



St. Teresa's Morden

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Our Masses and Services are ALL now on-line in accordance with Government ruling.

32nd Week in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 8th November – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY

Vigil Mass – Saturday 7th November:

- 5.30p.m. Noah William – 1st Birthday
- 9a.m. November Deceased List/Holy Souls
- 11a.m. For the Parish Family and for the Fallen in Battle



Monday 9th November – Feast of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 10a.m. November Deceased List / Deceased Priests and Bishops

Tuesday 10th November – St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

- 10a.m. Mr & Mrs Sivam Scofield R.I.P. / November Deceased List

Wednesday 11th November – St. Martin of Tours

- 10a.m. Mrs Annan Devessa / Nov Deceased List

12.00 Requiem Mass.

Funeral: Danny Thompson R.I.P.

Thursday 12th November – St. Josaphat; Bishop & Martyr

- 10a.m. Susan and Conley Doyle / Nov Deceased List

Friday 13th November – Votive of the Holy Souls

- 10 a.m. Bridget Beazley R.I.P. / November Deceased List

Saturday 7th November – Our Lady


- 10a.m. November's Deceased List and For Your Special Intentions
- Vigil Mass **5.30p.m.** Bertram & Clotilda De Silva Wijeyeratne R.I.P.

Sunday 15th November – 33rd Sunday (A)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

- 9a.m. Living and Deceased of St. Teresa's Parish
- 11a.m. Alice Brennan-Knight R.I.P. / November Deceased List

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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Places of Worship.

Thank you for supporting the Cardinal, our Bishops and the Bishop's Conference. Many of us contacted our MPs and some wrote to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State regarding the closure of places of worship at this time.

We had good support from Siobhan McDonough MP who raised our concerns with the government. Her letter is as follows:

Siobhain McDonagh MP

House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA
020 7219 4678 (tel)
mcdonaghs@parliament.uk

Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP
Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

02 November 2020

Dear Secretary of State,

RE: Places of worship

I have recently been contacted by a number of my constituents regarding the proposed ban on public worship as part of the new national lockdown.

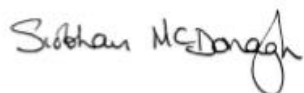
My constituents are very concerned at the detrimental impact that this will have on the mental health and wellbeing of many people in our community.

They ask that the Government outlines the evidence that explains why this ban is necessary considering places of worship have already been taking responsible precautions in terms of social distancing, wearing of masks, and sanitation to prevent the spread of coronavirus. As such, they ask what the evidence is to suggest that private prayer in a church is safe but acts of worship are not.

Please can you outline the Government's response in full.

Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,



Siobhain McDonagh MP



Lockdown 2.0

God Bless you and your family and friends in these weeks to come. From our Altar we keep you all in prayer and seek Heaven's blessings for you. If possible find time for prayer, find time for the Rosary, find time for Jesus, find time to talk to and seek the help of your favourite saints, find time to open the pages of the Word of Life - the Bible - find time for yourself. Open the door to prayer, open the door to being a Prayer Warrior. Open the door to being a Living Page of the Gospel. God does not abandon us, he is with us all in this time of trial and tribulation. It is important in these weeks and months to come to anchor our hearts in the world of prayer. Let your Guardian Angel Work with you to support you and your family, friends and those who seek your spiritual support.

Last month we consecrated ourselves and our parish to the intercession of Saint Joseph. Reports are coming in of favours granted and blessings received. I would like to encourage you to seek his help, his blessing, his support - he is on call; day and night.

Grant Eternal Rest

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

Danny Thompson R.I.P. - Requiem Mass 12.00 p.m. Wednesday 11th November.

This Wednesday we celebrate Holy Mass, thanking God for Danny and his journey of faith. We thank God for the day he was born and the family he was born into. He left life on earth with the blessings of the Church and the prayerful support of family and friends.

We welcome back to the parish Canon Brian Coyle, who will preside at Danny's funeral. We offer the sympathy of the parish to his wife Eileen, and to their three wonderful and supportive daughters Sharon, Alison and Emma.

Danny has been very much in our prayers.

May He Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

William Hyman R.I.P.

We offer our sincere condolences to the Hyman family. Fleur died in July and her funeral took place at St. Teresa's in late August.

We commend her soul to God and thank God for her life on earth.

Now, in these past days, her Grandad has, in his 88th year, been called to Eternal Life. He joins his wife Nora, who left for Paradise two years ago. William left to join her, blessed with the Last Rites and the prayers of his family.

They leave behind seven children; Billy, Philip, Michael, Paul, Patricia, Kay and Tracy.

William began life in Ireland; Tipperary and Limerick witnessed the growth of his family. His Mum and Dad thanked God for 13 children. He loved his family and was proud of his Irish roots.

We also keep in prayer his surviving brothers and sisters and all who will miss him.

In his younger days William won trophies for golf, bowls and darts. The world of work saw him on building sites; erecting cranes and turning his hand to other site projects.

William's Funeral and Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 20th of November, at 12.00 and he will be laid to rest at Garth Road Cemetery.

May He Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.



Mrs Sheila Richardson – R.I.P.

We continue to remember in our prayers the soul of Sheila Richardson. 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, 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.

Penelope Brummel - R.I.P.

Thank you for keeping in your prayers the soul of Penny, as she journeys into the Father's Kingdom.

Her witness to the Gospel and her Catholic faith were outstanding. She was an active member of the Carmelite Order, a faithful member of the Legion of Mary and a valued, and much respected, member of our parish family for many years.

We thank her first cousin Myrtle for arranging Penny's funeral.

We have heard from the Undertakers that Penny's funeral will be sometime after the 18th November. We will let you know when the date has been finalised.

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Jonathan Elias R.I.P.

Our blessing and condolences reach out to the Elias family. Jonathan served in the Armed Forces with distinction for 13 years, and then moved into other ways of supporting his wife Carol and their four daughters Natalie, Ashley, Marcia and Azaria.

Jonathan loved gardening and was a keen football fan; Chelsea was his favourite team – Carol's is Liverpool and the girls support Arsenal.

41 years of married life; the blessings of children and grandchildren. The blessing of a good life well lived. A man of a kind and gentle disposition. He leaves for Eternal Life with our support for Carol and all branches of the family.

Jonathan's funeral takes place at North East Surrey Crematorium on Friday 13th November at 10:45 a.m.

May He 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 email us 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.

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.



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.



Daily Acts of Consecration to St. Joseph.

Daily Act of Consecration to Saint Joseph:

My Father and my Guardian, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you I consecrate to you this day; my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart and my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, O Good Father, since I am your own, keep me and guide me as your property and possession. Amen



Daily Act of Consecration to Saint Joseph:

O dearest Saint Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honour and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life. After your example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your Holy Death. Amen,



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: £1,058. Standing Orders: £805 **Total: £1,863** - 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.

