



St. Teresa's Morden

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

CONFESSIONS AFTER EVERY MASS

Mass Times and Intentions-Year B:

Sunday 10th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.30pm Vigil – Penelope Mary Brummell RIP (CM)

Mario Gomes RIP, 12th Anniv. (FrR)

9am People of the Parish

11am Devassy Pallipattu RIP

Monday 11th October – Pope St. John 23^d

9.30am Rosary

10am Colin Raj's Intentions

Tuesday 12th October – St. Wilfred, Bishop

9.30am Rosary

10am Sick & Housebound (CM)

Emilio Giacometti (FrR)

Wednesday 13th October – St. Edward the Confessor

9.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

10.00am Holy Souls (CM)

John Cannavan RIP (FrR)

Thursday 14th October – Votive of the Holy Souls

9.30am Rosary

10am Maureen Deb RIP, 1st Anniv.

4.30pm Reception of the Body of James Kirrane RIP

Friday 15th October – St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor

10am Purisima Callet RIP

12.15pm Requiem Mass James 'Gerry' Kirrane RIP

4pm Funeral Frances Healton RIP

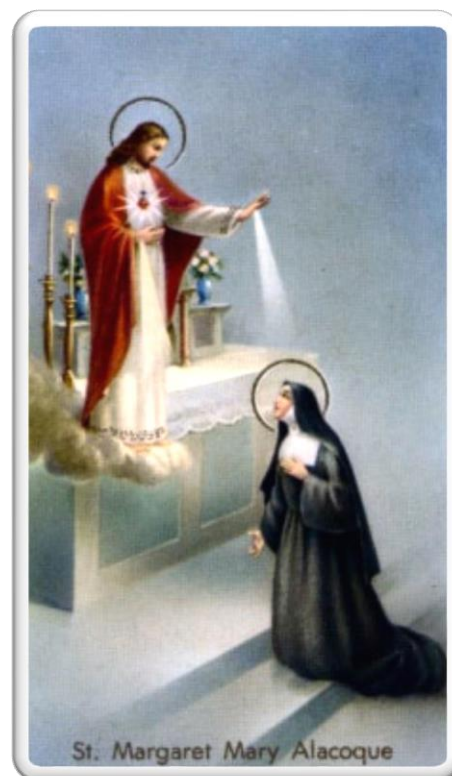
Saturday 16th October – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

5.30pm Vigil – Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary

Sunday 17th October – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am People of the Parish

11am Leslie & Mary Mills RIP



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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/>

**BLESSING AND ASSURANCE OF SPIRITUAL SUPPORT TO ALL ON OUR
PARISH SICK LIST.**

We also send out our blessing to the bedsides of those in hospital, nursing and care homes.

The compassion of Christ enfold you.

The arms of Christ support you.

The peace of Christ engulf you.

The grace of Christ sustain you.

The spirit of Christ renew you.

The power of Christ make you whole.

And the intercession of Our Lady Health of the Sick and Saint Teresa be a blessing in the days to come. Amen.

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, Stella Carrasco, Gerald Pereira, Pope Francis and Pope Benedict, Pope Emeritus.

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!

GO IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY – FUNERALS THIS WEEK

Go on your way...

- James Gerard 'Gerry' Kirrane RIP (Friday 15th October 12.15pm Requiem Mass)
Reception of Gerry's mortal remains, Thursday 14th 4.30pm
- Frances Healion RIP (Friday 15th October 4pm NE Surrey Crematorium)

...to new horizons, new life, new beginnings.

Go with our thanks for all you have meant to us and will continue to mean;

for all you have contributed to our lives in ways great and small.

Go to the one who created you, who welcomes you now and whose arms will enfold you always.

Go in peace until we meet again and share once more, never again to be parted.



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
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

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
Annie Francis 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



Recent Southwark Diocese Clergy Deaths

Deacon William Boyd RIP	Fr. Richard Diala RIP
Deacon Jim Hayes RIP	Fr. Michael Boland RIP
Fr. Paul Sanders RIP	Fr. Robert Copsey SOLT 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 prayer and the prayer of our Rosaries for those whose anniversaries occur in the month of October.

JAMES GERARD KIRRANE (Gerry) RIP - Requiem Mass 12.15pm – 15th October

It is with sadness that we have learnt of the death of one of our long standing parishioners Gerry Kirrane. Gerry has been an active member of Saint Teresa's for over 60 years, being the first Eucharistic Minister here at our parish. Gerry's wife Finola and son Paul both died five years ago in 2016. We send our prayers and condolences to Gerry's two daughters Siobhan and Susan and to all Gerry's family and friends.

May Gerry Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

GABRIELLE 'GAY' BEATRICE PHILLIPS RIP – 2.40pm NE Surrey Crematorium

We continue to keep in prayer the soul of Gabrielle 'Gay' Beatrice Phillips RIP called to Eternal Life in her 97th year. We send out our love and blessing and condolences to all her family and friends.

"With Much Love for a Dear Mother, sadly missed, but not forgotten you will be in our thoughts forever."

May Gay Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.



CANON RICHARD HEARN KCHS, VG RIP

Canon Richard Hearn died following a brief illness, he was 56 years old. A man of integrity and ability; eighteen months-ago he accepted, with great generosity, Archbishop John Wilson's invitation to become Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia: a challenging and new responsibility in which he excelled, revealing the true depth of his capabilities, both professional and pastoral. This role he combined with many others, all of which he enjoyed: in prison ministry; as Cathedral Dean; and as Master of Ceremonies to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in the Lieutenancy of England and Wales, holding the rank of Knight Commander. Whatever role or task he undertook, he did it with passion and excellence.



We offer our condolences to Archbishop John and all the team at the Cathedral who will miss Richard, our prayers also go to Canon Hearn's family and friends.

May Canon Richard Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

DOUGLAS BANKS

We send our condolences and prayers to Pat Banks and all the family of Douglas Banks who died on his 80th Birthday, Tuesday 5th October.

May Douglas Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

FR ROBERT COPSEY

We pray for the family and friends of Fr Robert Copsey who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 29th October at 11am, Our Lady of Pity and St Simon Stock Parish, Hazelwell Road, Putney SW15 6LU.



May Fr. Robert Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

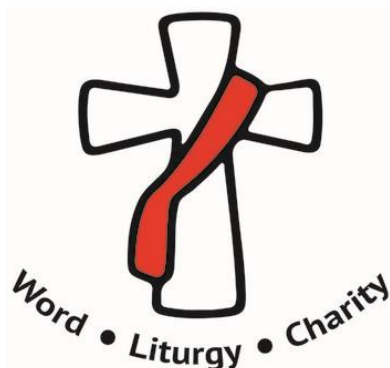
DANNY THOMPSON RIP – FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS – ALL WELCOME

On Friday 29th October a memorial Mass will be held at 7pm for the first anniversary of Danny Thompson which is on 27th October. Canon Brian Coyle will be celebrating the Mass and his wife Eileen would like to welcome everyone in the parish that knew Danny. A Mass will be offered for all Stewards on Sunday 7th November 11am.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CON ON HIS JOURNEY TO BECOMING OUR PARISH DEACON

Permanent Deacons assist with the Liturgy through the proclamation of the Gospel, the preparation of the gifts and, at times, by preaching. They are also able to administer the Sacrament of Baptism, preside at marriages, funerals and burials and conduct Communion Services in the absence of a priest.

The word “deacon” means “servant”. As such, deacons serve in the diocese and parish beyond the liturgy. They assist with religious education, help prepare couples for marriage and the baptism of their children. They may also assist with the administration of the parish. Generally deacons also have a ministry of charity and may assist with social outreach, hospital ministry, prison ministry, and so forth.



When Con is ordained on the 5th November by Archbishop John Wilson he joins the ranks of the clergy and should be treated as such.

I am looking forward to his Ordination and to his service and support in the life of our parish. Please keep him in your prayers and his wife Carmel and all the family. Thank you!

SAINT TERESA – WE SEEK YOUR HELP PLEASE! Thank you to the two ladies, so far, who have joined this important ministry.

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 too 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 through 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.

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.



DUTIES AT SUNDAY MASS

1. PREPARATION

(A) Arrive for your scheduled Mass 15 minutes prior to the start of the Mass.

(B) Wear clean shoes, black shoes preferred. You may wear sandals, but no flip-flops.

(C) Select your Alb. The Alb should be long enough to come to the top of your shoes. Remember your Alb is a sacred vestment and should be treated as such.

(D) Make sure these items are in place for Mass.

1. Roman Missal
2. Book stand on the altar
3. Water jug, bowl and hand towel on the table
4. Cruet of water on the table
5. Unconsecrated hosts and wine on the table near the altar or if an Offertory Procession then placed at the table near the back bench.

(E) If incense is used, prepare the incense stand and light charcoals – CAREFULLY!

(F) If holy water is used, be sure the holy water bucket and aspergillum (sprinkler) are where the priest may want them.

(G) Light candles. For Sunday Mass and the Saturday evening Vigil that means those on the altar and those on the high altar next to the tabernacle. If there are at least two servers, light the processional candles that you will carry. If you are a cross bearer (crucifer) get the cross and be ready to help lead the priest, deacon and other servers.

(H) If you are carrying the thurible (incense) get it and be ready – YOU will lead the entrance procession.

REMEMBER Don't worry, we will show you how to serve, when to ring the bell, when to step forward with the water and wine, how to arrive and leave the sanctuary, all will be explained and senior servers and James will be on hand to guide you.



ALTAR SERVER PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for the opportunity to serve you during the Holy Mass. In Your Sacred Presence

My heart is filled with joy and peace. May your Spirit always guide me, I also ask Saint Teresa, Saint Stephen and my Guardian Angel to bless me and pray for my family and me as I serve at the altar. Amen.

CONFESSIONS

Is your passport to Heaven in date and stamped?

Since the announcement of Lockdown, Canon Michael has been available after every Mass to hear Confession. This wonderful Sacrament of Mercy is available every day!

Our Lord's words to Saint Faustina on the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

When you go to confession, to this fountain of mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul (1602).

In the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation] ... the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated (1448).

Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy (1602).



Come with faith to the feet of My representative (1448).

I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest ... I Myself act in your soul (1602).

Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyse what sort of a priest it is that I am making use of; open your soul in confession as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light (1725).

Were a soul like a decaying corpse, so that from a human standpoint, there would be no hope of restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy! (1448).

FAMILY FAST DAY - WITH THANKS!



By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day, you have helped 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 still donate on the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Climate-Crisis-Appeal>

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>

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS

The following are times Canon Michael is able to meet with parents to sign Secondary School Application Forms:



Wednesday 29th September 11.00 – 12.00

Tuesday 5th October 2.45 - 3.15pm

NEW SESSION – Saturday 9th October 12 – 1pm

Monday 11th October 2.30 - 4pm

Tuesday 12th October 11.00 - 12.15pm

Tuesday 12th October 2.15 - 3.45pm

Just turn up at the session of your choice and meet with Canon Michael in the church.

RCIA – MEETING



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 are starting 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.

**A meeting for all those who are interested will be held on
Monday 18th October at 6pm in the church.
We look forward to meeting you.**

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



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

JOIN US FOR OUR WARM & WELL INFORMATION FAIR



If you're a Merton resident and would like to find out more about staying well as the colder weather approaches come and join us at Wimbledon Library on Wednesday 13th October from 2:30 - 4:30pm.

Get your blood pressure checked with One You Merton, pick up your free information pack (with a handy room thermometer) and enjoy our free brownies and refreshments.

Plus, visit our COVID-19 Vaccination Pop-Up Clinic for your vaccine.

Stall holders include: Wimbledon Guild, Age UK Merton, Thinking Works, Healthwatch, the Alzheimer's Society, the Police, the Fire Brigade, WDP, Merton Uplift and Diabetes Champions.

For updates and more information, visit www.warmandwellinmerton.co.uk



The Passage a Catholic Charity working with homeless people has its annual opportunity to take up a public collection on the streets of the City of Westminster on Tuesday 19 October (from 7.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.). In order to make the most of this opportunity to raise funds to support homeless people they need more volunteers on the day. Could anyone interested please contact Andrew Hollingsworth andrew.h@passage.org.uk 020 7592 1886 (07928 703131)



Supporting parishes in terms of evangelisation, catechesis and formation, is the work of the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis which celebrated its first anniversary in 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

Have you thought about joining? The course has started but there is still time to join in on this wonderful journey through scripture.

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

Early World	Patriarchs	Egypt & Exodus	Desert Wanderings	Conquest & Judges	Royal Kingdom
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The Bible Timeline Course

12 Periods, One Story!



Starts **Wed 29th Sept 2021**
8 Wednesday Sessions @7pm

FREE OF CHARGE **LIVE-STREAMED ->**

Delivered LIVE
On YouTube by
Mauro Iannicelli

Info & Registration:
www.comeandsee.org

Divided Kingdom	Exile	Return	Maccabean Revolt	Messianic Fulfilment	The Church
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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 & FAMILY 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

philppond@rcaos.org.uk

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.



Tithes and offerings

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 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



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 – HAVE YOU COLLECTED YOUR GIFT AID BOX?

**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.
- 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 is in place at all times and in all directions between people who are not of the same household.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

