



St. Teresa's Morden

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11th Week in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunda 14th June - Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi

Vigil Mass: Saturday 13th June

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

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

11a.m. For the Parish Family

5 p.m. ADORATION, BENEDICTION and SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Monday 15th June – Votive of St. Jude the Apostle

10a.m. The Welfare of Alan O'Leary

Tuesday 16th June – In Honour of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Parish Grotto)

10a.m. Antoneta Gouveia R.I.P.

Wednesday 17th June – Votive of the Holy Souls

10a.m. Augustine Egberge R.I.P.

Thursday 18th June – Votive of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelina

10a.m. Intentions of Donna Ranasinghe and family.

Friday 19th June – Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

10 a.m. Mollie McKeon R.I.P.

Saturday 20th June – Feast of the Immaculate Heart Of Mary

10a.m. For Your Intentions

Vigil Mass 6.30p.m. Welfare of Rose and Gabriel Lyons

Sunday 21st June – 12th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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.

Read [here](#) or [download](#) Archbishop John Wilson’s **Pastoral Letter** - *Concerning the Reopening of Catholic Churches for Individual Prayer*

My dear Parish Family,

Peace be with you!

As our Diocesan Plan is implemented during the on-going Covid-19 pandemic, it is good to see slowly but surely restrictions being lifted in different sectors of social life. Our bishops, supported by their priests and a good number of the lay faithful, have been working hard to see life begin to return to normal in our parishes. We thank them and the working party for all their hard work.

For the next few weeks with the help of Parish Stewards, we will try to open St. Teresa’s for short periods. My thanks to them and to the Parish Pastoral Council for helping to get this underway. However, before we open, we must implement a rigorous effort to fulfil nationally agreed guidelines. We need to provide a safe environment. We will need your understanding and full support to help us achieve this. Maintaining social distancing and safe practices is an absolute must.

To re-open St. Teresa’s Church for individual prayer, the Diocese has asked us to comply with a full Risk Assessment. We ask those of you who are already volunteers in the Parish, and not classed as clinically vulnerable, self-isolated or shielded, to consider volunteering as **Parish Stewards**. Please telephone 020 8648 4113 or email morden@rcaos.org.uk and leave your name, telephone number and email. We will contact you to organise a full socially-distanced briefing in this ministry. As we start to re-open our church for individual prayer, thank you for helping us to guide those visiting our church to maintain distancing and safe practices.

At all times, we must continue to be cautious and concerned for those most at risk, the elderly and those with serious health issues. It may well be wise, in these early days to urge those most at risk, those most vulnerable, and their caregivers to stay at home. Those not feeling well, or those who fear that their own health or that of their family, may be compromised should refrain from coming to our parish church at this time.

In the future, I look forward to celebrating Holy Mass with you once again. When we can, we will be planning First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, the Rite of Welcome into the Catholic Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the meantime, I thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation as we do our best to implement this gradual return to the public celebration of Holy Mass and the Sacraments.

In the days to come, we will still offer you the chance to participate in our parish Masses on-line. Please let me know if you would like me to light a candle for your special intentions. If you would like spiritual support over the telephone; that continues to be possible. The Parish Office remains closed, but I am usually not too far from the telephone.

God bless and thank you for supporting our parish, and me, during these difficult and challenging times. Keep praying and look to the future with hope and positivity. The good news is that a gradual plan for re-opening our Churches is now underway. The Lord will be waiting at the door to WELCOME YOU BACK!

Thank You for Praying for the Sick

Please continue to keep in your prayers, Maureen Smith, Irene Ward, Irene Matthews, Jean Lue, Ruba Santiapillai, Baby Alexander Lynch, Joseph Lunn, Erika Geddes, Barry Falcon, Denise Waaldjk, Lena McBride and Valerie Somerset. For those in hospital, care homes, those self-isolating and those patients in hospice care.

A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus:

Tens of thousands are still falling victim to Covid19 around the world. We send out a blessing to all nations from our parish family.

God of Mercy, please hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the Coronavirus.

May those who are infected receive the best possible treatment and the comfort of your healing presence.

May their caregivers, families and neighbours be shielded from the onslaught of the virus.

We commend those who have died to your Eternal Mercy.

Give solace and comfort to those who grieve the loss of family members or those who are missing a good friend.

Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.

Help us to rise above fear. We seek the blessing of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Jude and St. Joseph.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

May They Rest in Peace

As we go to press with this weeks Parish Newsletter, it is good to report that we have no funerals pending. Over these past few months, we have prayed for parishioners called to Eternal Life. We have also supported some families who have lost loved ones in other parts of the world and some who have died in other parts of the country. When life returns to normal, we will offer all families the chance together with family and friends for a Memorial Requiem Mass here at St. Teresa's.

Dear friends in Christ, in the name of Jesus and His Church we continue to gather in love and prayer. Our prayers in unity with all family and friends of the deceased continue to be placed before our Heavenly Father.

Holy Lord, almighty and eternal God,
hear the prayers of our Parish family for your servants,
whom you have summoned out of this world.

Forgive their sins and failings and grant each one a place of refreshment, light and peace.

Please let them pass unharmed through the gates of death to dwell with the blessed in light, as you promised to Abraham and his children forever.

Accept our loved ones, our parishioners and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, into Your safe keeping.

We commend one and all to your Divine Mercy.

We thank you for this time to remember them and pray for them.
May their good deeds go with them into Your Heavenly Kingdom.
Amen.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart – Friday 19th June

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honouring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee.

I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee.

I Beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants.

Amen.

- *St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*
- *From the book 'Devotion to the Sacred Heart' by Fr. John Croiset, S.J.*

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 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 £247 Total - £985.46

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.

