



# St. Teresa's Morden

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (A)

### *Mass Times and Intentions:*

#### *Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Feast of the Most Holy Trinity*

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June:

6.30p.m. Abigail, Family and Friends

9a.m. For the Parish Family

11a.m. Intentions of Philip Mendes

**5 p.m. ADORATION, BENEDICTION and SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

#### *Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June*

10a.m. Funeral Mass –

Pilominammah Packinanthar R.I.P

#### *Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Votive of St. Joseph*

10a.m. Tony London and the Casey Family's Intentions

#### *Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Votive of Holy Souls*

10a.m. Marlene Rita Rozario R.I.P.

#### *Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – St. Barnabas. Apostle*

10a.m. Peter and Elizabeth's Special Intentions

#### *Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Votive of All Saints*

10 a.m. Fr. Michael Purbrick

#### *Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Feast of St. Anthony of Padua*

10a.m. Petitions and Favours in Honour of St. Anthony

Vigil Mass 6.30p.m. Francis Pillai R.I.P.

#### *Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Feast of Corpus Christi*

9a.m. Canon Richard Meyer R.I.P.

11a.m. For the Parish Family

**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.

### ***Please Remember in Your Prayers....***

Each week our parish newsletter carries names of people who are in need of prayers. This week please pray for:

Families of the parish and our loved ones living and dead; especially those who have died recently.

Those who have died of Coronavirus around the world – may they rest in peace.

The sick and housebound, those in hospital, at home or in nursing homes. We remember especially: Irene Matthews, Jean Lue, Ms Ruba Santiapillai, Baby Alexander Lynch, Joseph Lunn, Erika Geddes, Barry Falcon, Denise Waaldijk, Lena McBride and Valerie Somerset.

For those whose jobs are in jeopardy and for those who are unemployed.

For those experiencing difficulty in relationships.

For Her Majesty the Queen, Pope Francis, our Prime Minister and our Archdiocese led by Archbishop John Wilson.

### ***May she Rest in Peace:***

We offer our love, prayers and condolences to the family and friends of

PILOMINAMMAH PACKIYANTHAR. She is a daughter of Sri Lanka, called to Eternal Life on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Her funeral takes place on Monday. She leaves behind a loving, caring and supportive family. She was blessed with 11 children and 37 grandchildren.

We shall keep her soul and her loved ones in the prayer of the Parish family. Our 10a.m. Mass will be a Funeral Mass this Monday; The Funeral Cortege will be stopping outside the Church at about 1p.m. We shall have a ten-minute service before she leaves for her final resting place at London Road Cemetery, Figges Marsh. *May She Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!*

### ***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](mailto: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.

## ***Novena to St. Anthony of Padua***

The Novena to Saint Anthony is underway. It's not too late to join. Holy Mass in his honour is next Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 10a.m. Your Novena and intentions will be honoured and prayed for at that Mass.

### ***Novena prayers:***

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.

### ***Prayer to Saint Anthony:***

*Almighty God, you have given St. Anthony to your people as an outstanding preacher and a ready helper in time of need. With his help may we follow the Gospel of Christ and know the help of your grace in every difficulty.  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*St. Anthony, loved and honoured by the Divine Child: obtain what we ask of you.*

*St. Anthony, powerful in word and work: obtain what we ask of you.*

*St. Anthony, attentive to those who invoke you: obtain what we ask of you.*

### ***Who is Your Favourite Saint?***

It is good to get to know the life of the saints. It is good to honour them and seek their help and intercession. So why pray to the saints?

A Christian without a community is a contradiction in terms. Christians are essentially a family of believers, they become members of that family when they are baptised – and that is the original meaning of the word 'saint'. It simply meant 'baptised'. As time went on the word 'saint' came to refer to those Christians who led lives of outstanding holiness and who were remembered and honoured after their death.

When Catholics talk about "*the communion of saints*" they are using the word 'saint' in its original meaning. They mean all the baptised – who are alive now and those who have departed this world and now live on with Christ. Death does not destroy our union with Christians who have gone before us. We remain members of one family because we all share in the life of Christ. That is why Catholics feel able to ask the saints in Heaven to pray for them and ask for their help. Be aware, the Lord often guides into the presence of certain Saints.

### ***Support to Parishioners***

On average, I receive between 8 and 15 calls a day. I pray over the telephone, have chats, give blessings. I light candles at the shrines of the Sacred Heart and at Our Lady's Altar as requested.

The parish WhatsApp and updating of our parish news each day at our on-line Masses helps us to stay connected. If you are lonely, going through a bad patch feel free to contact me on the parish number – 020 8648 4113. All in total confidence!

### ***Holy Sacraments***

Please note because of the current situation, in regard to Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Marriages – all will be deferred until such time as it is safe for all involved to get together in large numbers. For funerals please contact me by email – [morden@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:morden@rcaos.org.uk) or telephone- 020 8648 4113.

### ***Sunday Collections***

During the current 'lockdown' situation, we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the many of you who have kindly signed up to **standing orders**. This is so much appreciated and valued. If you wish to contribute by cheque in lieu of plate collections, this can be sent to the presbytery: St. Teresa's Church, 250, Bishopsford Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 6BJ. They may be made payable to St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

Many thanks to those of you who have so kindly offered to set up standing orders in lieu of our Sunday plate collections. This is a most convenient method of planned giving (for all concerned); already used by so many at Morden – and is vitally important at this time. Regular standing orders can be for any amount, no matter how small – just give what you can afford. Please send a request to the parish priest as the parish office is closed for the foreseeable future.

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 here or on the parish website.

### ***Do You Gift Aid?***

The value of your donation can be increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself, simply by gift aiding it if you are a taxpayer. The parish learns nothing about your private financial affairs. The average weekly collection between plate and standing orders, is approximately £2,400 a week. If only half of that was GIFT AIDED, it would mean an extra £300 a week, or £15,600 a year to Parish funds. We are genuinely grateful to those who are Gift-Aiding. If you haven't been doing so, please print off a Gift Aid form from the parish website. At the present time the parish income is down about £5,000 each month. Hopefully, when parish life returns to normal, we will soon see these financial worries and concerns disappear.

***Last weekend's Offertory*** - Standing Orders £738.46 Offerings £307 Total - £1,045.46

***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.

### **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.

