



St. Teresa's Morden

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Our Church is open for Mass weekdays at 10a.m., on Saturdays (from 31st October) at 5.30p.m. and Sundays at 9a.m. and 11a.m.

Please see the Mass Attendance [Protocols](#) below

30th Week in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 25th October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass – Saturday 24th October:
6.30p.m. Tim Madigan R.I.P. (**Online Only**)
9a.m. For the Parish Family
11a.m. Margaret O'Donovan –Thanksgiving

Monday 26th October – Votive of the Holy Trinity

10a.m. – Melstine & Radi Machado R.I.P.

Tuesday 27th October – Votive of St. Faustina

10a.m. Paul Nanaratham R.I.P.

Wednesday 28th October – Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

10a.m. Onagite Oru

Thursday 29th October – Votive of the Holy Souls

10a.m. Ianarthan Fernando R.I.P.

Friday 30th October – Votive of St. Padre Pio

10 a.m. Intentions of Joseph F. Shiny Family

Saturday 31st October – Our Lady of the Rosary

10a.m. **Online Only** for Your Special Intentions
Vigil Mass **5.30p.m. (Doors Open 5p.m.)**
C.P. Rebello

Sunday 1st November – All Saints

9a.m. Ejol Umuze
11a.m. For the Parish Family

Second Collection

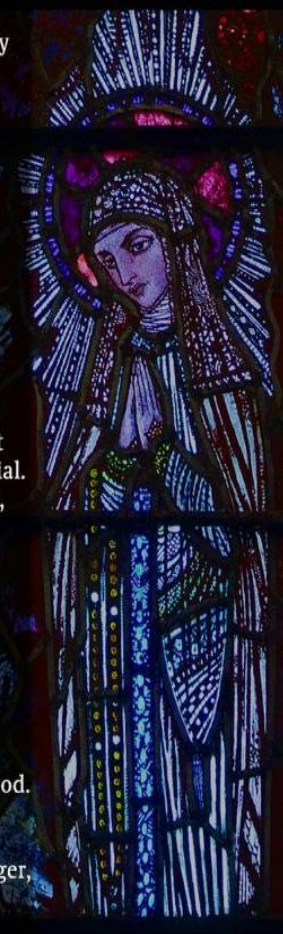
We have been asked by the Diocese to start having second collections again. We shall try to undertake this request.

On Sunday 8th November there will be a second collection for the Priests Training fund. Thank you for your support in these difficult times.

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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A Life of Service and Commitment to Saint Teresa's

A Very Special Welcome ... to the family and friends of Margaret O'Donovan, who we honour at our 11 a.m. Mass today.

Our hearts beat with thanks for the faithful service to parish life of Margaret O'Donovan. For more than 30 years Margaret has been on the front-line; as Parish Secretary, Catechist and member of the Parish Council. She gave unstinting love and support to her husband, Deacon John and outstanding support to parish priests and seminarians. Many in the parish know her as a confidante. The gift to listen, the gift of kindness, the gift of friendship and support. A prayer warrior. A friend you can rely on and trust.



Margaret is retiring from active ministry but will continue to play a part in parish life for which we are grateful. Her willingness to volunteer and help out in the Parish Office is valued and greatly appreciated.

Mass will be celebrated in thanksgiving for Margaret's decades of service. At a later date, we will have a parish function in her honour, which is richly deserved. In the meantime we hope to put together a booklet of good wishes, prayers and memories. If you would like to contribute a message, please send in via the parish email morden@rcaos.org.uk or post in the box provided in the Narthex.

Thank you Margaret, Thank you!! Thank you!!



November – The Month of the Holy Souls.

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the holy souls, may be gained once, in any church, either on ALL SOULS DAY, on the preceding or following Sunday or on the FEAST of ALL SAINTS, namely a visit to a church, where the Our Father and Creed are recited, sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the Holy Father's Intentions. Those who visit a cemetery between 1st and 8th November and pray for the faithful departed, may obtain a plenary indulgence, applicable to the holy souls (and at other times, a partial indulgence.)

MASSES

Each day during the month of November we shall offer a Holy Mass for those whose names you hand in. A box has been provided at the front of the Sanctuary. You can put on your list as many names as you wish. By the end of November we will have celebrated 31 Masses for those Holy Souls. An offering would be appreciated. Throughout the year we will do our best to also offer Holy Mass, for the November Deceased List, at regular intervals.



Prayer to St. Joseph for a Soul in Purgatory

Dear St. Joseph,

*at home in Heaven with Our Lord Jesus and Our Blessed Lady,
please intercede for the souls in Purgatory.*

*I commend to you anyone from my family, circle of friends and
especially to turn your gaze on the most forgotten souls in Purgatory.
May these holy souls soon see the face of God and rest eternally in
the peace of the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Amen.



Grant Eternal Rest

Penelope Brummel R.I.P.

Please keep in your prayers the soul of Penny as she journeys into God's kingdom. Her life and her witness to the Catholic faith were exemplary. Penny's funeral arrangements are being organised by her first cousin Mrytle.

May Penny Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Maureen Deb R.I.P.

I only got to know Maureen recently. My visits to her family home bought her spiritual comfort and inner peace. Maureen was married to Susanta for 50 years, blessed two sons, Paul and Robin. Last weekend would have seen her celebrate her 74th Birthday. Life began in Ireland. Maureen was a member of a loving and large family. Her baptism took place in Co. Clare. She was bright, witty, kind and caring. A lady blessed with a loving husband and very proud of her two sons and her grandchildren.

Maureen's passport to Heaven was stamped with the Last Rites and the Lord of Divine Mercy's blessing. Her funeral will take place on **Tuesday 3rd November at 9.30a.m.**

May Maureen Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Death of a Southwark Priest – Fr. John O'Callaghan

The Parish of Mottingham – Our Lady, Help of Christians, is remembering it's long serving, and recently retired parish priest – Fr. John O'Callaghan. Fr. John was a son of County Cork; one of four children. His call to be a priest bought him to Southwark. He served the Lord in many parishes and that time began back in 1964. He was a faithful servant of every parish he was called to serve in. Fr. John was seen by his brother priests as a hard-working priest; faithful to his ministry every day of his life. Fr. John has been laid to rest in St. Colman's Cemetery, Macroon, Co. Cork. He was in the 56th year of his priesthood. We send our blessing to his grave and final resting place.

May Fr. John Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

May They Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

We keep in prayer the souls of the faithful departed- with God there is mercy and forgiveness.
Into your hands O Lord we. entrust our brothers and sisters, family, parishioners and friends.
In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them to enter eternal rest.
Go dear family and friends, the Lord of Divine Mercy is calling your name.
Your victory has been won.



Saturday Vigil Masses

Please Note: From next Saturday 31st October we will resume public Mass at 5.30p.m

Our two Sunday Masses are usually full so we are hoping that this Mass might Help with seating and social distancing which we are strictly enforcing. As you may notice, we have moved the vigil back an hour. We have had some requests to do this. With winter setting in we hope this time will suit most people. Restrictions permitting, it is our intention to open for this Mass each Saturday until the end of the year. Our church doors will open at 5p.m.



National Rosary Relay Rally – Sunday 31st October

Up and down the country dioceses are taking it in turns to PRAY THE ROSARY. Our Archdiocese has the 3-4p.m. slot on the 31st. It would be great if you and your family could manage at least one decade during that time.



Blessed Carlo

“The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven”

- Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991 to Italian parents, who moved to Milan shortly after his birth. He had a deep faith from an early age with a special love for Our Lady, frequently praying the rosary.

He also had a great devotion to the Eucharist and a routine of weekly confession.

After celebrating his First Holy Communion,

at the age of seven, he rarely missed an opportunity to receive the Eucharist at daily Mass.



He was highly gifted with computers and put his talents to good use by creating a website which catalogued Eucharistic Miracles. Having developed leukaemia, he offered his suffering for Pope Benedict XVI and the Church, saying to his doctor when asked if he was in pain "there are people who suffer much more than me". His Eucharistic Miracles project was completed just months before his death in 2006.

In 2013 a miracle took place involving a young boy from Brazil who suffered from a rare pancreatic disease. The miracle was attributed to the intercession of Carlo Acutis. The Holy Father confirmed this miracle in a decree on 21 February 2020, enabling the beatification of Carlo, which took place this Saturday 10th October 2020 at 4 pm (3pm BST) in the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi.

www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/tomb-of-carlo-acutis-is-opened-for-veneration-ahead-of-beatification-29642



Your Legacy of Faith

We all desire to leave a legacy....to make a mark, to make a difference in the lives of our families and friends, and within our communities.

A gift in your will to the Church, no matter how big or small, is a wonderful way to support your Catholic community. You could choose to remember our parish of St. Teresa's, sick and retired clergy, the training of future priests or the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark. Further information can be found on the diocesan website www.rcsouthwark.co.uk or to speak to someone in regards to your legacy, contact the Diocesan Legacy team on 020 7960 2504 or email: legacy@rcaos.org.uk

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday – Friday following the 10a.m. Mass
Sunday Morning following 9a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass



For Those Who are Sick...

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



The Miracle Prayer

Lord Jesus, I come before You, just as I am. I am sorry for my sins, I repent of my sins, please forgive me. In Your Name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce satan, the evil spirits and all their works. I give You my entire self, Lord Jesus, now and forever. I invite You into my life, Lord Jesus. I accept You as my Lord, God and Saviour. Please heal me, strengthen me in body, soul and spirit.

Come Lord Jesus, cover me with Your Precious Blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. **I love You, Lord Jesus. I praise You Jesus. I thank You Jesus.** I shall follow You every day of my life. Amen.

Mary my Mother, Queen of Peace, Queen of Sorrow, Saint Peregrine the Patron Saint of those who are suffering from cancer, all you angels and saints, please come to my aid. Amen and Amen.



Government Advise on Face Coverings/Masks at Mass



Face coverings are mandatory now in places of worship. Many of you already attend Holy Mass wearing one – Thank You!

From now on at St. Teresa's all who attend Mass or any other service must wear a face covering, unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass, as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from different households who do not normally meet.

Mass at St. Teresa's

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, changing 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 metres 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 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 maintain physical distancing properly 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

Sunday Collections

During the current 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 week's Offerings - Collection: £841. Standing Orders: £805 **Total: £1,646** - Thank you.

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 the prayer of St. Alphonsus de’ Ligouri – The Prayer of Spiritual Communion
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.



**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.

