



# St. Teresa's Morden

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## 15th Week in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### *Mass Times and Intentions:*

#### *Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

(Feast of St. Teresa's Parents)

Vigil Mass: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July

6.30p.m. Dale Alison Lawrence R.I.P.

9a.m. For the Parish Family

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

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

#### *Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Special Mass On-line*

10a.m. **Children, Staff and Pupils of our Six Deanery Primary Schools**

#### *Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – St. Camillus de Lellis; Priest*

10a.m. Rev. Brendan Bryne R.I.P.

#### *Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – St. Bonaventure Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

10a.m. Nellie and David Howard R.I.P.

#### *Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

10a.m. **Funeral Mass - Violet Wood R.I.P.**

#### *Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Votive of the Holy Souls*

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

#### *Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July – The Blessed Virgin Mary; Health of the Sick*

10a.m. For Your Special Intention

Vigil Mass 6.30p.m. Intentions of the Parish Family

#### *Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9a.m. Francisco Ordillano R.I.P.

11a.m. Paddy and Josie Murphy R.I.P.  
Anniversary

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](#)

*but 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.



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## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Feast of Louis and Zélie – St. Thérèse’s Incomparable Parents and Church Builders.**

This Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, is the feast of Saints Louis and Marie-Azélie Martin, canonised together by Pope Francis in 2015. July 12<sup>th</sup> was chosen as their feast because it was on this day in 1858 that they married at the Notre Dame Basilica in Alençon, France and committed themselves together to living to the full the Sacrament of Marriage, and it’s two-fold call not just to human, but eternal love and life.

Their feast this year falls on a Sunday, so Sunday’s Mass for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A takes priority; and rightly so.

We as a parish wish to honour Saint Teresa’s saintly parents. Much has been written about the Martin family. Their story is truly remarkable and I encourage you to connect with them in the world of prayer. Our parish is blessed to have such spiritual connections with Heaven.

We see that very clearly in the life of the Martins. They were both already seeking holiness prior to their marriage: Louis had spent time in an Augustinian monastery but couldn’t master Latin and Zélie had sought to become a Sister of Charity, but because of respiratory difficulties and migraines, was not accepted. God had another holy vocation in mind for both of them.

Zélie prayed that God would bless her with many children who could become consecrated to God. God blessed them with nine; four of whom died soon after they were divinely consecrated in Baptism, while the other five discerned vocations to live out a more intimate form of consecration as religious sisters.

The most famous of their children is St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, who spoke effusively about how she had been blessed with “*incomparable parents*” and how God had given her “*a mother and father more worthy of Heaven than of earth.*”

At holy Mass today, and in the days to come, think of your own Mum and Dad and thank God for them; not just for cooperating with God in giving you life and for their collaborating with God in leading you to Him, but also to the Church.

Married couples, like Louis and Zélie Martin, like your parents, like my parents Hugh and Mary, are also called by God to be Church builders. Blessings to your parents and to the day they got married. Today’s feast of the first married couple canonised together, is a chance to celebrate God’s power working through the Sacrament of Marriage to sanctify marriages and families, make them true domestic Churches and thereby build up the Church on earth and the communion of Saints in Heaven.

## **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Special Mass for Year 6 Primary School Children**

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 children’s gifts and talents and wishing them well as they move on to Senior Schools.

## **The Opening of St. Teresa’s for Mass**

Over the past few weeks our Parish and many others have worked diligently to implement the health and safety protocols necessary to welcome back our congregations.

I am truly grateful to our Parish Reopening Team. They have made it possible for us to go from private prayer to the public celebration of Holy Mass.

At this time, we are limited to 40 attendees per Mass. Our thanks to our parishioners for their patience and the responsibility they have shown to others attending Holy Mass. The pandemic is still with us and so the following guidelines are still in place:

### **St. Teresa’s Parish General Protocols.**

The Cardinal and the Archbishop wish to reassure you that THE DISPENSATION 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.**
- 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:

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

## **May They Rest in Peace**

We keep in prayer family, parishioners, friends, deceased priests and deacons, those who have died from the Corona Virus, those who have died in our local hospitals, care homes, hospices and especially those whose anniversaries occur during this month.

Lord Jesus, we love you and wish to prayerfully remember all our loved ones and friends who have been called to Eternal Life. Our parish wishes to reach out to one and all. Please give them comfort and hope and may they be at peace knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally.

Thank you for our sweet memories of them and for the good times we shared. Without hesitation we commend their holy souls to your Mercy. We keep them in prayer, in love and ask Our Blessed mother to intercede for them. May they reach their Heavenly destination. May we too stay close to You and may our soul in a state of Grace reach its final resting place. Amen.

## **Saints of God Come to Her Aid**

This Thursday we pray for the happy Repose of the Soul of VIOLET WOOD. Our 10a.m. Mass will be a funeral Mass. Her family and Ivan, her husband of sixty-one years, will be joining us on-line. I will share her story with you on Thursday.

Please keep her three children, her three grandchildren and her husband in our prayers. At 12.30p.m. Violet's mortal remains will be honoured and blessed at North East Surrey Crematorium. *May She Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!*

## **Compassion for the Sick**

Several families are facing difficult challenges ahead. When sickness comes through the door, life changes. Our Mass, this Saturday, is in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick. This will also be an opportunity to reach out in spiritual support to the One who is sick and carrying the Cross of Suffering. We also desire and ask Our Lady to hear our prayer for all the family and the friends of the family.

Can I encourage you to keep all the sick in prayer; those at home, in hospital, in nursing and care homes. We also send out a blessing across the diocese to all who are on the sick lists of all parishes, including those in hospice care.

This Litany is the one we pray on First Fridays at our Mass for all those who are sick. Can I encourage you and your family to become "Prayer Warriors" for the sick in their hour of need? Thank You!!

### ***Litany of Compassion for the Sick***

V: Lord have mercy. R: *Lord have mercy.*

V: Christ have mercy. R: *Christ have mercy.*

V: Lord have mercy. R: *Lord have mercy.*

V: Christ hear us. R: *Christ graciously hear us.*

[Repeat *Lord, be close to give your comfort* after each phrase.]

When the healing process goes slower than hoped,

When terrified by treatments or therapy,

When it is hard to let go of long-held plans,

When the feeling of alienation arises,

When worn out and weary,

When troubled by impatience and negativity,

When loneliness adds to anxiety,

When sickness makes it difficult to communicate, When discouragement or despondency sets in,

When fear makes it impossible to face the future, When the ravages of disease attack self-esteem,

When anger and resentment assail, When beset by worry or fretfulness,

When it is hard to rely on others for care,

When envy arises towards those who are healthy,

When pessimism or cynicism holds sway,  
When anguish is intensified by the need for reconciliation,  
When sickness is mistaken for punishment,  
When loved ones are far away,  
When financial hardship from illness leads to worry or despair,  
When afflicted by the feeling of nothing to hope for, When weakness makes it impossible to even think,  
When friends draw back fearful of disease,  
When illness makes those who are suffering moody or irritable,  
When haunted by regret and the shame of past sins,  
When it is difficult to sleep,  
When there is a loss of appetite,  
When there is resistance to necessary change,  
When tempted by denial,  
When nobody seems to understand,  
When bound to home or restricted in movement,  
When listlessness and apathy threaten,  
When medication seems to make things worse,  
When all that is needed is a caring touch,  
When it is impossible to maintain familiar routines,  
When it is hard to find the strength to go on,  
When it becomes difficult to pray,  
When suffering of any sort becomes hard to bear, When death draws near,

**Our Father...**

Let us pray:

Most merciful Father, your beloved Son showed special compassion to lepers, tenderness to those long sick, and healing to the infirm. We place before you all those who are ill and in need of your healing grace.

May the love and mercy of the Divine Physician raise up all who suffer from sickness and restore them to health and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We continue to keep in our prayers: Leonard James Connolly, Thea Haddad, Maureen Smith, Irene Ward, Jean Lue, Ruba Santiapillai, Baby Alexander Lynch, Joseph Lunn, Erika Geddes, Barry Falcon, Denise Waaldijk, Lena McBride and Valerie Somerset.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

I send out a blessing on this feast to all who honour her and wear the Scapular or the Scapular Medal.

When it was blessed the priest would have said to you:

*'Receive this blessed scapular and ask the most holy Virgin that, by her merits, It may be worn with no stain of sin, and may protect you from all harm and Bring you into everlasting life. Amen'*

***After this the priest added:***

*'By the power granted to me, I admit you to share in all the spiritual works Performed with the merciful help of Jesus Christ by the religious of Mount Carmel. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.'*



*'May Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and earth, BLESS YOU, whom he has pleased to receive into the Cofraternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. We beg her to crush the head of the ancient serpent in the hour of death and to obtain for you the palm and the crown of everlasting inheritance. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen'*

## **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, 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*

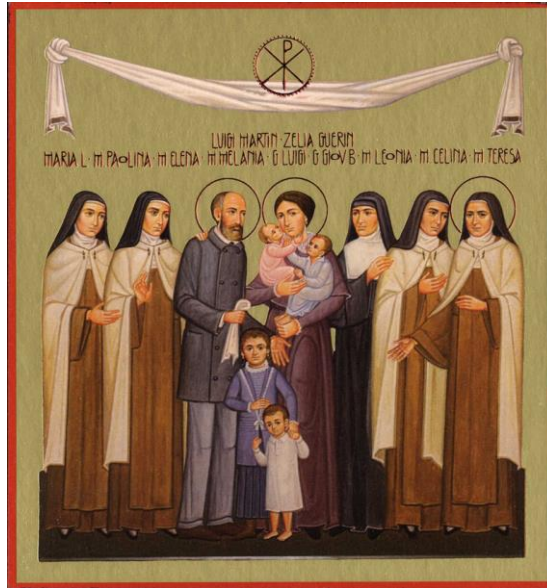
## **Parish Prayer:**

*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.*



*Saint Louis and Saint Zélie  
Pray for us*

*Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus  
Pray for us*

### **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.

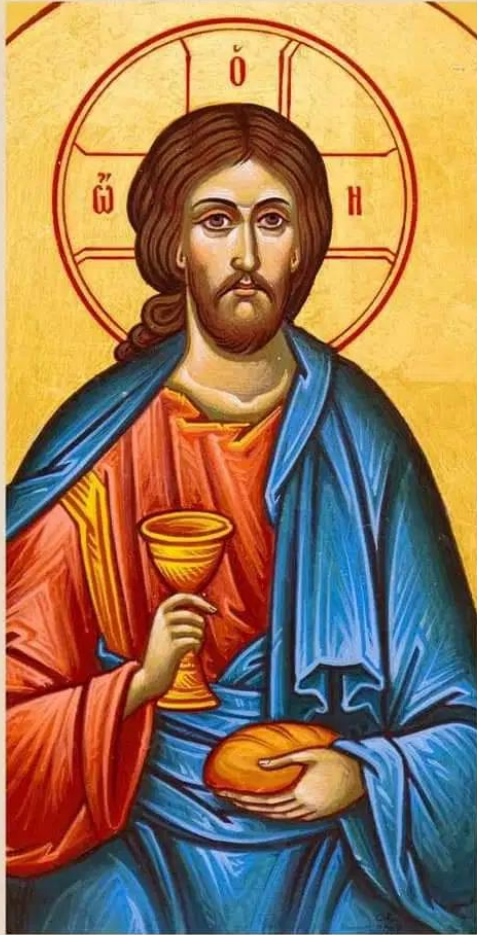


3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focussed on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: *“O my God, because You are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against You and by the help of Your grace I will not sin again. Amen.”*
4. Make a firm resolution to go to a sacramental 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:



### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive  
You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this  
moment receive You  
sacramentally, come at least  
spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were  
already there and unite  
myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to 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.