on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June***

O wonderful St. Anthony, glorious on account of the fame of your miracles, and through the condescension of Jesus in coming in the form of a little child to rest in your arms, obtain for me of His bounty the grace which I ardently desire from the depths of my heart (*State your intention*).

You who were so compassionate toward miserable sinners, regard not the unworthiness of those who pray to you, but the glory of God that it may once again be magnified by the granting of the particular request (*State your intention*) which I now ask for with persevering earnestness. Amen.

Pray one Our Father,  
one Hail Mary and  
one Glory Be to the Father, in honour of Saint Anthony.

St. Anthony, pray for us!

Our Novena will be prayed following the 10a.m. weekday Mass and at the 5p.m. Sunday Evening Service.

***The Bishops of England and Wales*** are continuing to work with the Government to enable our Churches to be opened as soon as possible for private individual prayer. Places of worship are important for all faith communities. Our bishops, and your priests fully support the quest to see our Churches open once again. In the early days of this happening we will need to be cautious. The Cardinal is leading the Task Force. Guidelines are being formulated and will soon be published. When this happens, we will be in a position to act.

Therefore, please begin to consider how we might be able to open our Parish Church for visits by individuals for private prayer.

- This will be for limited times each day, or even on certain days of the week.
- In this first step, it will NOT be for the celebration of Mass or any of the other sacraments, but purely for individual prayer.
- It will have to be well supervised and will need a team of volunteers to manage the process who are not in the COVID 19 vulnerable category.

- There will need to be the facility for socially distanced queuing to enter the Church building.
- Hand sanitisation will probably need to be available on entrance and exit.
- The entrance and exit to the Church building will need to be different routes.
- The floor and seating spaces will need to be properly marked out and social distancing will need to be enforced.
- Holy Water will not be available and, depending on demand, visits may have to be limited to a certain length.
- We will try to keep all areas of the Church open with statues available to venerate and will try to make it possible to light candles.
- Those supervising the entrance, exit and interior of the Church will need to wear protective items such as masks and gloves.
- There will need to be cleaning and hygiene regimes in place.
- Risk assessment will need to take place before we open our doors once again. Our Parish Pastoral Council will be involved at all stages.

It will be early July at the very earliest before we can open our doors to the Church FOR PRIVATE PRAYER. Please bear with us in the meantime.

Detailed information about this will be forthcoming when we are nearer to a date of opening. We need, as a parish, to work out the best plan possible. We can do that – with your help!

We have at least a month to think through what is being asked of us. It is very important to understand that:

1. Churches will only be allowed to open if the parish can demonstrate that it can put necessary measures in place.
2. Any parish which cannot do this, for whatever reason, is not obliged to open. At this first stage, opening will be a matter for local determination with full support from the Archdiocese for any parish that cannot manage to put in place the requirements necessary.
3. The diocese is exploring the possibility of centrally purchasing cleaning, hygiene and protective clothing materials, both to ensure a good supply and reduce costs. These will be available from designated locations.

So, dear friends, we do not have a date as yet, for when Churches will be allowed to open by the Government. But discussions are underway. We thank those who are on the Task Force, we are in unity with Archbishop John and his team. All our services will continue on-line. I will keep you informed of any positive developments. Please God, it will not be that long before we are opening our doors for private prayer, but also for Holy Mass and the celebration of the Sacraments.

***Candles....*** lit for special intentions, with a prayer. Please let me know if you would like me to light a candle for your family, your birthday, wedding anniversary, for someone who is sick, in hospital or has to self-isolate. Please contact me by 'phone, text, email or via the parish WhatsApp group.

***Our Sick and Housebound*** – We have many 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, Coronavirus. 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 pray for all elderly people, especially those who are ill or housebound. We also send a blessing to the bedsides of those in hospital. For those facing operations, receiving treatment for cancer, those suffering or recovering from Covid-19 – you are remembered every day in our Masses and Rosary.

We ask Our Lady and St. Teresa to intercede for all the Sick and Housebound. May our prayers and those of the parish family, see them on the road to recovery. We keep in our prayers Irene Matthews, Jean Lue, Ms Ruba Santiapillai, Baby Alexander Lynch, Joseph Lunn, 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.

GRACIOUS and LOVING FATHER hear our prayers for all our doctors, nurses and all on the frontline fighting this Coronavirus. 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 are in our Nursing and Senior Citizens Homes – AMEN.

### **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 your 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.

***Last weekend's Offertory*** - Standing Orders £738.46 Offerings £350 Total - £1,088.46

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