



St. Teresa's Morden

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14th Week in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 5th July – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass: Saturday 4th July

6.30p.m. Luiza Gomes R.I.P.

9a.m. For the Parish Family

11a.m. Canon Michael's 36th Anniversary
of Ordination

*5 p.m. Adoration, Benediction and Spiritual
Reflection*

Monday 6th July - Votive of the Precious Blood

10a.m. Intentions of Carmel and Family

Tuesday 7th July – Votive of St. Joseph

10a.m. Mollie McKeown

Wednesday 8th July – Votive of the Holy Souls

10a.m. Rumesch De Silva R.I.P.

Thursday 9th July – Votive of the Holy Spirit

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

Friday 10th July – Votive of the Sacred Heart

10 a.m. Beresford O'Reilly

12.00 – 2p.m. Church open for private prayer
with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 11th July – Our Lady of Good Counsel

10a.m. For Your Special Intentions

12.00 – 2p.m. Church open for private prayer

Vigil Mass 6.30p.m. Dale Allison Lawrence R.I.P.

Sunday 12th July – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9a.m. For the Parish Family

11a.m. Felicia Cabral R.I.P.

*5p.m. Adoration, Benediction and Spiritual
Reflection*

Our Church will be open for Mass on:

Sunday at 9a.m. and 11a.m.

Weekdays at 10a.m.

see [below for details](#)

and no longer for PRIVATE PRAYER on
Friday and Saturday

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



Special Mass for Year 6 Primary School Children – Monday 13th July

Six schools will join us on-line for Holy Mass. We look forward to celebrating this Holy Mass with them. We will be thanking God for the childrens gifts and talents and wishing them well as they move on to Senior Schools.

Our Parish Church

We are pleased to report that cleaning and painting of areas of the Church is underway and will be finished shortly.

CHURCH DOORS ARE OPENING

These past months have been spiritually painful for us Catholics. It has not been easy. Lockdown has taken its toll on many up and down the country. Lives have been lost to the virus. It is going to take time to recover emotionally and spiritually. Please God, we will move forward and take each day as it comes.

The Catholic Church is taking a gradual approach as it prepares to reopen fully. This is wise and sensible. Some parish churches have opened for private prayer – including St. Teresa's. Now we can, with restrictions in place, open for daily Mass.

We shall open this Sunday: **9a.m. and 11a.m. Mass ONLY**
ONLY 40 MAXIMUM CAN ATTEND EACH MASS.

We shall be open for **WEEKDAY MASS at 10a.m.** – with a maximum of 40 attendees at each weekday Mass.

I am truly grateful to our Parish Re-Opening Team. Please say a prayer for them and seek St. Teresa's intercession for the whole parish.

St. Teresa's Parish General Protocols.

- The Cardinal and the Archbishop wish to reassure you that THE DISPENATION of the faithful from the obligation to attend SUNDAY MASS remains in place for the time being. **NO ONE IS OBLIGED to attend Holy Mass** whilst dispensation is in effect.
- All **Sunday and Weekday Masses will continue to be Streamed Live** on the Internet via the usual link.
- Attendees and volunteers from demographic groups at a greater risk of serious illness, such as people 65 years of age or older and individuals with chronic medical conditions, are encouraged to stay safe by avoiding public gatherings, but are not prohibited from attending Mass if they so choose.
- Anyone attending Mass does so at their own risk.
- All attendees are strongly encouraged to wear a mask before entering the church, until they leave. Each person should bring their own masks.
- **Another reminder:** ANYONE who has even the slightest symptoms or feelings of sickness must remain home.
- THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY, (at this time), at Holy Mass is JUST 40 to be compliant with physical distancing guidelines issued by The Bishop's Conference and the Government
- Until further notice: Our Parish will adopt a **FIRST COME, FIRST-SERVED** approach at all our Masses.
- Please watch out for signage. Separate points of entry and exit will be clearly designated.
- **We are required to keep a register of all attendees. So please put your name, address, contact telephone number, email address (if applicable) and the Mass you are attending on a piece of paper which you will hand in on entrance to the church.** Alternatively, please print the form on the website, fill it in and bring it with you.

- All attendees will be directed to their own special seat so as to monitor occupancy.
- Two benches will be designated for families.
- Infants and children should remain with their parents **AT ALL TIMES**.
- It is O.K. to wear disposable gloves. Those cleaning or altar cloths, replenishing candles or handling the parish collection should wear disposable gloves.
- We will have one point of entry in order to control the number of people entering. Once the maximum number of attendees is reached, no one else will be allowed entry.
- Doors will be locked until 25 minutes before Mass begins.
- If weather permits, all doors will be propped open before Mass as you arrive so that you do not need to touch the handles or doors to enter.
- At the end of Mass, exits will be signposted and indicated by the parish priest to expedite the guided departure and minimise chances of people encountering one another. In all cases, **PHYSICAL DISTANCING MUST BE OBSERVED**.
- I will be delighted to see you back, but please note that I must refrain from greeting you personally at the end of Mass. I must not impede or delay the orderly and rapid departure of you and your family.
- The Parish Church is closed at the end of each Mass for a special cleaning. Our thanks to the parish team.
- Please be aware that there will be **NO** toilet facilities.

SAFETY

- Physical distancing of 6 feet or 2 meters is in place at all times and in all directions between people who are not of the same household.
- You will be led by a team member to your seat – please do not move or swap seats.
- **Reminder** – Volunteers and ALL members of the congregation should use the Medical Guidelines that have been issued before attending Mass. If you have ANY symptoms, such as a cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat, please stay at home.
- All team members, welcomers and participants – please wear your own personal shield or mask,
- All who attend must observe proper hand hygiene from the point of entry, whilst inside and upon exiting the church.
- Hand sanitising stations are available by the doors of the church.
- Hand washing with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds (say a prayer) is also strongly encouraged before arriving for Holy Mass.

HOLY MASS

These are some of the main points to note:

- Sacred Vessels will be purified and washed by the parish priest after Mass. This reduces the risk and need to have sacristans and Eucharistic ministers in the sacristy.
- No singing of hymns and no musicians at this time. **SORRY!**
- Entrance and recessional processions are omitted. There will be a simple entrance by the priest.
- There will be only one lector and one reading.
- No Altar Servers so as to minimise the risk of exposure and to properly maintain physical distancing at all times.
- The chalice, paten, ciborium, cruets and lavabo will be on a small table beside the altar.
- Your parish priest will not be wearing a mask during the Liturgy of the Eucharist; therefore, all ciboria will be covered at all times. He will wear a visor if and when he distributes Holy Communion.
- No presentation of gifts will be made.

- No collection is taken up during the Mass. Instead, bins/baskets will be at strategic points for the faithful to make their offerings at the end of Mass. Secure vigilance will be in place over the donations.
- There is no Sign of Peace.
- There will be no Holy Water in fonts.
- All hymnals, missalettes, pew cards, pencils, donation envelopes and other loose items will be removed.
- Newsletters are only available on-line at the parish website.

Regarding the Distribution of Holy Communion:

- The individual attestation at the distribution of Holy Communion (*“The Body of Christ, R:Amen”*) is eliminated. Instead, one general announcement (*“The Body of Christ”*) will be made by the parish priest, and one general response (*“Amen”*) is to be made by one and all before distribution begins. Then each person who wishes to receive the Blessed Sacrament comes forward in procession at a safe distance and receives in silence.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed at this time.
- Holy Communion may only be received in the hand.
- For the common good, our Bishops around the world acknowledge that Communion on the tongue is the right of the faithful, ask you please receive **ONLY** in the hand until further notice. Thank you for your understanding and support.
- When needed, Ministers of the Eucharist may be invited to officiate at Holy Communion time. If called upon, Ministers of Holy Communion must sanitise their hands immediately after receiving Communion **BEFORE** distributing Holy Communion to the faithful. They must also sanitise their hands immediately after distribution.

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 Prayer and Services*

Mrs. Violet Wood R.I.P. – Funeral 16th July at 10a.m. Mass

Saints of God come to her aid!

Come to meet her, angels of the Lord!

May Christ who called you, Violet Wood, take you to himself;

May angels lead you to Abraham’s side.

Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, may your light shine upon her forever.

We offer Violet’s husband Ivan, their three children and her grandchildren our love and blessing as they journey towards her funeral.

We Remember Them

Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises Resurrection, even as it claims our mortal bodies.

Grant that our brothers and sisters, especially those we are remembering in these days, may sleep in peace until you awaken them to Eternal Glory - for You are the Resurrection and the Life. You are our Saviour.

Thank You for Praying for the Sick

We pray for all elderly people; especially those who are ill or housebound. Our prayers and spiritual support reaches those in hospital, those receiving treatment for cancer, for those who must still self-isolate and for all victims of Coronavirus around the world.

Please continue to keep in your prayers, Maureen Smith, Irene Ward, Jean Lue, Ruba Santiapillai, Baby Alexander Lynch, Joseph Lunn, Erika Geddes, Barry Falcon, Denise Waaldijk, Lena McBride and Valerie Somerset.

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, 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

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 Good Counsel – *Pray for Us*