



# St. Teresa's Morden

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

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

## 31st Week in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### Mass Times and Intentions:

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### FEAST of ALL SAINTS

Vigil Mass – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October:

**5.30p.m.** C.P. Rebello

9a.m. Ejoh Umuze R.I.P.

11a.m. For the Parish Family

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – (Holy Souls)

10a.m. – Holy Souls, Mollie McKeown, Legion Of Mary, Winifred Madigan and November Deceased List.

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – St. Martin de Porres

**9.30a.m.** Requiem Mass. Maureen Deb R.I.P.

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – St. Charles Borromeo. Bishop

10a.m. November Deceased List, Holy Souls, Teresa and Brendan Dillan, Rev. Brendan Bryne's Parents.

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Holy Souls

10a.m. Rev. Brendan Bryne's Brothers and Sisters

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Holy Souls. FIRST FRIDAY

10 a.m. For all the Sick and Housebound

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St. George,

10a.m. **Online Only** November's Deceased List and For Your Special Intentions  
Vigil Mass **5.30p.m.** Noah William 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (A)

##### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9a.m. November Deceased List,  
Those Fallen in Battle

11a.m. For the Parish Family; Living and Dead

### Second Collection

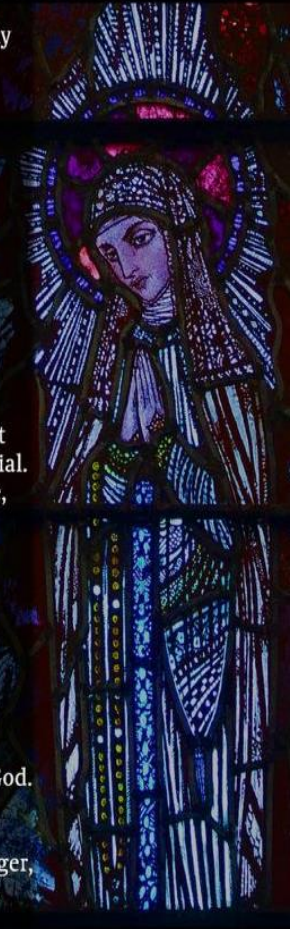
We have been asked by the Diocese to start having second collections again. We shall try to undertake this request.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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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## **Please Note – Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30p.m.**

We are very grateful to the Parish Church Reopening Team who have agreed to help support those who wish to attend in person the Saturday Vigil Mass. The doors will open at 5p.m. Holy Mass is at 5.30p.m. with Confession time 5.10 – 5.20p.m.

## **Thank You! - A Message from Margaret O'Donovan**

My heartfelt thanks to Canon Michael and Fr. Rochy for celebrating a wonderful Mass on the occasion of my retirement as Parish Secretary last weekend.

Sincere gratitude also goes to the P.P.C. and those who organised such a wonderful celebration. I am very grateful for all the good wishes, cards and gifts that I received. It was so nice to see some parish friends who I have not seen for weeks. After being a parishioner at St. Teresa's for 75 years, I will still be around! and look forward to volunteering when and where I can.

God Bless You All!



## **This is God's House; WELCOME!**

Since we have reopened our Church doors, nearly every week, new families, couples and individuals have introduced themselves at the end of Mass. We are delighted.

St. Teresa's fosters a sense of welcome, warmth and community. We first opened our doors back in 1937, year after year our parish family has grown. Sons and daughters of many nations live out their Catholic faith in our midst. At this time, every parish, every community is struggling with the consequences of the Coronavirus. So are we. Our doors are open for daily weekday 10a.m. Mass, our Saturday Vigil is back at 5.30p.m. and our two Sunday morning Masses at 9a.m. and 11a.m. are full as we honour the social distancing measures in place. Our services, our Masses, our funerals, baptisms and weddings are online. Many join us on-line for daily and Sunday Masses.

Our unity is with one and all. WELCOME to those who have joined our parish recently or on-line. WELCOME BACK to those trying to re-engage with their faith. Every day, we have those seeking God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In these days of family worries, sickness, unemployment, we offer our spiritual support. We are here for one another.

Holy Mass, prayer and devotions are at the heart of our liturgy. We welcome Jesus into our midst. We gather around the Altar, the table of the Lord, to receive Him in Holy Communion. We need Him. He offers himself totally to us – Body – Blood – Soul and Divinity.

Each day on earth is priceless. Our family and our faith are priceless. You are priceless, YOU are loved by God. You have Angels, Saints and Our Blessed Lady, Mother of our parish with St. Teresa and St. Joseph interceding for you day and night.



*My Lord, as I live out my faith here at St. Teresa's, I wish to thank you for all the favours you have given me. I give thanks for the day I was conceived, for all the time spent in my Mother's womb, for the day I was born, for all the joys of life, and its sorrows too. My heart beats with thanks for my family and friends, for my journey of faith, for the times I have received the Bread of Life and drunk from the Chalice of Salvation. Day and night, you have blessed me, my Guardian Angel has helped to protect me. Your Blessed Mother has offered her love and support and spiritual protection throughout all my life. I am truly grateful for her help and support.*

*As I continue to live out my faith here at St. Teresa's, please continue to bless every day, every hour, every Mass, every Holy Communion, every prayer, every moment I seek Your mercy and forgiveness*

*Amen*

### **Basilica of Notre Dame, Nice.**

We offer our spiritual support to Church goers in Nice. This savage attack caused the death of innocent people at prayer and others were seriously injured. We join Pope Francis in prayer with the suffering families who were affected and share in their sorrow He asks the Lord to bring them comfort and commends the victims to His mercy. So do we. *May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*



### **Prayer to St. Joseph for a Soul in Purgatory**

*St. Joseph, reigning in Heaven with Jesus and Mary, intercede for the souls in Purgatory. Hear our prayers for family, friends, parishioners and clergy who have served you and lived out their faith in our parish family.*

*Please turn your gaze to the soul who is most forgotten in purgatory. From the Mist of Mercy let this holy soul journey into Heaven to see the face of God. To be reunited with family and friends and to praise the Holy Trinity in the company of all the Saints. St. Joseph, when it is my time to give my soul to God, I beg for your blessing and pray to you to be prompt in delivering me from purgatory so that I can see you, Jesus and Mary face to face. Amen.*



## **Grant Eternal Rest**

*Blessed are those who died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.*

### **Maureen Deb R.I.P.**

Maureen's funeral Mass takes place at 9.30a.m. this Tuesday followed by Interment at Garth Road Cemetery. We continue to keep her husband Susanta in our prayers. We join him in thanking God for over fifty years of married life and the fruit of their love; two kind, caring sons, Robin and Paul. She leaves behind blessings for grandchildren. She left for Heaven in a state of grace and fully supported by the Last Rites of Holy Mother Church. Her journey to Heaven began with her baptism 73 years ago in Co. Clare. We send out from our Altar blessings to all her family near and far.

*May Maureen Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

### **Mr Danny Thompson R.I.P.**

Please keep in your prayers the soul of a much loved parishioner Danny Thompson who was called to Eternal Life on the evening of Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. We offer our love, blessing and spiritual support to his wife Eileen. They are blessed with three caring daughters, Sharon, Alison and Emma. *Comfort your family in their loss and sorrow Lord.*

*Be our refuge and our strength, O Lord,  
and lift us from the depths of grief  
into the peace and light of your presence.*

Danny's funeral will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> November at Midday

*May Danny Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

### **Mrs Sheila Richardson**

We remember in our prayers the soul of Sheila Richardson, who passed into eternal life at home on Thursday, surrounded by members of her family. Many of you will remember Sheila as a nursery teacher at St. Teresa's School. She was a member of St. Teresa's choir, and subsequent choir mistress, for forty years. We hold in prayer her daughter Angela and son Barry and their families. Sheila's funeral and cremation will take place in Knebworth where she moved, to be close to her daughter. Sheila's ashes will be interred with her husband John's at Garth Road in the New Year.

*May Sheila Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

### **Jonathon Elias R.I.P.**

We have recently received news of the passing to Eternal Life of Jonathon Elias. We keep Jonathon in prayer and offer our spiritual support to his wife Carol and children Natalie, Ashley, Martha and Azaria.

*May Jonathon Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*



## **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.*

## **Month of the Holy Souls. November.**

We will pray for those you knew and loved here on earth. Throughout the month Masses will be offered for the happy repose of their souls.

Please let us have a list of names of family and friends who you wish to be remembered. Their names and that of many others will rest in front of the Altar. Parishioners who have died this year will be added. A Holy Souls box will be provided on the steps of the Sanctuary for you to use. You can put in as many names as you wish. An offering, a stipend, would always be appreciated.



## **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.



## 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.



### 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.*



**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](mailto: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: £406. Standing Orders: £805 **Total: £1,211** - 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.

