



St. Teresa's Morden

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

The Church is now OPEN

Mass Times and Intentions-Year B:

Sunday 26th September – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5.30pm Vigil – Finbarr Hurley RIP
- 9am People of the Parish
- 11am Phyllis & Terence Bowen's Family Intentions

Monday 27th September – St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10am Mr & Mrs Martins RIP

Tuesday 28th September

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10am Fred & Ann-Marie Mendonça, 30th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday 29th September – Feast of SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

- 9.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
- 10.00am Michael Coats Intentions

Thursday 30th September – St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10am Holy Souls & November Deceased List (CM)
Matthew Ivan Kitandwe RIP (Fr.R)

Friday 1st October – St. Therese of Lisieux, Virgin, Doctor

FIRST FRIDAY – Please See Programme Below

- 10am Sick & Housebound
- 6pm Living & Deceased of St. Teresa's Parish

Saturday 2nd October – Guardian Angels

- 12.30pm Wedding of Angelina Carvalho & Rahul Nayee
- 5.30pm Vigil – Mary Creighan RIP

Sunday 3rd October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9am Donors of St. Teresa's Church (FM)
- 11am People of the Parish



St Therese of Lisieux

St Teresa's School, Montacute Road, Morden.

Tel No 020 8648 1846

Headteacher; Mr Justin Dachtler.

Merton Catholic Deanery

www.mertoncatholics.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE:

Saint Teresa's Church is now OPEN to parishioners for morning Mass

Our Masses are also available online at

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

GOD BLESS OUR LOCAL GP'S

Dear Doctors,

We send our thanks and blessing from Saint Teresa's.

In your work of examining and diagnosis, may God grant you wisdom.

In your task of prescribing and treating, may He grant skill.

In your ministry of listening and counselling, may He grant you insight.

In everything you do, may God work through you,

to heal and help,

relieve and reassure,

safeguard and support,

His presence bringing you motivation, joy and fulfilment in your calling.

May those who work to help you in your practices receive Blessings from Heaven.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

We pray for those who are Sick and Housebound remembering especially:



Anne-Marie Mendonça, Theresa Mason, Moira Macklin, Maureen Smith, Maureen Flaherty,
John McDonagh, James Diver, Francesco Gargano, Theresa McGoldrick, Patricia Jayasena,
Jean Lue, Ruba Santipillai, Baby Alexander Lynch, Erika Geddes, Denise Waaldijk, Valerie Somerset,
Leonard James Connolly, Thea Haddad, Margaret Lahy, Brian Wratten, Ann Van Essen and Jane
Turner, Kevin Mooney, John Mooney, Angela Patcheye, Leonard Paice, Ken and Margaret
Peacock, Michael and Madge Durkan, Jocelyn De Silva, Mary Jeanette Connaire, Mary Reilly, Alan
O'Leary, Bill and June O'Keefe, Gerry Gillan, Bella Harding, Eileen Stevens, Dave Herris, Gabriel
Lyons, Sylvester Forya, Anna Urbni, Tony London, Kevin McKeon, Vincent Moyle, John Antao and
Pope Francis.

My Lord, hear our prayers for all those who are sick in hospital, hospices and care homes.

May they receive your special blessing.

If you wish to be prayed for on our Parish Sick List, please let us have your name.

Every First Friday we offer and remember you in Holy Mass. We also keep you in our daily prayer, our times of Adoration, Novena's and the Holy Rosary.

PLEASE continue to remember the Sick Clergy of the diocese and send out your blessing in prayer to all the Nations of the World, as they do their best to combat the pandemic and natural disasters that many nations are battling with at this time. THANK YOU!

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY

In Loving memory of

- Jerry Kirrane RIP (Friday 15th October 12.15pm)
Reception of the Body Thursday 14th 4.30pm
- Frances Healion RIP (Thursday 15th October 4pm)

For all those who have left us for a time, that may know the joy of your presence, for family, friends and parishioners we give thanks for their life on earth and keep them in our daily prayer.



RECENT DEATHS

Now At Rest And Kept In Prayer

Avril Jean Costella RIP
Shirley Johnson RIP
Dermot Peter Long RIP
Lourdes Mary Fatima
Irene Ward RIP
Sarah Marie Frost RIP
Veronica Gorrod RIP
Finbarr Francis Hurley RIP
Lolito Laydia RIP
Deacon William Boyd RIP
Deacon Jim Hayes RIP
Michael O'Kelly RIP
Newton Coutinho RIP
Anna Darby RIP
Mary Creighan RIP
Michael Joseph Nihill RIP
Gerald O'Toole RIP
Sarah Hedy Connolly RIP
Sotelo Cabrera RIP
Noel Ryan, RIP
Michael Scott RIP
Anna-Maria Fantocchi RIP
Giovanni Corsini RIP
Annie Francis RIP

Francis Assisi Mendonça RIP
Joseph Antony Quintus Rabindran RIP
Jayandradevi Rabindran RIP
Remo Dipre RIP
Alan Frederick Burridge RIP
Jonny Purvis RIP
Ann Donaldson RIP
Baby Angelika Hobbs RIP
Fr. Michael Boland RIP
Fr. Paul Sanders RIP
Fr. Richard Diala RIP
Giovanni Mansini RIP
Joseph Lunn RIP
Norah Mary Williams RIP
Francisco José Carrasco RIP
Eva Sereny RIP
Steven Duggan RIP
Lena McBride RIP
Mary Whelan RIP
Mary Connolly RIP
Kevin Mattimoe RIP
Michael Bourke RIP
Dorothy Gertrude Cleary RIP
May They Meet The Risen Lord



Remind us Dear Lord, of the great company of your people who have been called before us, famed or forgotten, celebrated or overlooked, all who have run their race and kept the faith, walking the way of Christ to their journeys end. Hear our parish and family prayer for them. Hear our prayer for those whose anniversary occurs in this month of September. Please hear our prayers for all at rest in our local cemeteries.

Help us to learn from them, to be faithful servants of the Gospel and one day citizens of Heaven.

JAMES GERALD KIRRANE (Jerry) Requiem Mass 12.15pm – 15th October

It is with sadness that we have learnt of the death of one of our long standing parishioners Jerry Kirrane. Jerry has been an active member of Saint Teresa's for over 60 years, being the first Eucharistic Minister here at our parish. Jerry's wife Finola and son Paul both died five years ago in

2016. We send our prayers and condolences to Jerry's two daughters Siobhan and Susan and to all Jerry's family and friends. *May Jerry Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

ALTAR SERVERS

Sessions for October & November 2021 – 1pm to 2pm Training and Refresher Course

A new Rota System will be in place as we welcome back our Altar Server Teams.

For those who wish to become Altar Servers there is now a training course arranged for October. Children must attend all five sessions in order to enrol. There will be consent forms available for



parents to sign giving permission regarding live streaming. The training sessions will take place on a Saturday between 1-2pm at the Church.

Training Dates are as follows:-

Saturday 9th October- 1-2pm

Saturday 16th October-1-2pm

Saturday 23rd October (Half-term)- No training

Saturday 30th October - 1-2pm

Saturday 6th November- 1-2pm

Saturday 13th November- 1-2pm

All sessions MUST be completed by new Altar Servers.

FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER IS FAMILY FAST DAY



By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. CAFOD works with local experts to help people around the world to adapt to the changing climate and protect our common home. You can donate on the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope. Family Fast Day - Harvest 2021 | CAFOD

Please note that there is a march in London on Saturday 6 November to make sure that our call for climate action is not ignored. For further information see the website.

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/COP26-Day-of-Action-2021>

Many thanks for all you do.

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



THIS WEEKEND!

Blessings

At the end of all Masses

A Solemn Blessing and Words of Welcome

to All New Parishioners.

Over the past year or so new families, young people, senior citizens have been joining our Parish.

FEAST OF SAINT TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

Friday 1st October

(First Friday)

A DAY OF PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

9am	Doors Open
9.15am	Holy Rosary – lead by pupils from Saint Teresa’s Primary School
10am	Holy Mass
11am	Anointing of the Sick (with Adoration)
1.30pm	Adoration Continues
3.15-3.45pm	Anointing of the Sick
4pm	Spiritual Reflection
4.30pm	Holy Rosary
5pm	Benediction and Reflection
6pm	Mass for the People of the Parish, Living & Deceased





CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Bishop's Open Letter on Assisted Dying Bill

Bishop John Sherrington, our Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October.

In the next weeks, we face an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of life with Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021' is due its 2nd Reading in the House of Lords with full debate on Friday, 22 October.

The term 'Assisted Dying' is euphemistic, the truth is that this bill seeks to introduce Assisted Suicide. If legalised, this Bill would allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live to be assisted in committing suicide. Catholic teaching opposes assisting suicide, since life is a gift to be cared for and preserved until its natural death. The Church is clear that we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The solidarity of praying and caring for the most vulnerable at this fragile time of their lives is a profoundly Christian act which imitates Our Lady's prayer at the cross and Christ's service to the weakest.

Those in favour of the bill are making good use of language to confuse the issue and call it a compassionate and caring approach to redefine the question and obscure the actual reality and consequences of such legislation.

As Pope Francis has said, "Physician-assisted suicide is part of a 'throwaway culture' that offers a 'false compassion' and treats a human person as a problem... True compassion does not marginalise anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude – much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing." He criticised "those who hide behind an alleged compassion to justify and approve the death of a patient." Dangers of the introduction of Assisted Suicide

Importantly, at this stage we need to argue the dangers of the introduction of Assisted Suicide, which include the safety of people who are vulnerable due to external pressures, and the later liberalisation of the law which is evidenced by other countries which have introduced Assisted Suicide. Many voices from the world of disability-rights and other allies are also very fearful and fighting this bill. Whilst there are clear arguments to support Catholic teachings, it is important to remember that this position is not only a matter of faith but also human reason.

Later this month, the BMA will be debating whether to change their stance to support or neutrality on this matter. I hope that healthcare professionals will enter this debate and highlight the dangers of this Bill to change and skew the meaning of medicine.

Take action

There are three important actions in the next weeks: praying, writing and sharing. First, I ask you to pray that the Bill will be defeated.

Second, I ask you to write to the Peers – details at bit.ly/3hCaa8T – from your personal

experience and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life. The testimony of healthcare and legal professionals will also be important. This needs to be done before the Second Reading on 22 October. Third, I ask you to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media.

Briefing papers will be available on the bishops' conference website to assist you as this work develops.

**Be assured of my prayers,
+John
Bishop John Sherrington
Lead Bishop for Life Issues
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales**

SAINT TERESA – WE SEEK YOUR HELP PLEASE!

We need more support to clean our parish church. Our sincere thanks to all who have helped down through the years.

*God Bless you in the special service you offer,
all to often unheralded,
unrecognised,
yet making, so vital a contribution to our life together,
seen or unseen,
appreciated or taken for granted.
May you find fulfilment in your ministry.
Saint Teresa, interceding for you,
God encouraging, enthusing and equipping you thorough the knowledge that in serving others you also serve Him.*



Amen.

If you are able to help in the ministry in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS

Please ring the office to make an appointment to meet with Canon Michael and have your forms signed. The following are time Canon Michael is able to meet with you:

Wednesday 29th September 11.00 – 12.00
Tuesday 5th October 2.45 - 3.15pm
Monday 11th October 2.30 - 4pm
Tuesday 12th October 11.00 - 12.15pm
Tuesday 12th October 2.15 - 3.45pm

Please drop off your forms before hand so that they can be prepared for your meeting.

PARISH BAPTISMS



On Saturday 11th September, 20 families expressed a wish to have their child/children baptised.

We look forward to their big day and we ask the parish family to keep them all and their parents in prayer.

FAQ: What are the requirements for infant baptism?

Through Baptism, God enables us to participate in his life in Jesus Christ and makes us his children. It is through this sacrament that we receive the Holy Spirit and become members of the People of God, of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. Baptism becomes our commitment to grow in this new life and to strive to acquire spiritual maturity. By baptism, God purifies us from sin. Baptism is the sacrament of faith which has the Risen Christ as its source, and it is the offer of salvation for all people. Intimately linked to Confirmation and to Eucharist, Baptism is, with these two sacraments, Christian Initiation. The child is baptized in the faith of their parents, godparents and of the Church. (see Catechism of the Catholic Church 1213, 1263, 1265, 1267-1270; Code of Canon Law, c. 842, 849)

For a child to be baptised in the Catholic Church, there must be a basis for hope that the child will be raised in the Catholic faith. In practice, this generally means that at least one parent is Catholic.

Like many dioceses up and down the country, our Diocese requires parents to participate in Baptism preparation before the baptism of their children. We offer Baptism classes here at Saint Teresa's. Each child brought forward must also have at least one godparent who is a Confirmed, practicing Catholic age 16 or older.



What are the requirements for Godparents?

When a parent chooses you as a Baptismal Sponsor (Godparent) that means you are thought of as a very special Catholic. Being called as a Godparent is not merely a choice because of family ties or a reward of friendship. The call to be a sponsor bears the responsibility of giving spiritual witness to your Godchild of how to live out the Catholic faith in everyday life. By being faithful to God's law, being active in the life of your parish, participating in Holy Mass weekly, and living Gospel values, you offer tremendous personal support to the parents who commit themselves in Baptism to faithfully passing on the Catholic faith to their child.

Most children are blessed to have two Godparents one male (Godfather) and the other female (Godmother) – both practising Catholics.

What about ...

Unmarried parents and parents not married in the church. Every parent is welcome to bring their child for baptism. Single Mums – you have our full support as do Dad's!

However, you must have the intention of teaching them the Catholic Faith.

Baptism at Saint Teresa's takes place on:-

Weekdays following the 10am Mass (so 11am)

Saturdays at 11am

Children 7 years or older must participate in the Parish First Holy Communion Program – which will lead to their First Confession and First Holy Communion.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE – CON DIVER



There is a list at the Contact Corner for those who wish to sign up for a seat on the coach going to Southwark Cathedral on **Friday 5th November** for the Ordination of Con Diver to the Diaconate. The coach will be at St. Teresa's church for 4.30pm and leaving Southwark Cathedral at 9.30pm. Please leave your contact details and a deposit of £10 per seat – this will be returnable on the day.



Agency for Evangelisation
and Catechesis
Archdiocese of Southwark

Supporting parishes in terms of evangelisation, catechesis and formation, is the work of the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis which celebrated its first anniversary this month (September 2021). If you would like to find out more on the courses, resources and support they offer please visit the website <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk>; follow them on various social media platforms @aecsouthwark or subscribe to their free monthly newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/heWjml>

BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE – Starts Wednesday 29th September 2021

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE

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 Wed 29th September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm). Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org



The Bible Timeline Course

12 Periods, One Story!



Delivered LIVE
On YouTube by
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Starts **Wed 29th Sept 2021**
8 Wednesday Sessions @7pm

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Archbishop's Certificate

Over recent months the well-received Diocesan Catechists Certificate (DCC) has been rewritten and sharpened in focus to become the new Archbishop's Certificate. We would encourage anyone involved in catechesis, in adult formation in the parish, members of the pastoral council or evangelisation teams to register for the course. Indeed, where possible, we recommend two or more members of the parish participate together to extend the learning opportunities beyond the in-person study days and online workshops.

Do you wish to learn more about the Faith that you profess each week at Mass, and share it confidently with those you love? If so, please consider registering for the new Archbishop's Certificate today. More information on this two-year blended learning course (which starts on 9th October 2021) can be found on the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis website: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

Evangelium Online

We are delighted to offer the Evangelium course via Zoom once more this autumn. Last year dozens of people looking for an overview of the Catholic faith came together on Sunday nights to learn, discuss and share. Around 20 of the 100 or so participants were exploring baptism or reception into the Church and have continued their journey in their local parish. If you are unable to convene an RCIA group this year, or wish to provide a course offering an overview of the faith, we are glad to offer Evangelium. Participants will also be entitled to a discount on three accompanying CTS books.

The Evangelium Online Course from the AEC is a full refresher and overview of the Catholic faith led by Fr Marcus Holden (co-author of Evangelium). Each session is 'live' with opportunities for discussion and questions. There are optional follow-up activities and further reading links provided and a certificate of completion is given by the Agency. To register for this FREE course, beginning 26th September please visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/evangeliumonlinecourse21-22>

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

This nationally recognised certificate which comprises eight modules (six core: Old and New Testaments, Jesus Christ, the Church, Sacraments and Christian Morality; plus two specialist modules) is available to all parishioners but is particularly focussed at those involved in Catholic education, i.e. teachers, teaching assistants and governors. If you are speaking with your local school leadership in the coming weeks, please mention the availability and importance of the CCRS in terms of developing religious literacy.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is an internationally recognised course which looks to provide teachers and others with the tools to effectively understand the Catholic Faith. If you would like to participate in this eight-module course (either as a full student or simply attending the course without completing the assignments) please find out more or register via: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs>

MARRIAGE & FAMILIL LIFE SW PASTORAL AREA

RESTORED LIVES

A course for people whose relationship has broken down.

DEALING WITH RELATIONSHIP BREAKDOWN

Relationship breakdown can be the hardest experience of a person's life. No one should have to face it on their own. By joining a Restored Lives course, you can become part of, and supported by, a local group working together to find a way forward. The next eight-session online course starts on October 4. For more details and to book visit the website restoredlives.org

BEREAVEMENT WEEKEND

This Aylesford weekend on October 8-10 is for those who have been bereaved.

GRIEF AND LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST

Have you been bereaved? If so, this weekend being held at Aylesford Priory is for you, an opportunity to mourn but also to share with and be supported by others. The date is October 8-10. For more information phone 01303 670 880 or email mflgac@rcaos.org.uk

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

This weekend course is for those who find themselves starting a new life as a single person.

STARTING LIFE AGAIN AS A SINGLE

If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential Beginning Experience weekend to help you heal will be held from October 8-10 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details, please ring 01322 838415 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

SYCAMORE: GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

An online course starting October 16 aimed at helping engaged and married couples understand their faith and relationship better.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Do you wish to understand your faith and your relationship better? The SycamOre online course, which is aimed at engaged and married couples, aims to help you do just that. It gives you the opportunity to explore your beliefs, think about questions that really matter and share ideas. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. Everyone is welcome. The four one-hour sessions run on consecutive Saturdays mornings beginning October 16. For more details email Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Yours in the Lord

Philip & Mary

Deacon Philip & Mrs Mary Pond

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE


Roman Catholic Diocese of Southwark: South-West Pastoral Area Coordinators

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

We wish to help you and support your journey of faith. The Catholic Church is the Church founded by Christ Himself and the one true Church. We have much to offer. We hope to start a special course in early autumn – it's called **RCIA**. If you are interested please let us know, email us on morden@rcaos.org.uk and we will get back to you.




URSULINE PREP OPEN EVENT



Ursuline Preparatory School Wimbledon

An Independent Catholic School for Girls aged 3 to 11
and Co-educational Nursery



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- Full 11+ Preparation Programme
- Outstanding Academic, Sport, Drama & Musical Success
- Wrap around Care, 8.00am to 5.45pm




Please join us for a Virtual Open Event to find out more on:

- Wednesday 6th October 2021, 7.30pm, or
- Wednesday 10th November 2021, 9.30am

Sign up at: www.ursulineprep.org/admissions/open-events

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Mrs V. (Parent)

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ARE YOU CONSIDERING GETTING MARRIED?

Please be aware of the following change in the law which takes effect from 1ST July 2021!

Immigration laws for EEA nationals will change from the 1 July to reflect the changes brought about following EU Exit. These changes will impact EEA citizens who wish to marry in England and Wales as the definition of a relevant national has changed. A relevant national, from the 1 July 2021, will be classed as:

- A British Citizen
- An Irish Citizen
- An EEA National who has been granted Settled or Pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) or those with a pending application submitted before the 30 June 2021.

Currently couples who are subject to immigration control must make an appointment at one of 75 Designated Register Offices within England and Wales to give notice to marry. **From the 1 July 2021, all register offices will be designated for the purposes of taking a marriage for these couples.**

An EEA national who does not hold a status under the EUSS will be treated as all other foreign nationals and will have to give notice of their intention to marry (together with their partner) at a register office in the registration district where either resides and be issued with a Marriage Schedule.

PARISH FINANCE

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, was approximately £2,400 a week (*pre-COVID*). 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



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Making donations go further

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.



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

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR GIFT AID ENVELOPES FROM THE
CONTACT CORNER**

For those already signed up, Gift Aid Envelopes are available. Please collect your Gift Aid or Standing Order envelopes before or after Mass from the Contact Corner. If no one is at the Contact Corner, please ask one of the Stewards for Linda or Lorraine.

If you pay tax and would like to join, please have a word with one of the team, it is simple and at no extra cost to you the Church can claim back 25%. See below for more details ***Do You Gift Aid?***

CARD READERS

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

The Sum-Up card reader will be situated in the narthex near the statue of St Teresa and can be used only for candles. Coming soon in the Repository will be another card reader so that you can pay for all your purchases using a credit debit card.

COLLECTIN

CollecTin is a card reader on which you can give your offertory and any other donation. All special collections will be listed on this machine and if you **Gift Aid** you need only register once, and it will remember you for all your donations - if you use the same card (*each card would need to be registered*).



CANDLES

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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT – IT'S VALUED AND APPRECIATED!

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.

Basic Government Advise on Face Coverings Masks at Mass

Face coverings are encouraged still 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 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 asked 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.**
- Until further notice: Our Parish will adopt a FIRST COME, FIRST-SERVED approach at all our Masses.
- We are required to keep a register of all attendees. So please put your name, address, contact telephone number on the Sign-In sheet.
- A number of benches will be designated for those who wish to observe social distance.

- Infants and children should remain with their parents AT ALL TIMES.
- 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 30 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 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.
- 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 only be DISABLED toilet facilities.

SAFETY

- Physical distancing of 1+ 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.
- Singing of hymns will be introduced gradually.
- Entrance and recessional processions are omitted. There will be a simple entrance by the priest. Offertory processions maybe re-introduced soon in the next couple of weeks.
- Altar Serving will continue on a rota basis.
- 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.
- Presentation of gifts will be made in the weeks to come.
- Collections will start to be taken up during the Mass. The collection boxes will still be available at strategic points and two card readers have been installed. Secure vigilance will be in place over the donations.
- There is no shaking of hands at the 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, Response: 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** until further notice.
- For the common good, our Bishops around the world acknowledge that Communion on the tongue is the right of the faithful, we ask you please receive ONLY in the hand until further notice. Thank you for your understanding and support.
- When needed, Ministers of the Eucharist may be invited to officiate at Holy Communion time. If called upon, Ministers of Holy Communion must sanitise their hands immediately after receiving Communion BEFORE distributing Holy Communion to the faithful. They must also sanitise their hands immediately after distribution.

Should you have any questions regarding this information please reply by email:

morden@rcaos.org.uk or call our parish number: 020 8648 4113

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.

