



# St. Teresa's Morden

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

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### *Mass Times and Intentions:*

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### *World Day of the Poor*

Vigil Mass – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November:

5.30p.m. Clotilda De Silva Wijeyeratne R.I.P.

9a.m. Living and Deceased of the Parish Family

11a.m. Alice Brennan-Knight R.I.P.

The November Deceased List



*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland*

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

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*Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Votive of St. Faustina*

10a.m. Bartolomeo & Maria Gomes R.I.P.

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*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Votive of St. Joseph*

10a.m. Luke Mackintosh R.I.P.

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*Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Votive of the Holy Souls*

10a.m. Samuel Ejoh R.I.P.

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*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Votive of the Holy Souls*

10 a.m. Liam Coyne R.I.P.

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**12.00 Requiem Mass: William Hynan R.I.P.**

*Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin*

10a.m. The November's Deceased List

and For Your Special Intentions

Vigil Mass 5.30p.m. Dave Whelan R.I.P.

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe(A)*

9a.m. Sheila Hanrahan R.I.P.

11a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish Family

**5p.m. Holy Hour** Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament, Consecration of the Human Race to Christ

the King and Litany of the Sacred Heart.

**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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## **Grant Eternal Rest**

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

### **Penelope Brummell R.I.P.**

Penny's funeral arrangements have now been confirmed. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday, the 24th of November at 9:30 am her cremation service will follow at Morden Cemetery at 11 a.m. Thank you for keeping Penny in your prayers. She was a lovely lady and a living page of the Gospel.

*May She 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.*

### **Mass Stipends**

Priests all over the world appreciate and value your wish to have a Mass celebrated for special intentions. Sometimes we get asked - "How much do you charge?" You cannot and we do not put a price on the Mass. In some parts of the world, guidance is offered and that can help you decide how much to give. In our country most people give at least £10 but we are happy to accept less. The Mass is priceless!

In recent times we have mentioned that some people have come forward with requests for 16, 18, 26 Masses to be said for their intentions. Another person wanted us to offer their intentions eight weeks running at the 11 O'clock Sunday Mass.

A little while ago we mentioned this issue and I would like to repeat some of the points made back then:

Mass intentions can be scheduled for those who died, and on the occasion of a birthday, wedding, anniversary, for healing, for the conversion of sinners, for the grace to face challenges in life, success in a new job, for those serving in the Church or serving the country at different levels, for good weather, for bountiful harvest, for world peace, in thanksgiving, for blessings received, etc.



You can find many reasons to think about a Mass offering. We offer the Mass for a specific intention because we believe in the immense spiritual value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

When you give offerings for Mass intentions, the Parish Office has limitations on accepting several intentions from an individual or family asking for specific dates. We have to oblige the needs of all parishioners.

Priority will be given to those who have lost loved ones in 2020. You may schedule up to 5 Masses in the year ahead - 'Months Mind' and anniversaries - we will do our best to oblige. All others we may limit to two Masses per year.

Please take into consideration that we CANNOT accommodate everyone with your request for weekends Masses. The Church is required to celebrate one Mass per weekend for the people of the parish, therefore we are limited to the number of Masses available on weekends!

Should you wish the celebration of more than the allotted Masses, we are happy to forward those intentions we cannot accommodate within a one year period, to priests who can offer them more quickly.

*“Christian faithful who make an offering so that the Mass may be applied for their intention contribute to the good of the Church, and by their offering take part in the concern of the Church for the support of its ministries and work” (Canon Law 946)*

The fruits of the Mass are the same whether we offer it in our parish or in another parish. When we forward the Mass intentions to others, like retired priests or to priests on the Missions, where they do not get enough Mass intentions, we are indirectly supporting those priests and the Missions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!

### **PLEASE NOTE - November Deceased List.**

You can hand in as many names of deceased family and friends as you wish. Masses are offered every day during this month of the Holy Souls.



## **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.



## **With Gratitude**

As you are all aware, our long-serving parish secretary, Margaret O'Donovan retired recently. Margaret has received many kind messages and gifts and is very grateful to Canon and all the parishioners at St. Teresa's for their generosity and prayers.  
If anyone would like to send any messages or prayers of thanksgiving for Margaret please do so via the parish email. [morden@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:morden@rcaos.org.uk)

THANK  
YOU

## **“We Bow Our Heads in Shame”**

I fully supported the Home Secretary, Theresa May, in 2014 when she announced that following high-profile child abuse cases at all levels of society, an Independent Statutory Inquiry would be held.

The investigation of local councils, residential schools, the Anglican and Catholic Churches was a much needed and important piece of work. What we have learnt has hurt us to the core.

Our Cardinal has come in for criticism and he accepts the findings now mark “*an important moment in our safeguarding journey in the Catholic Church.*” He is right and the Bishop’s Conference are right to support him. Great progress has been made in recent years but more needs to be done and the early recommendations need to be implemented as soon as possible.

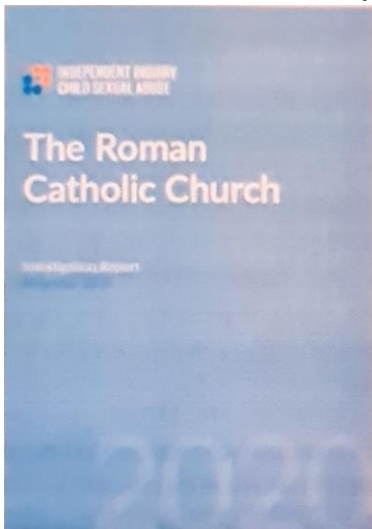
The investigation report on the Catholic Church, which followed public hearings, catalogued almost 50 years of safeguarding failures. Hundreds of complaints, many of which were not dealt with properly, were handled with a great lack of sympathy.

Please continue to support the Church. The vast number of priests, bishops, religious and deacons, working on the front line, are good, honest and decent sons and daughters of the Church. Please pray for the Church and its leaders at all levels; that they make the right decisions for the good of generations yet to come.

Please pray for the Cardinal - He was 75 last Sunday. His resignation was accepted by Pope Francis, but the Holy Father has asked the Cardinal to remain in office until, at his decision, other provisions are made.

What follows are the Cardinal’s recent statements which are humble and worthy of your attention.

## Catholic Church welcomes Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse Report



Nov 10th, 2020 (Updated Nov 11th, 2020)

The Catholic Church in England and Wales welcomes the Report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse relating to the institutional response of the Church in its duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation.

We thank the IICSA Panel for their work. The Report will now inform the ongoing reform and improvement of safeguarding in all aspects of the Church's life.

An important aspect of the Inquiry's work was the voice given to victims and survivors of abuse, including the accounts which they gave of their subsequent engagement with the Church. Listening attentively to their witness testimony has brought into sharp relief the extent of the damage this sexual abuse has had on their lives.

We apologise to all victims and survivors who have not been properly listened to, or properly supported by us. By listening with humility to those who have suffered, we can contribute to the healing of the wounds of abuse, as well as learn from those most directly affected how we must improve the Church's safeguarding standards, policies and procedures.

This is an ongoing task and one to which we are wholly committed. Child sexual abuse is a crime. It is a crime that requires committed vigilance and strict procedures to ensure reporting to the statutory authorities. This is the Church's policy. It is also why our safeguarding work needs to be continually reviewed and improved. Where there have been failings and inconsistency in the application of our safeguarding procedures, we acknowledge these and commit to actions which will bring about improvement.

Abuse is an evil act against the most vulnerable; it must never be excused or covered up. Abuse committed against children and the consequent damage to people's lives cannot be undone. For this, we apologise without reservation, and we are committed to listen attentively to the voices of those who have been abused.

This report is an important moment in our safeguarding journey in the Catholic Church in our countries. It will now be considered in detail by us, the Bishops, at our Plenary Assembly beginning next week so we can explore how to integrate the findings of this important Inquiry into the life and work of the Church in order to consistently safeguard children and the vulnerable.

**Vincent Cardinal Nichols**  
**President**

**Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP**  
**Vice- President**

In a separate statement, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said:

Today, IICSA publishes its report into us - into the Roman Catholic Church. It's a difficult day, it's a painful day. But most of all, I believe it's a painful day for those who have suffered abuse in their childhood because those wounds are almost permanent - they run so deep and they will be re-awakened, I think, today.

So I thank IICSA for their work, for putting a light on things that have been hidden and helping us to see the next step of our journey in these terrible, difficult matters.

Most of all, I want to speak to anyone who has suffered childhood sexual abuse in the context of the Catholic community. I understand something... something... of what you live with and what you've gone through. I want to say again, how very sorry and distressed I am that this damage was done to you and done to you in our name. And I promise you that we will keep working.

I want people who have suffered sexual abuse to come forward and to come forward with some confidence that they will be listened to. It won't be so difficult as it was in the past. But you will be listened to and you will be helped. Now we're determined to carry on building the quality of our response to every single allegation of sexual abuse.

While IICSA has been doing its work, we have not been sitting on our hands. We have a fresh, independent review. And what's very important about this, is that some of those who have survived this trauma in their lives have worked with it. They've had a noble spirit and they have become our wise counsellors. So that this review, which we will consider alongside all the recommendations of IICSA, is actually shaped by survivors. I thank those who work with us in this way because their contribution is vital.

So today we share a lot of pain. Today we express a lot of resolve that we will continue solidly to work hard to improve our response because, you know, there's no conflict between the pain and the life of a survivor and the health of the body of the Catholic Church. We have to take in that pain, embrace it, feel it, and know better how to respond. Today I thank all who work hard in safeguarding in the Church. I want everyone to know that our resolve to work on this is strong and firm and ongoing.

With this report from IICSA and with the work of this new review that we've had, we bishops will be meeting next week and we will take the decisions that shape and point the way forward. Together we will continue to give our full attention and dedication to this.

## **LINKS**

Report on investigation of Child Sexual Abuse in the Roman Catholic Church:

[www.iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/roman-catholic-church](http://www.iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/roman-catholic-church)

Report on investigation of Child Sexual Abuse in the Anglican Church:

[www.iicsa.org.uk/investigations/investigation-into-failings-by-the-anglican-church](http://www.iicsa.org.uk/investigations/investigation-into-failings-by-the-anglican-church)

'Safeguarding' section on CBCEW site:

[www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/safeguarding/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/safeguarding/) \_

## **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** - Standing Orders: £805 - Thank you.

**Recruiting: courses for young people aged 16-24, who are unemployed and not on any college course.**

Two courses, both for six months, including work placements are available for young unemployed between the ages of 16-24. These are great opportunities for someone to get involved in a career-defining programme!

**Get Into Games Development**

**Step to Employment**

They are FREE, and only have six places left on each programme. They start in a week's time. Please find more information via the two links above, or circulate. For anyone interested, contact Rob Mobile directly on 020 7871 9941 or [info@need2succeed.co.uk](mailto:info@need2succeed.co.uk) to go through the application process – they can be online within 24hrs!

**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.'*

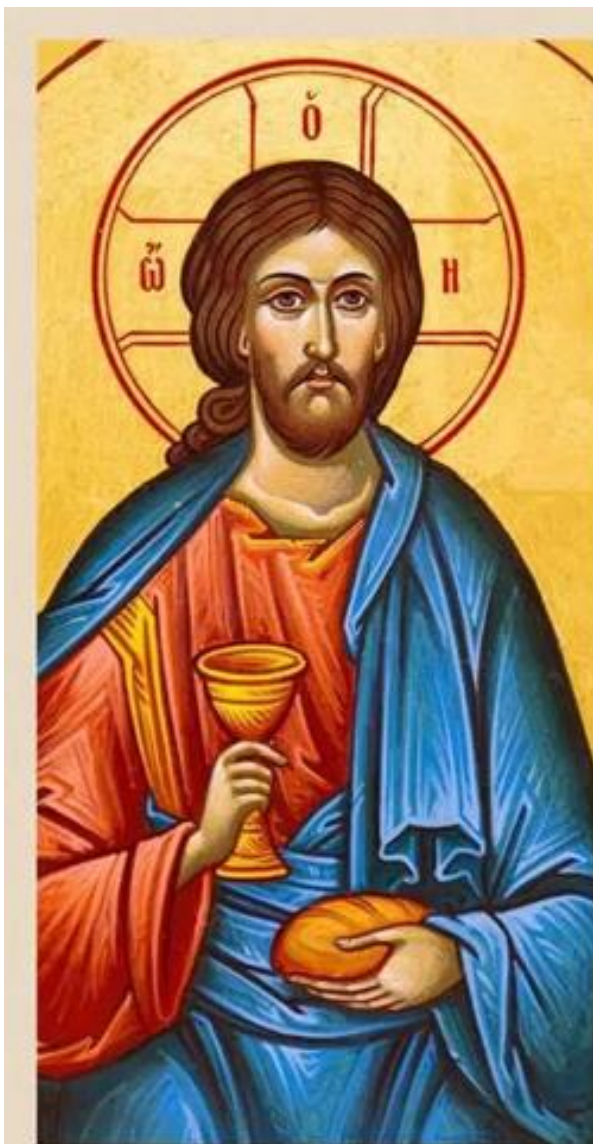
1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of the crucifix and say to yourself: *" Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins"*
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent your sins because you love God and are sorry 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.

