



St. Teresa's Morden

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12th Week in Ordinary Time (Year A)

On-line Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 21st June – Day of Prayer for Human Life

Vigil Mass: Saturday 20th June

6.30p.m. Welfare of Rose and Gabriel Lyons

9a.m. For the Parish Family

11a.m. Intentions of Bella and George Prius and Family

5 p.m. ADORATION, BENEDICTION and SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Monday 22nd June – Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

10a.m. Patricia Guinnard

Tuesday 23rd June – Votive of Our Lady of Lourdes

10a.m. Bridget McDonagh and family

Wednesday 24th June – Birth of St. John the Baptist

10a.m. Fr. Sean Davidson

Thursday 25th June – Votive of the Holy Souls

10a.m. Santo and Mariquinha De Sa R.I.P.

Friday 26th June – Votive of Divine Mercy

10 a.m. Johnny Turner R.I.P.

Saturday 27th June – Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour/ Help

10a.m. For Your Special Intentions

Vigil Mass 6.30p.m. For the Parish Family

Sunday 28th June – Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Apostles.

9a.m. For Godchildren and Grandchildren; Living and Deceased

11a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Scanlon and Creighton Families

5p.m. ADORATION, BENEDICTION and SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Our Church is open for Private Prayer ONLY on:

Friday 26th June 12.00 – 2p.m.

Saturday 27th June 12.00 – 2p.m.

see [below for guidelines](#)

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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Happy Father's Day!

Happy Father's Day to all the special Dads, brothers, uncles, priests and friends in our lives. On Father's Day, we look to St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, as a model of fatherhood. *St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travellers, immigrants and a happy death, Pray for Us!*

St Joseph – a Prayer for Fathers

*Patron of Fathers, just as you watched over Jesus,
Guide and protect all Fathers so, they in turn, can guide and protect their families.
Give them the graces of wisdom, courage, understanding and forgiveness.
Through your intercession, help them to show us the path to holiness.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.*

Black Lives Matter – So Does Yours.

God bless you, and God bless the family you were born in to. We are sons and daughters of many nations and we are the better for it. This is your time to live on the earth and may it be forever blessed.

In Sacred Scripture, God tells us “*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you*” (Jeremiah 1-5). This is true. God created each one of us, and every person is unique and valuable to God. He has a special plan for each of our lives. He knows what he made us to be.

Because God made each individual person, we should treat each person with human dignity. We are responsible for taking care of our bodies and minds and using them to do good things. We are called to be kind to others and solve problems peacefully instead of fighting. If we see someone being disrespected, we are called to speak up and defend him or her and get help if necessary. It is our responsibility to protect others because every life is important to God.

Each and every one of us is created in the image and likeness of God and is equally precious in the eyes of the Lord. He wants all of us, not just some of us, to be with Him forever. Every person is His child, so we are all brothers and sisters.

Sons and daughters of every nation will make up the family of Heaven. On earth, we are called to love one another; we are reminded that people of every nation and cultural group are equal in dignity. And, as Pope Francis has said: “*The Son of God became incarnate in the souls of men to instil the feeling of brotherhood. All are brothers and all children of God.*” To treat anyone, person or group, as less than fully equal to ourselves is a sin, Racism divides the human family and goes against God's plan to make us all one family.

Racism has a terrible history in the world. What we have seen and witnessed on our television news reports is shocking and a wake-up call for us all. It is our responsibility as Catholics to advocate for changes that allows everyone an opportunity to achieve their goals in school or in the workplace. Our diversity as humans means that every person brings his or her own God-given gifts to the world and deserves a chance to share them. Inequalities in schools and workplaces contradict the equal dignity of all God's children and do not contribute to the common good. Therefore, the Catholic Church and her members are called to raise awareness and end these sinful inequalities.

If you have been a victim of racism, may the Lord bless you and keep you safe.

The Gradual Re-Opening of St. Teresa's

We are happy to announce that St. Teresa's Parish has been able to move to Phase 1A of the gradual reopening of our parish church for PRIVATE PRAYER and ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament.

My thanks to the team who have helped us to get to this stage. Your time and willingness to help and support this first stage back is greatly appreciated.

Opening times will be: FRIDAY 12 – 2p.m.
SATURDAY 12 - 2p.m.

Twenty persons are permitted to be inside the church at one time. Persons who come to pray will be permitted to stay in the church for a maximum of twenty minutes. Thus, St. Teresa's can accommodate a maximum of sixty people during each one-hour period.

Attendees must enter the church by the side sanctuary door. This will be sign posted. Upon entering the Church, attendees will be greeted by a Steward, a member of our Parish Reopening Team. They will provide each attendee with hand sanitiser and then guide them to an appropriate place in the church. Attendees must remain in the seat to which they are directed.

Attendees must exit the church through the side doors near Our Lady's Altar; to allow for one-way traffic.

One family bench is available for attendees from the same family bubble to pray seated together. **All seating is cleaned after every use** by the Parish Reopening Team.

Please consider wearing a facemask when you are in the church (optional, but wise).

If you are feeling sick or showing **ANY** 'flu like symptoms, please stay at home for your own health and safety, as well as the health and safety of others in the Church.

Our Diocese asks our Stewards to request those showing symptoms not to enter the Church.

We must adhere to the guidelines set out by our diocese so that our parish churches can begin to open again. We hope you understand that we are doing this for the health and safety of all persons present.

Candles are available for lighting.

The Bishop's Conference advises attendees **not to touch statues in the Church**.

We ask all attendees please to adhere to the twenty-minute time limit allowed for each person.

This will allow more parishioners to participate in private prayer – THANK YOU!

Please know that we hope to increase the amount of prayer time in church as soon as we are able.

Everything depends on the number of volunteers who join our Parish Reopening Team, so that we can follow the guidelines set out by the authorities and the Bishop's Conference. If you are a parishioner and **NOT in a vulnerable category** and wish to volunteer, please let us know who you are by email. A meeting will be organised for Monday 22nd June evening at 6p.m.

Should you have any questions regarding this information please reply by email:

morden@rcaos.org.uk or call our parish number: 020 8648 4113

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

Now We Enter Ordinary Time

Our liturgical seasons, like all our life, has celebration of feasts and times of quiet growth and maturing. Because the term 'ordinary' in English most often means something that is not special or distinctive, many people think that 'Ordinary Time' refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Why is Ordinary Time called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called 'ordinary' not because it is common, but simply because the weeks in Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church – the period in which we live our lives neither feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent) but in watchfulness and expectation; expectation of Christ's Second Coming.

On the thirty-three Sundays of Ordinary Time – some years there are thirty-four - the vestments are usually green, the colour of hope and growth. This is the longest season of the Liturgical Year. So, for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. In this season, the Church celebrates the public ministry of Jesus. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

There is nothing "ordinary" about that!

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 Waaldijk, Lena McBride and Valerie Somerset. For those in hospital, care homes, those self-isolating and those patients in hospice care.

God Bless Her Soul

The family of Violet Wood, a longstanding parishioner, have informed us that she was called to meet the Lord last Sunday. We pray with Violet's husband and with all her family and friends and offer our spiritual support.

May She Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Our Condolences

We offer our blessing to the family of Janarthanan Fernando who has been called to Eternal Life. His son Joseph and the family have flown home to India to lay him to rest. Our prayers travel with him and to the graveside.

May He Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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.

Some Prayers You Might Like to Pray

For Those Who Live Alone

Almighty God, whose Son has nowhere to lay His head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in His steps, they might find fulfilment in loving You and their neighbour.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

In the Morning

This is another day, O Lord, I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready Lord for whatever it might be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And, if I am to do nothing, help me to do it gallantly. Make this day, I cry out to you, one that is forever blessed.

Amen.

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus' Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests, for your unfaithful and tepid priests, for priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields, for your tempted priests, for your lonely and desolate priests, for your young priests, for your dying priests, for the souls of priests in purgatory. But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me, the priest who baptised me, the priests who absolved me from my sins, the priests at whose Masses I assisted at and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion, the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially...).

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart and bless them abundantly in time and eternity.

Amen.

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, 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 £35 Total - £773.46

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.

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.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Pray for Us