



# St. Teresa's Morden

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

## The Church is OPEN for Holy Week.

### Mass Times and Intentions-Year B: HOLY WEEK

#### **Sunday 28th March - Passion/Palm Sunday**

- 9am Margaret O'Donovan's Special Intentions
- 11am People of the Parish

#### **Monday 29th March - in Holy Week**

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10am Anne-Marie & Fred Mendonça's Special Intentions
- 11am Stations of the Cross
- 6pm Stations of the Cross
- 7pm Holy Mass

#### **Tuesday 30th March - in Holy Week**

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10am Melstine Machado's - In Thanksgiving
- 11am Stations of the Cross
- 6pm Stations of the Cross
- 7pm Holy Mass

#### **Wednesday 31st March - in Holy Week**

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10am Clairbell James' Intentions
- 11am Stations of the Cross
- 6pm Stations of the Cross
- 7pm Holy Mass

#### **Thursday 1st April - Maundy Thursday**

- 5pm People of the Parish
- 7pm Parish Clergy & Priests of the Diocese

#### **Friday 2nd April - Good Friday**

- 10am Family Stations of the Cross
- 3pm Solemn Liturgy

#### **Saturday 3rd April - Holy Saturday**

- 10-11am Sacrament of Confession
- 6.30pm Easter Vigil Service - Joseph Lunn RIP

#### **Sunday 4th April - Easter Sunday**

- 9am People of the Parish
- 11am Peter & Mary Tite and family intentions



PLEASE NOTE: Easter Vigil Mass is 6.30pm NOT the normal time of 5.30pm

**Confession available after every Mass and at other stated times**

St Teresa's School, Montacute Road, Morden.

Tel No 020 8648 1846

Headteacher; Mr Justin Dachtler.

Merton Catholic Deanery

[www.mertoncatholics.org.uk](http://www.mertoncatholics.org.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Because of the widespread of COVID-19 we are celebrating Holy Mass

**ONLINE and IN PERSON for Holy Week**

Our Masses online are available at

<https://www.stcm.org.uk/>

**GOD BLESS ALL WHO CARRY THE CROSS OF SICKNESS**

My Lord, we ask that you will be present especially to our relatives, friends, those in hospital and in care in the local community. Be close to all who are sick around the world. Be close to the sick in our Parish Family. Be close to those who minister to the sick and dying.

In these difficult and challenging times - We pray that your healing power may bring them peace in affliction, light in darkness and comfort in pain. We also pray that we ourselves may lighten the burden of the sick, through our sympathy and friendship, but especially through the prayers we offer on their behalf today and every day.

In the Year of Saint Joseph, we continue to seek his powerful intercession, and also that of Saint Teresa. As we journey into Lent, you might find our **Litany of Compassion FOR THE SICK** helpful in your daily prayer.

Lord, have mercy, – LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Christ, have mercy, – CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Lord, have mercy, – LORD, HAVE MERCY.

When pain and distress is overwhelming,  
– LORD, BE CLOSE TO GIVE YOUR COMFORT. (repeat after each line)

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 toward 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 sickness causes financial hardship that 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 loss of appetite,  
When there is resistance to necessary change,  
When tempted by denial,  
When nobody seems to understand,  
When bound to home or when 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, – LORD, BE CLOSE TO GIVE YOUR COMFORT.

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 before Him. We place before You all those who are ill and in need of 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 in the Name of Jesus Christ our Healer.

**Amen.**

## **THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

*St. Joseph, patron of men, of husbands and fathers pray for us!*

*Pray for our Parish Family,*

*St. Joseph, patron of workers, pray for us!*

*St. Joseph, protector and guardian of families pray for us!*

*St. Joseph, patron and defender of the Universal Catholic Church, pray for us!*

*Pray for us, Amen.*



## **Thank you for keeping in prayer all who are sick and especially:**

Maureen Smith, Jean Lue, Ruba Santipillai, Baby Alexander Lynch, Erika Geddes, Denise Waaldijk, Lena McBride, Valerie Sommerset, Kevin Mooney, John Mooney, Angela Patcheye, Leonard Paice, Michael O'Kelly, Ken and Margaret Peacock, Mary Reilly, Alan O'Leary, Bill and June O'Keefe, Gerry Gillan, Leonard James Connolly, Thea Haddad, Nora Williams, Margaret Lahy, Brian Wratten, Ann Van Essen, Bella Harding, Eileen Stevens, Dave Herris, Gabriel Lyons, Sylvester Forya, Michael and Madge Durkan, Jocelyn De Silva, Mary Jeanette Connaire, Anna Urbni, Maureen Flaherty, John McDonagh, James Diver, Frances Forya, Francesco Gargano, Theresa McGoldrick and Anne-Marie Mendonça.

*Please let us know if you or a family member would like to be added to our Parish Sick Prayer List.*



We continue to remember all the sick Priests and Religious of the diocese.  
And send our BLESSING and assurance of spiritual support to all NATIONS at this difficult and  
challenging time.

We also have three young mothers in our parish who have recently been diagnosed with cancer, we  
are keeping them in prayer – please keep them in yours.

### **A PRAYER FOR ONE WHO HAS DIED**

At this moment I entreat (N.....) into your loving hands. I give you thanks for all the blessings of  
his/her life, and for the love and friendship we shared together. Please send your Holy Spirit at this  
moment to deepen my faith in your presence and fill me with hope that your promise may be  
fulfilled for (N.....) the joy of resurrection and a place in your Father's house. May Mary, Saint  
Teresa, Saint Joseph and all our patron saints pray for us that we may continue to be united in Your  
love.

We offer our condolences and spiritual support to all families who have lost a love one recently and  
especially those whose mortal remains we lay to rest in the weeks to come.  
Please keep them in your prayers.

### **WE REMEMBER THEM AND PRAY FOR THEIR SOULS**

*Saints of God come to their aid, come to meet them Angels of The Lord*



- Joseph Lunn RIP (Funeral 22nd April 2021, 12.00 noon Mass)
- Remo Dipre RIP
- Joy Cooper RIP
- Anna Kashtelyan RIP
- Conrad Myers RIP
- Mary Creighan RIP
- Norah Mary Williams RIP

We also keep in prayer those whose anniversary occurs at this time of year, especially Margaret  
McCarthy RIP and Paddy Joyce and we continue to remember all those whose funerals have  
recently taken place.

*Receive their soul and present them to God the Most High.  
May Christ who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to Abraham's side.  
GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST O LORD---*

*May They Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory. Amen.*

## **JOSEPH LUNN RIP**

Joseph left for Eternal Life on his 19th Birthday. He had a holy death. He was wrapped in the arms of his mother with Dad and his young sister present praying for him. His grandparents and uncle Rob joined them. We prayed together for Joseph and thanked God for his life on earth and commended his soul to Eternal Life.

Thank you for all the beautiful messages that flooded in on our Parish WhatsApp. They mean a lot to his family. Please continue to keep Joseph and his family in prayer as we journey to the day of his funeral, Thursday 22nd April. This young man bore the cross of suffering in the bravest of ways. His love of Christ, his unity with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament got stronger every day. He had support from Heaven. For more than a year he had a very special reliquary containing the relics of some of Heavens greatest Saints including St Peter. He lived in the presence of the Lord on earth in prayer, Masses, Adoration now he Lives with the Saints of Heaven and Our Blessed Lady.

*May He Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory.*

## **MARY CREIGHAN RIP**

Again, with great sadness I have to announce the loss of a friend and parishioner MARY CREIGHAN who was called to Eternal Life this week .

I prayed at Mary's home with her family and blessed Mary before she was taken into care by the Coroner's Office. Her death has come as a shock. Please keep her soul in Your prayers.

We offer our sincere condolences to her three daughters Karen, Susan and Teresa . We send her grandchildren our love and all branches of her family. Mary is a daughter of Ireland; Carlow was where she was reared. Mary was one of fourteen. We also send our condolences to her family back home.

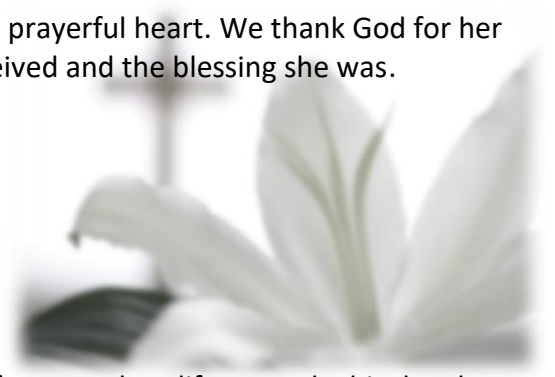
Many of you will remember her late husband JIM CREIGHAN who left for Eternity in February 2019. Mary, Jim and their family have been parishioners for more than forty years! Lovely people, a much-loved family blessed with good friends. One of Mary's very close friends is Chrissy, we would often see them at Mass together and both were regulars to our parish grotto - their friendship spanned more than 40 years. Good friends are missed, our condolences are also offered to Chrissy and her family.

Mary had a great sense of humour and a lovely smile and a prayerful heart. We thank God for her seventy-six years of life on Earth. For the blessings she received and the blessing she was.

*May She Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory*

## **NORA MARY WILLIAMS RIP**

Almighty God has called the soul of Norah Williams from life on earth to life eternal. This daughter of Ireland raised in Limerick left life here on earth in her 91<sup>st</sup> year. Married John (RIP 16 years ago) and blessed with four children. We offer our condolences to Bernie, Anne, John and Joe. We keep



in prayer her grandchildren Matthew, Katie Sian, Jake and six great grandchildren. As well as raising a family she supported our parish school as a Dinner Lady for 25 years.

Norah's funeral will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

*May She Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory*

## **OUR HOLY WEEK JOURNEY**

*My people I greet each of you with the words of the Risen Lord to the disciples on the night of Easter. Peace be with you!*

*Our journey through Holy Week will be rich in blessings. This year we are able to gather in prayer, and many will join us online. It's been a tough year for so many near and far. We keep each other wrapped in prayer as we journey to meet the Risen Lord.*

*In the Church's liturgy even in a year when it is scaled down, we are offered so much. Our Lenten days have seen us take on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I invite us to think about the joy of the resurrection in the context of the events leading up to the crucifixion of the Lord.*

*In the days to come we will witness so much. On Good Friday we recall the arrest of Jesus, Peter's betrayal, the trials before Pilate and Herod, the baying crowd demanding death, the scourging and crucifixion. These awful events depict the darkest aspects of human nature and which are appropriately expressed in sombre reflection and meditative music. Next Sunday will be so special it's a complete contrast centring on a garden tomb, a stone rolled away and the presence of angels impelling us to declare with organ and trumpets: "Thine be the Glory, risen, conquering Son endless is the victory thou o'er death has won."*

*May the Lord Rise again in your life and in the lives of those you know and love. The sacrament of Confession will be available every day during Holy Week. Going to Confession is one of the most important things we do in our spiritual lives.*

*God bless your Soul. And God bless your journey to the Father's Kingdom.*



# HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST. TERESA'S

## ***Palm Sunday***

5.30pm *Vigil Mass*  
9am *Holy Mass*  
11am *Holy Mass*

## ***Good Friday***

10am *Family Stations of the Cross*  
3pm *Solemn Liturgy*  
5pm *Close*

## ***Monday-Wednesday of Holy Week***

9.30am *Rosary*  
10am *Holy Mass*  
11am *Stations of the Cross*  
6pm *Stations of the Cross*  
7pm *Holy Mass*

## ***Holy Saturday***

10-11am *Sacrament of Confession*  
6.30pm *Easter Vigil Service*

## ***Holy Thursday***

5pm *Holy Mass*  
7pm *Holy Mass*

## ***Easter Sunday***

9am *Holy Mass*  
11am *Holy Mass*

## ***Confession Times***

*Available after every Mass  
and at other stated times.*



## THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

### **The Hour of Great Mercy**

#### ***The moment of three o'clock in the afternoon***

A devotion most dear to Our Lord is the veneration of His Passion at the very hour that recalls His death on the Cross. Through the passion and death of Jesus Christ, the very kingdom of God was opened up to us. Love should fill our response to the request of Jesus who said to Saint Faustina:

*“At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy. ... In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion (Diary, 1320).*

*I remind you, my daughter, as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world - mercy triumphed over justice. ...*

*My daughter, try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able to make the Stations of the Cross, then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant (Diary 1572).*

**Jesus gave this prayer, to be said at 3 o'clock especially for sinners; it is a powerful conversion prayer and should be used for those who have strayed from the faith. This is the prayer:**



*You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.*

*(Repeat three times)*

*O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!*

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and concludes with the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter Sunday - the 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Jesus gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent.

To take part in the Novena of Divine Mercy follow the link:

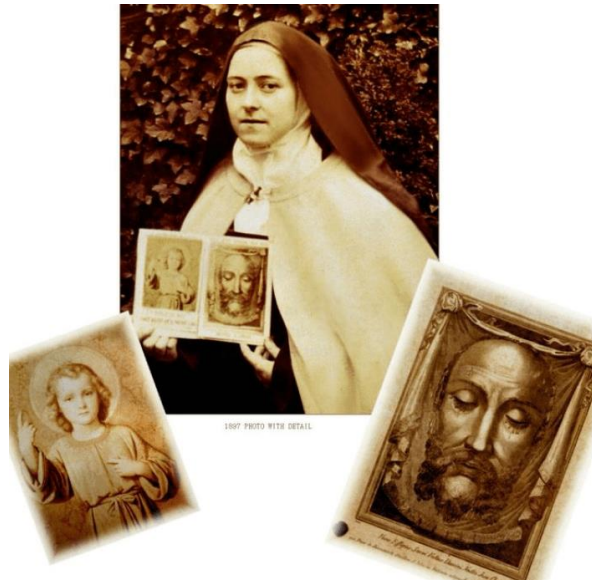
<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena/firstday>



## ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS AND OF THE HOLY FACE

*"The greatest Saint of modern times" Pope St. Pius X*

At the beatification process of St. Theresa, Mother Agnes testified:



*"Devotion to the Holy Face was the Servant of God's special attraction. As tender as was her devotion to the Child Jesus, it cannot be compared to her devotion to the Holy Face."*

### PRAYER OF ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS AND OF THE HOLY FACE TO THE HOLY FACE

"O Jesus, who, in Thy cruel Passion didst become the 'reproach of men and the Man of Sorrows,' I worship Thy divine Face. Once it shone with the beauty and sweetness of the Divinity; but now, for my sake, it is become as 'the face of a leper.'

Yet, in that disfigured Countenance, I recognize Thy infinite love, and I am consumed with the desire of making Thee loved by all mankind.

The tears that flowed so abundantly from Thy Eyes are to me as precious pearls that I delight to gather, that with their worth I may ransom the souls of poor sinners.

O Jesus, whose Face is the sole beauty that ravishes my heart, I may not see here below the sweetness of Thy glance, nor feel the ineffable tenderness of Thy kiss, I bow to Thy Will—but I pray Thee to imprint in me Thy divine likeness, and I implore Thee so to inflame me with Thy love, that it may quickly consume me, and that I may soon reach the vision of Thy glorious Face in heaven. Amen."

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Is your child ready to make their First Holy Communion?  
This Reflection might help.

Does your child sometimes:

- Want to join in the prayers at Mass?
- Look forward to meeting friends at Holy Mass?
- Try to listen to readings from Scripture at Mass?
- Ask questions about what communion tastes like?
- Talk about when they can take part?
- Join in actions at Mass and sing hymns?
- Want to know more about how we meet Jesus at Mass?
- Ask questions about why the communion host is special?
- Show eagerness about joining in?
- Value occasional moments of stillness and silence?
- Show love to family and friends?
- Exhibit a desire to deepen their love of Jesus?
- Like to meet Jesus in silent prayer at Adoration times?
- Keen to read holy stories about Jesus, Mary and the Saints?
- Do they seek your advice and ask for guidance in prayer?
- Show interest in becoming an Altar Server?

Dear Parent's, if you see signs of this in your child's life then they are probably ready to take part fully in Mass and receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Can I remind you of what Pope Saint Pius X taught, he said "*when a child is able to recognise that there is a distinction between the EUCHARIST and ordinary bread then preparation should begin*". This has been backed up by every Pope since.

## APPLICATION

The First Holy Communion programme for 2021 is now open for registration. A letter was sent out recently to Year 3 children with details of how to apply. If your child **DOES NOT** attend St Teresa's Primary School and is due to make their Communion, please print off the Application Form below, fill it in and deliver it to the Parish Office along with the fee and Baptismal Certificate (*ONLY if not Baptised at St Teresa's Church*) by Wednesday 31st March.

**PLEASE SEE COVERING LETTER AND  
APPLICATION FORM BELOW.**



**TERESA'S CHURCH**

**MORDEN**

020 8648-4113

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11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### **RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021**

Dear Parents

This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are approaching the Reconciliation & First Communion Programme somewhat differently.

You will find attached, a registration form for you to complete. We have already checked baptism certificates of children who attend St. Teresa's school, so we do not need copies. However, for children who attend other schools, and were baptized elsewhere, we will need to see and copy their baptism certificate; please bring the certificate in with your child's application form and course fee.

1. The cost of the Programme, is £15. Cash will be accepted, please make cheques payable to 'St. Teresa's Church'
2. Each child will receive a book 'HERE I AM' at the first session in church. They need to bring this book with them each time they attend the sessions in church; they will also use these books home.
3. Each session in church will last **30 minutes**. We ask you to please have your child in church at least 5 minutes before the class starts, and to collect them promptly at the end of the session. You will enter via the main doors and leave by the side doors leading to the carpark.
4. We will have 2 x half hour sessions each day, on the dates specified below, so prompt attendance and collection is a must. We envisage 2 groups of 30/35 children for each session, depending on numbers. Numbers will be capped at 70.
5. The first session of the day will start at **9:30am – 10:00am**
6. The second session of the day will start at **10:30am – 11:00m.**

Please be aware, in line with Diocesan Covid guidelines, we have to sanitize each seat/surface used between each session

**Church session dates:**    **Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>**  
   **Saturday, May, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
   **Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>**

Children will make their **First Confession on 15<sup>th</sup> May**. We will give you more information nearer the time. **We have not set first communion dates as yet;** we will let you know as the Programme progresses.

Please complete and return your registration form to St. Teresa's church office by the end of March. The office will be covered on **Friday's 9am-11am and 2pm-3.30pm**. Unfortunately, late applications will not be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> March.

We look forward to meeting all families very soon.

Yours sincerely

Canon Michael Scanlon  
Parish Priest



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Morden**

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**Application form for Reconciliation and  
Communion Preparation 2021**  
**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**Child's Name** .....

**Please tick MALE** ☐ **FEMALE** ☐

**Home Address** .....

**Date of Birth** .....

**Name/Address of  
Current School** .....  
.....

**Does your child have  
a special requirement** .....

**To help us understand more about what is needed please state above and speak to  
one of the catechists**

**Place/Date Baptism** .....

**Contact Email** .....

**Please print clearly**

**Parents/Guardian Names** .....

**Contact Mobile No.** .....

**Please state whose number e.g. mum/dad/grandparents/guardian**

**Cost of Programme: £15.00 payable by 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Please make cheques payable to St. Teresa's Church**

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**Office Use Only: Please complete on Registration Morning**

**Copy of Baptism Certificate: Attached** ☐ **OR Baptised at St. T's/Seen** ☐

**Cash / Cheque PAID** ☐ **OR Cash / Cheque to follow** ☐

**Comments**.....

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**Ref: FCP 2021**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION FORM TO ST. TERESA'S CHURCH OFFICE BEFORE MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**



*CALLING ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2021*

*SPECIAL COMPETITION!*

*"My Journey to the Day of My  
Confirmation.  
My Thoughts and Reflections"*

*Submit your thoughts & reflections of 250-300  
Words to Canon Michael.  
Entries in by Sunday 18th April.*

*1st Prize £30*

*2nd Prize £20*

*3rd Prize £10*

*Good Luck!*

Confirmation



## PARISH FINANCE

Our thanks to Maureen Bradford for her kind donation to the parish of St. Teresa's in memory of her brother Alex Pegley whose funeral took place in the parish on March 2nd. Our prayers are with you at this time and for the soul of your brother Alex.

Thank you to everybody who continues to support the parish through the collection, standing orders, gift aid and dropping in contributions. Online donations have seen an increase recently - A big THANK YOU FOR THOSE DONATIONS coming in via our parish website '*JUST GIVING*' - Press the button marked **DONATE**. If you scroll down further, we also say 'Thanks' for your support and other ways you can support our parish. Again, THANK YOU.

## GIFT AID NOTICE

This weekend Lorraine Pinto will be talking at all Masses on the advantages of Gift Aiding your weekly or monthly offertory. For more information on how easy it is to sign up for Gift Aid read below ***Do You Gift Aid?***

For those already signed up, Gift Aid Envelopes will be available during this weekend 27/28 March. Please collect your Gift Aid or Standing Order envelopes before or after Mass from the Contact Corner. If you pay tax and would like to join, please have a word with one of the team.

We send our warmest thanks to Mary Cadd for 15 wonderful years of service and help in building a strong foundation on which Gift Aid can grow and flourish for the benefit of all those in the family of St. Teresa's. THANK YOU!

## CARD READERS

To make things easier in the church we have now introduced a card reader which you will find near the Icon of Padre Pio, instructions are listed next to the machine. You can use this for all donations.

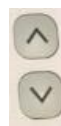
If you use **GIFT AID ENVELOPES** for your offertory, **PLEASE CONTINUE TO DO SO** and place them in the offertory boxes on the Sanctuary steps.

### SUMUP CARD READER

- IF THE SCREEN IS BLANK *press the power button*



- ENTER THE AMOUNT YOU WISH TO DONATE *e.g. 5 0 0 is £5.00, press the green tick button*
- TAP CARD *for contactless* or INSERT CARD *using your pin*
- SELECT RECEIPT *use arrows to select option required*



## QR SCAN POINTS

There is now the opportunity to donate using a QR Scanner on your phone (if you have one installed).



There are a number of Scan points in the church, one by the Statue of the Sacred Heart, one by the Exit side door and one on the noticeboard in the porch.

## COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES ON GOOD FRIDAY 2021



For Christians, there is one city in which we are far from being strangers, even though we may never have set foot in it physically. Every Holy Week, we all become spiritual pilgrims to Jerusalem. In the Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, together with the Lord Jesus, we gather in the garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives to be with Him as he prays and weeps for love of this Holy City (Cf. Ps 121(122):6). He prays that it should know “the path to peace” (Lk 19:42). From the Mount of Olives, looking to the west, we can see another hill, where we had been sat with the Lord Jesus, only a short while earlier, as His most cherished friends. There, He had taught us the true meaning of love, of peace and of fraternity. But there is another hill visible from the Mount of Olives, Mount Calvary; and in that place, soon, we shall find ourselves standing beneath a forbidding cross. There, we will witness the price paid by the Lord in the outpouring of that love of which he spoke. It will appear to be a defeat for that hoped-for peace; hatred will, seemingly, have conquered.

Two-thousand years later, the city and the land in which it forms the beating heart, still knows great sadness, often the result of a hatred which has blighted the Holy Land and the Middle East for generations. However, as Pope Francis has reminded us in his encyclical, “Fratelli tutti”, Calvary was anything but a defeat, for in that place was born true reconciliation, where we might come to know and understand the authentic meaning of fraternity and communion. The foundation of our being brothers and sisters is found precisely on Mount Calvary. There, through the greatest gift of love, the Lord Jesus revealed the means to halt enmity and to break the vicious circle of hatred. On Mount Calvary, the Lord Jesus opened up for everyone the way of reconciliation, with the Father, and with one another.



Those who kept watch with the Lord Jesus in that first Holy Week laid deep roots in their land, which is reflected in the ancient Christian culture of the Holy Places. The Christians of the Holy Land who trace their line back to those same witnesses, have remembered the Lord Jesus' call to place their trust unwavering in God's promises; they have recalled his words to serve not only as beacons of faith to their fellow Christians around the world - to be a city built on a hill which cannot be hidden (Cf. Matt. 5:14); but also, as bringers of peace (Cf. Is. 52:7) to a society which has traditionally been, and continues to be, greatly troubled and divided, for "a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." (Ja. 3:18).

We, who along with our brothers and sisters in the Holy

Land, love the earthly Jerusalem, should see her as a prophecy and promise of that universal reconciliation and peace which God desires for the whole human family, and which we know to be the Heavenly Jerusalem; for the Lord God "will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and [He] will wipe away tears from all faces" (Is. 25:6-8).

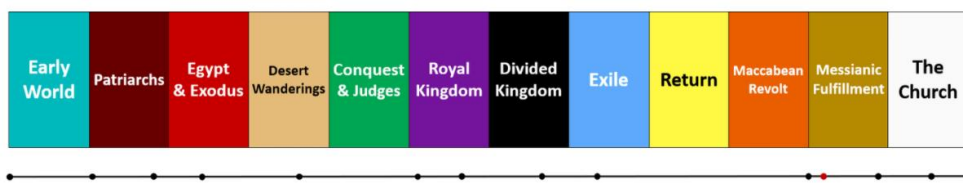


On Good Friday, the Church asks her children to help the Christian community of this City in a very practical way, made all the more urgent by the recent effects of Covid. These are the children of those first Christians who witnessed the resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Down the centuries, this Christian community has held fast to the hope bestowed by the Gospel and prized the pledge of Christ's definitive victory over sin and death, by bearing witness to the power of forgiveness, which reveals the Church's deepest nature as the sign and sacrament of a humanity reconciled, renewed and made one in the Lord Jesus.

*Come & See* presents:

## The Bible Timeline Course

**12 Periods, One Story!**



Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on **Wed 7th April 2021** at 7pm UK time (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: [comeandsee.org](https://comeandsee.org)



## DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR MEN AGED 30 TO 55

The Beda College in Rome is running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 3rd September to Sunday 5th September 2021. It takes place at St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales.

The weekend is to reach men who are not already in touch with their diocese and is a first step for those who may be exploring the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. Promoting similar weekends in past years through parish notices proved to be most fruitful, and the results from these weekends are now in the seminaries. Information and registration forms are at:

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-1>

### Discernment Weekend for men aged over 30

- ⇒ Are you a man over thirty, content, but wondering about the direction of your life?
- ⇒ Do you sense that you may be approaching a major threshold or turning point?
- ⇒ Have you sometimes found yourself wondering whether the priesthood or religious life may be an option?

***If any of these questions apply, this weekend is for you!***

The primary focus of the weekend is the possibility of priestly vocation in later life so it is limited to men between the ages of 30 and 55. However, it is also suitable for men not specifically considering priesthood as it is not presumed that any major choice or commitment will





The weekend will take place in a prayerful spirit and aims to provide some tools for reflection and discernment about future choices. It will be mainly in silence but there will also be input and the opportunity for one-to-one guidance.

**Friday 3rd September to  
Sunday 5th September 2021**

Run jointly by St Beuno's Spirituality Centre and the Beda College in Rome, the weekend will take place in St Beuno's, north Wales.

Further information Beda College Website:  
<https://bedacollege.org/>

**Details and booking at:**  
<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-1>

**CATHOLIC VOICES PANDEMIC SURVEY** Catholic Voices was involved in a very successful survey and report during the first lockdown in May-July 2020. Over 2,500 Catholics in England and Wales and Scotland were surveyed, which has given us important insights into how people responded to the arrival of the pandemic.

Since then a lot has changed and Catholic Voices would like to hear again from clergy and lay people about their current experiences and, crucially, what they feel about that future, so the survey is being relaunched. Repeating the survey now provides a good comparison moment. Please spend some time to take part in the survey.

The link is: <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey> and the survey will be open until late Spring.

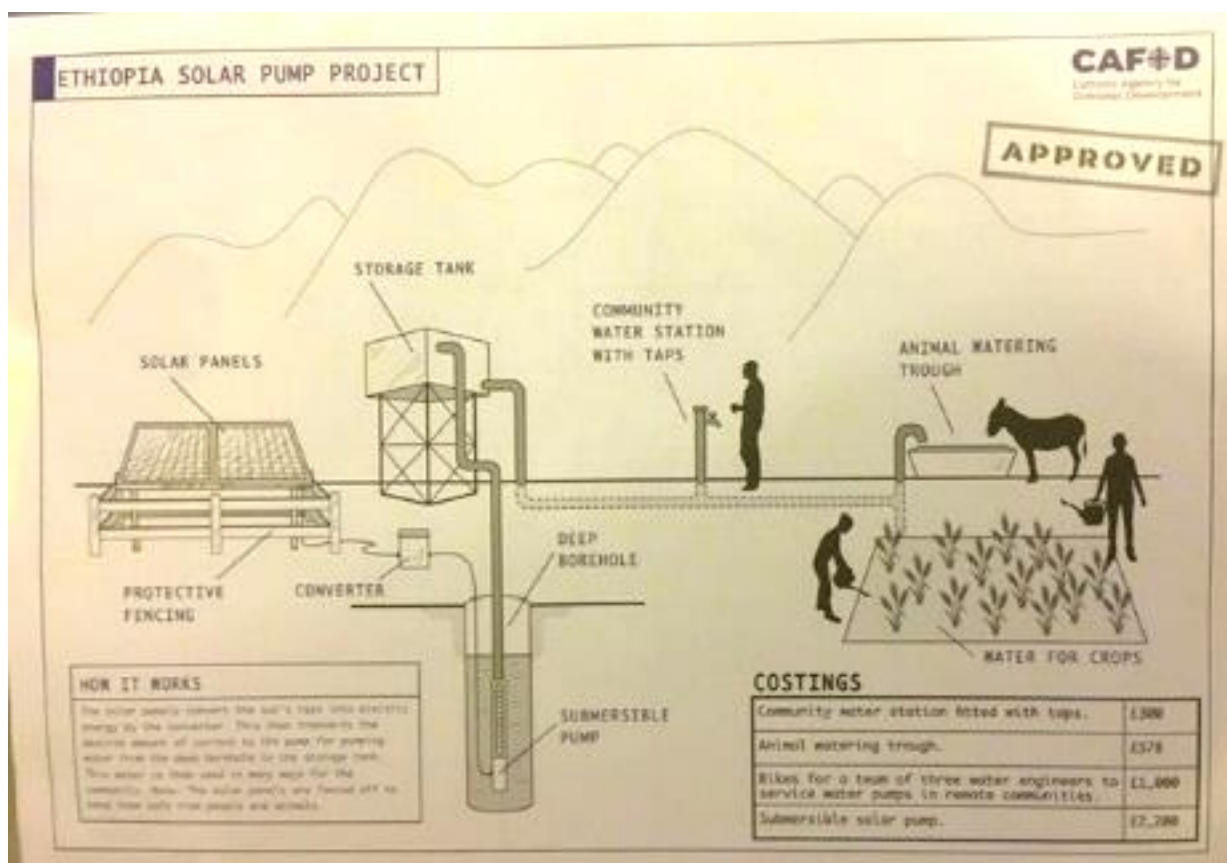
## CAFOD

Margaret Malone, Theresa Goldband, Mary Mandryk, Anna-Marie Mandryk and Alice Cheshire continue their walk for the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. This charity is helping to provide clean, safe, drinkable water for some of the poorest people on Earth. To find out more please visit <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-teresas-walk-for-cafod>



**UPDATE:** Where has the time gone! We are now approaching our last few days - Holy Week- to raise as much as we can for the incredible work to support Cafod in bringing clean water to those most in need.

To those who have already contributed, we cannot thank you enough as every pound counts!



Community water station fitted with taps	£300 ✓
Animal watering trough	£578 ✓
Bikes for a team of thee water engineers to service water pumps in remote communities	£1,000
Submersible solar pump	£2,200



# *Saint Teresa's*

*LIFE is remembered*

*LOVE is deepened, HOPE is rekindled,*

*FAITH is awakened, FAITH is renewed, FAITH is strengthened,*

*Where BLESSINGS from Heaven await you.*

*Where the LORD OF DIVINE MERCY Forgives you.*

*Where the Mother of God prays for you.*

*Where Saint Teresa intercedes for you.*

*Where Saint Joseph seeks to help you.*

*Where the Parish Family pray for you.*

***WELCOME - WELCOME - WELCOME***



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### **Please Be Aware.**

At this time, there is an increasing risk of cybercrime and online fraud. If you ever receive an email stating a change in bank account details purporting to be from the Archdiocese or from any of the diocesan parishes, please contact the diocese immediately by telephone on 020 8682 7880 in order to verify that the email is genuine and not a scam.

### **Sunday Collections and Donations**

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 written request via the parish office with contact details.

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.

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Making donations go further

### **Basic 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**

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

The Cardinal and the Archbishop wish to reassure you that THE DISPENATION 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 85 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 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 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:

[morden@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:morden@rcaos.org.uk) or call our parish number: 020 8648 4113

### **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.

