



# St. Teresa's Morden

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**CLOCK CHANGE SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

**0200 BST BECOMES 0100 GMT**

## ***Mass Times and Intentions-Year B:***

### ***Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> FEAST OF ALL SAINTS***

- 5.30pm Vigil – Mary Whelan RIP (CM)  
Bridget McDonagh's Intentions (FrR)
- 9am People of the Parish
- 11am Remo Dipre & Family's Intentions

### ***Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Votive of All Saints***

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10am Vincente Villamill RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.(CM)  
Michael Diver RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. (FrR)  
**SEE PROGRAMME BELOW FOR VOTIVE OF ALL SAINTS DAY**

### ***Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Feast of All Souls***

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10am Deceased Family, Parishioners and Clergy  
**SEE PROGRAMME BELOW FOR VOTIVE OF ALL SOULS DAY**

### ***Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop***

- 9.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
- 10.00am Nishanth RIP

### ***Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Votive of the Holy Spirit***

- 9.30am Rosary
- 10am Con Diver's Intentions (CM)  
Brigida Fernandes Intentions (FrR)

### ***Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November - First Friday***

- 10am Sick & Housebound (CM)  
Rev. Brendan Byrne's Deceased Parents (FM)(FrR)
- 4.30pm Coach Leaves for Southwark Cathedral - Con Diver's Ordination to the Diaconate**

### ***Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November - The Blessed Virgin Mary***

- 5.30pm Vigil – Rev. Bredna Byrne's Brothers & Sisters (FM)

### ***Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

- 9am People of the Parish
- 11am Mary & James Moorhead RIP (CM)  
Stewards of St Teresa's in Thanksgiving (FrR)



*Feast of All Saints*

*All Souls*



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Merton Catholic Deanery

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**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 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER. The Vigil will be on Saturday evening.

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

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Jocyln 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

Francis Assisi Mendonça RIP

Joseph Antony Quintus Rabindran RIP

Jayandradevi Rabindran RIP

Remo Dipre RIP

Alan Frederick Burridge RIP

Jonny Purvis 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

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  
Deacon Jim Hayes RIP  
Fr. Paul Sanders RIP  
Canon Richard Hearn RIP  
Fr. Richard Diala RIP  
Fr. Michael Boland 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.*

**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 RIP**

We send our condolences and prayers to Pat Banks and all the family of Douglas Banks who died on his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October.  
*May Douglas Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

## **FR ROBERT COPSEY RIP**

We pray for the family and friends of Fr Robert Copsey who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## **ANTHONY 'Tony' JOSEPH BYRNES RIP**

Anthony died on October 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 aged 84. We offer our prayers and condolences to the Byrnes family and all who knew Anthony. His cremation will take place at North East Surrey Crematorium on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 9.20am.

*May Tony Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

## **NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

There is a longstanding tradition in the Catholic Church to pray for the souls of the deceased. We are all part of the Communion of Saints and our role is to intercede for each other. Not only in this life on earth, but also after we have departed. Praying for the souls of those that have gone before us goes right in step with Divine Mercy.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church also says that our prayer for the souls in purgatory is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective. (CCC 958)

So, here's how it goes with the praying Body of Christ. Some disciples are here on earth, others are in the full glory of heaven and others have died and are being purified (waiting to certainly go to heaven after the purification process). We, the Militant Church here on earth, pray for each other and for the souls in purgatory. The Triumphant Church, the saints in heaven, pray for us and for the souls in purgatory. The Penitent Church, the souls in purgatory, soon to be saints, have the power to pray for us! Yes! Amazing and true! The holy souls in purgatory can intercede for us too! They are still members of the Body of Christ even in the time of purification and just like Christ....they LOVE US!



Bishop Fulton Sheen once said that "As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming toward us and thanking us. We will ask who they are and they will say: 'A poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.'"

*Try to find time to visit one of our local cemeteries.  
When you pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory you never pray alone.*

### **13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – SATURDAY**

Canon Michael will be at **Sutton Cemetery** on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 12.30-1pm ready to pray and bless graves and headstones.

### **14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Deanery Clergy will be at **Garth Road Cemetery** and **North West Crematorium** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

An extra Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm at Saint Teresa's on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November.  
In memory of those who died in the pandemic last year and this year.



### **FIRST FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

#### *Anointing of the Sick & Adoration*

*10am Mass*



If you have ever been sick, then you know what it is like to want to recover and feel better. If you have ever been so sick that recovery might not be possible, then you know what it is like to want to be at peace. Every moment in the span between both of these situations and conditions is taken into consideration as the Roman Catholic Church offers the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to those who are ill or suffering.

Sickness is a fact of human life and experience. Like death itself, it makes no distinction among persons confronted by its grasp. It should come as no surprise, then, that the Lord Jesus Christ reached out to those who were sick in his day and offered them courage, healing, strength and peace. We read many such occasions in the pages of the Gospels. He likewise invited and directed his Apostles to do the same, a practice that continues in the Roman Catholic Church to the present day. The ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ and his Apostles to the sick and suffering is the foundation and origin of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Just as the Sacrament of Penance is intended for the healing and peace of the soul, this sacrament is intended for the healing and peace of the body and mind.

There is a connection between both of these sacraments of "healing." In Mark's Gospel we read that Jesus sent his apostles out among the people:



Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits ... They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them (Mark 6: 6-13).

This passage does not represent the institution of either sacrament as we have come to know and experience them in the Roman Catholic Church. Rather, the scriptures here demonstrate the intention of the Lord Jesus Christ that people repent for their sins and be healed of their sicknesses through apostolic ministry.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick finds its most specific exposition in the Letter of James: Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven (James 5: 14-15).

## **'DEACON' CON DIVER – NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION**

**Coach leaves St.Teresa's 4.30pm – Returns 9.30pm**

Our parish and deanery is keeping Con wrapped in prayer. We have a coach heading to St. George's Cathedral leaving St. Teresa's at 4.30pm. With his wife Carmel and all branches of the family we shall witness this sacred moment in his life.

Archbishop John will preside at this Ordination Mass. Con will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate – what does it mean to be a Permanent Deacon?

A deacon is a man ordained by the bishop for service in Liturgy, Word and Charity. He assists the Archbishop, area Bishops and his priests.

'Deacon' Con is an ordinary minister of Baptism and Holy Communion. He proclaims the Gospel at Mass, occasionally preaches, and he may officiate at weddings. He can preside at Communion services, funeral services and wakes, celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Deacons frequently minister in preparing couples for marriage and for the Baptism of their children, in the Rite of Christian Initiation of adults and religious education programmes, i.e. First Holy Communion, Confirmation – On-going Formation.

The diaconate is a ministry of service and deacons can be found visiting the sick and housebound, visiting prisoners, helping and advocating for the poor, teaching and performing a wide variety of similar ministries.

The vast majority of deacons are married and work in regular jobs in the marketplace. Some are engaged in fulltime ministry in parishes or the diocese.

Con brings with him a variety of gifts which will bring many blessings to him and our parish family. His lifestyle is consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church. He has a strong desire to serve the Christian Community and as we all know possess' a proven record of successful service as an



acknowledged leader (Pastoral Assistant) in this parish. His prayer life is rich and guided by The Holy Spirit. We thank God for his calling wish him all the very best in the years to come – CON – “May God who has begun the good work in you, bring it to fulfilment.”

## ON THE “CHURCH’S SYNODAL PATH OF COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION”



Unlike previous gatherings of the world’s bishops, Pope Francis wants this synod to include directly the people in local dioceses across the world, especially with the lay faithful.

Here in Southwark we will be holding consultation and listening sessions to gather perspectives that we will use in preparing a report for Rome to be delivered by next April. Following this long process of listening, the Pope will convene the synod of bishops in Rome in October 2023.

What Pope Francis is calling “the synodal path” is a journey of prayer and reflection. In this coming year, he is asking each of us to think about our relationship with Our Lord Jesus, our communion with Him in His church, and how we participate in His mission.

As a parish we will come together to reflect and respond to the Holy Father’s request. In unity with Archbishop John and our Diocesan family we will hold a meeting in the very near future. We hope you will be able to attend.

Every parish has been asked to send at least two Delegates for meetings with Archbishop John and his team. I’m pleased to announce that Paul Carter and Fred Mendonça have agreed to take on this role.

## 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 counters 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.*



# *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**



*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.<sup>1</sup>

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.'<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup> We are to be a listening Church, characterised by 'closeness, compassion and tender love.'<sup>5</sup> 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.'<sup>6</sup>

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.'<sup>7</sup>

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.<sup>8</sup>

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.

## ARE YOU CONSIDERING GETTING MARRIED?

Please be aware of the following change in the law which takes effect from 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 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 – 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!**

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### Please Be Aware.

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

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

## **PERFECT CONTRITION AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus: If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined, you will be unable to receive the sacraments as normal. In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace. The following devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practised by saints.

### **How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition**

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you are determined to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.



Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: *'My God, grant me perfect contrition for my sins.'*


1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of the crucifix and say to yourself: *"Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins"*
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent your sins because you love God and are sorry for having offended Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have bought Our Lord His sufferings on the cross. Promise him that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focussed on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: *"O my God, because You are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against You and by the help of Your grace I will not sin again. Amen."*
4. Make a firm resolution to go to a sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

### **How to make a Spiritual Communion**

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive Our Lord present – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say the prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri – The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.



**Prayer for  
Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive  
You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this  
moment receive You  
sacramentally, come at least  
spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were  
already there and unite  
myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be  
separated from You.

Amen.

