



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 24th October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Mission Sunday

- 5.30pm Vigil – Gerry Fernandes RIP
- 9am Morris King RIP
- 11am People of the Parish

Monday 25th October

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10am Holy Souls

Tuesday 26th October – SS Chad & Cedd, Bishops

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10am Bill & Kath Kelly RIP

Wednesday 27th October

- 9.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
- 10.00am For Those At Rest In Our Local Cemeteries (CM)
Richrd Reginald Zhungu, 3rd Anniv. (FrR)

Thursday 28th October – SS Simon and Jude, Apostles

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10am For The Sick And Dying (CM)
Con Diver's Intentions (FrR)

Friday 29th October

- 10am William Martin Hynan RIP, 1st Anniv.(CM)
Olivia Coelho RIP (FrR)
- 7pm Danny Thompson RIP, 1st Anniv. (CB)

Saturday 30th October – Blessed Virgin Mary

- 5.30pm Vigil – Mary Whelan RIP
Bridget McDonagh's Intentions

Sunday 31st October – 30th FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

- 9am People of the Parish
- 11am Remo Dipre & Family's Intentions



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/>

LOOKING AHEAD – NOVEMBER

The feast of All Saints will be transferred TO SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER. The Vigil will be on Saturday evening.

Monday 1st November we will celebrate a Votive Mass of All Saints at 10am and 6pm. The programme for the 1st and 2nd of November will be as follows:-

Monday 1st November – VOTIVE OF ALL SAINTS

10:00am Holy Mass

10:45am – 12.30pm Adoration

4:30pm – 5:45pm Holy Hour and Benediction

6:00pm Holy Mass

Tuesday 2nd November – ALL SOULS DAY

10am Holy Mass

10:45am – 12.30pm Adoration

4:30pm – 5:45pm Holy Hour and Benediction

6:00pm Holy Mass

NOVEMBER DECEASED LIST – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

We offer you the chance to hand in a list of names, family, friends, etc.

These names will be placed on the Sanctuary in front of the Altar with candles lit either side. They will be remembered in Holy Mass every day during the month of the Holy Souls. In our Prayers of Intercession, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and periods of Adoration.

*Listen graciously to the prayers of our Parish Family,
in Your compassion, O merciful Father, have mercy on
our deceased brothers and sisters and to all who were
pleasing to You at their passing from this life, give
kind admittance to Your Kingdom. We commend One
and All to Your Divine Mercy.
Amen.*

O LORD PLEASE HEAR OUR PRAYERS

For all who are on our Parish Sick List, for family and friends,

We pray for those who are unwell.

Those struck down by serious disease.

Those awaiting a diagnosis or operation.

Those receiving treatment for cancer.

Those with debilitating, chronic conditions.

And those with terminal illness.

From our Altar, from our hearts may we also send out our blessing to all who are unwell at home in our Hospitals, Care Homes, Nursing Homes and those in Hospice care. 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!



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
Gerry Kirrane RIP
Gay Phillips 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
Frances Healion 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
Canon Richard Hearn 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.*

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

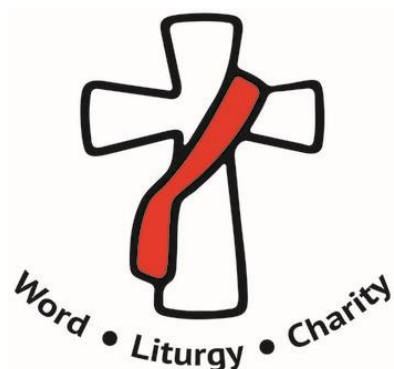
Permanent Deacons assist with the Liturgy through the proclamation of the Gospel, the preparation of the gifts and, at times, by preaching. They are also able to administer the Sacrament of Baptism, preside at marriages, funerals and burials and conduct Communion Services in the absence of a priest.

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!



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.*



OPENING OF THE SYNODAL PATH

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

*St Peter's Basilica
Sunday, 10 October 2021*

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2021/documents/20211010-omelia-sinodo-vescovi.html>



Archdiocese of Southwark

Pastoral Letter for the Opening of the Synod

This was read at last week at all Masses over the weekend of 16/17 October 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited the Catholic Church across the world to begin a journey of listening attentively to the Lord and to each other. We want to deepen our understanding of what it means to live together, in union with Christ, as fellow disciples called to announce His Gospel. This experience of encounter is called a Synod and follows a Synodal process. The word Synod comes from two Greek words which mean

‘journeying forward on the way together,’ the Way who is the Lord Jesus, our Truth and our Life.¹

There are three key words for this Synodal process: communion, participation, and mission. Put simply: What does it mean for us to belong to Christ and be in relationship with His Church? What does it mean for us to be engaged and involved with Christ in His Church? What does it mean for us to be sent out, in proclamation and service, by Christ and His Church? We are being asked to rediscover together - laity, clergy, and religious - what it means to be a servant-Church, rooted in Christ who came ‘not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’² The Synod is an opportunity for everyone baptised into Christ to consider what it means to be a missionary disciple. It begins at the grassroots and leads, through a national and continental phase, to a gathering in Rome in 2023.

In our own Archdiocese we have asked every parish to nominate two delegates who can work locally, in whatever way is most helpful, to enable a parish process of listening and reflection. To help with this there are some questions for consideration from the Synod Office in Rome and others prepared by our own Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis. All this material has been sent to parishes and can be found online.³ I hope that every parish will undertake its own process of reflection which will feed into our submission to the national Synod document.

We might ask what is the purpose of the Synod? Pope Francis is quite clear. It is an event in the life of the Church where the primary agent is the Holy Spirit.⁴ We are to be a listening Church, characterised by ‘closeness, compassion and tender love.’⁵ This is the foundation and pathway for sharing all we hold to be true and good and beautiful in our Catholic faith.

At the end of the Second Vatican Council, Pope St Paul VI spoke words worth hearing again as we consider afresh our Christian calling:

‘The Church has gathered herself together in deep spiritual awareness, not to produce a learned analysis of religious psychology, or an account of her own experiences, not even to devote herself to reaffirming her rights and explaining her laws. Rather, it was to find in herself, active and alive, the Holy Spirit, the word of Christ; and to probe more deeply still the mystery, the plan and the presence of God above and within herself; to revitalise in herself that faith which is the secret of her confidence and of her wisdom, and that love which impels her to sing without ceasing the praises of God.’⁶

We have been allotted a relatively short timeline for the diocesan Synodal process. It will, however, hopefully begin a more extended discernment. This will be carried forward to shape our pastoral vision and planning into the future. It will help us understand what it means to be the Church at this time in our place. It will serve our renewal, personally and communally. As Pope Francis reminds us, we journey

together as ‘the one People of God...in order to experience a Church that receives and lives [the] gift of unity, and is open to the voice of the Spirit.’⁷

I encourage everyone in our Archdiocese to take part in the Synod by participating in their local parish process which will take place primarily over the next month. You can also

participate by submitting a response directly online or in writing. Each parish is different, and we must be mindful of the challenges still presented by Covid 19; but please try to listen and reflect as widely as possible, including schools, people of all ages and backgrounds, and groups and organisations within the local community. I look forward to meeting with the parish delegates to hear what has emerged.

Allow me to finish by sharing again what I said when I became your Archbishop:

We have a hope in the Lord Jesus... These are the most important first words I could ever say to you. In the Lord Jesus we have a hope for our world, a world which God created, a world which God loves. In Him we have a hope for our common humanity which God shared by taking flesh and dwelling among us. In the Lord Jesus we have a hope for the Church, Christ's Body, called to announce the Gospel with confidence and joy. In Him we have a hope for each other, that our lives have a purpose, a dignity and a destiny, that we can live in love, with justice, for peace. We have a hope in the Lord Jesus, crucified and risen from the dead, alive in His Church, alive in His Word, alive in His Sacraments. Dear friends we have a hope in the Lord Jesus, alive in us by the power of the Holy Spirit.⁸

Please pray for Our Holy Father and the Synodal process in our Archdiocese and worldwide, that the Holy Spirit will draw us more closely together in the truth and send us out as a light to the nations. May God bless you as we begin this journey together, confident that the Lord always works for good through those who love Him.

Yours devotedly in Christ

+ John Wilson

Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark

1 Cf. John 14:6

2 Mk 10:45

3 <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod>

4 'I want to say again that the Synod is not a parliament or an opinion poll; the Synod is an ecclesial event and its protagonist is the Holy Spirit.' Pope Francis, Address for the Opening of the Synod, 9 October 2021

5 Pope Francis, Address for the Opening of the Synod, 9 October 2021

6 Address of Pope Paul VI During the Last General Meeting of the Second Vatican Council, 7 December 1965.

7 Pope Francis, Address for the Opening of the Synod, 9 October 2021.

8 Homily for the Mass of Installation as Archbishop of Southwark, Feast of St James the Apostle, 25 July 2019, St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

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MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST

ACROSS THE WORLD

What is a Miracle of the Eucharist?

Miracles of the Eucharist are miraculous divine interventions that are aimed at confirming faith in the real presence of the body and blood of the Lord in the Eucharist. We are familiar with the Catholic doctrine relating to this real presence; with the Words of Consecration, "this is my body" and "this is my blood," the substance of the bread becomes the body of Christ and the substance of the wine becomes his blood. This awe-inspiring change is known as transubstantiation, in other words, the transition of the substance. Only the appearances, or species, of the bread and wine remain; these are known by the philosophical term "accidents". The dimensions, colour, flavour and odour remain, as do the nutrients, but the substance, or rather the true reality, does not remain because it has become the body and blood of Christ. Transubstantiation can in no way be experienced by the senses; faith alone makes certain of this miraculous change.

Miracles of the Eucharist are intended to confirm this faith, which is based on the words of Christ, according to which what seems like bread is no longer bread, and what seems like wine is no longer wine. Flesh and blood, or one or the other, appear in Miracles of the Eucharist, depending on the case. The aim of miracles such as these is to demonstrate that we should not look at external appearances (bread and wine), but at the substance, at the true reality of things, which is flesh and blood. Medieval theologians scrutinised the issue of Miracles of the Eucharist (which were very common at that time), and interpreted them in a variety of different ways. The most well-founded and reasoned of these seems to be that of the supreme "Doctor of the Eucharist" Saint Thomas Aquinas (cf. *Summa Theologica* III, q. 76, a. 8). He says that the body and blood that appear after the miracle are a result of the transformation of the Eucharistic species, or rather of the accidents, and that they do not affect the real substance of the body and blood of Christ. The species of the bread and wine are miraculously changed into species of flesh and blood, but the real body and real blood of Christ are



not those that appear. They are those that, even before the miracle, were hidden beneath the species of the bread and wine, and continue to exist hidden beneath the species of the flesh and blood. If, in fact, the flesh and blood that appear were really the flesh and blood of Christ, we would have to say that the risen Christ, who reigns at God's right hand, loses a part of his flesh and blood. We must therefore say that the flesh and blood that appear in the miracles are a type of species, appearance or accident, no more and no less than the species of the bread and wine. The Lord carries out these miracles to give a sign that is easy and visible to all, that the real

body and blood of Christ are present in the Eucharist. But this real body and this real blood are not those that appear, rather they are substantially contained beneath the species or appearances, species or appearances that were those of the bread and wine before the miracle, and after the miracle are those of flesh and blood. Christ is truly and substantially contained beneath the appearances of flesh and blood, just as he was before the miracle. This is why we can worship Christ in his real presence beneath the species of the flesh and blood.

Father Roberto Coggi O.

<http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>

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

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE SW PASTORAL AREA

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.

