

# St. Teresa's Morden

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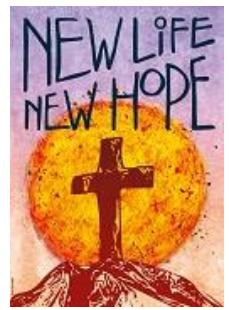
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## SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> March 2nd Sunday of Lent

- 5.30pm Mass & Confessions  
*Living & Dec. Mems. of the Goldband Family*
- 9am Mass & Confessions – **RCIA Rite of Election**  
*.James & Primrose Gunaratnam*
- 11am Mass & Confessions  
*People of the Parish*
- 12pm **WALK AGAINST HUNGER in the field - CAFOD**

## MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> March

- 7-10am Adoration
- 9.15am Rosary
- 10am Mass & Confessions  
*Darryl D'Souza RIP*
- 11am Stations of the Cross
- 2.30-3.30pm Adoration Holy Hour  
with 3 O'clock Devotions
- 5pm Adoration
- 6pm Mass & Confession

## TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

- 7-10am Adoration
- 9.15am Rosary
- 10am Mass & Confessions Joined by Y4  
*Diver Family Intentions*
- 11am Stations of the Cross
- 2.30-3.30pm Adoration Holy Hour  
with 3 O'clock Devotions
- 5pm Adoration
- 6pm Mass & Confession

## WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH

- 7-10am Adoration
- 9.15am Rosary
- 10am Mass & Confessions Joined by Y5  
*Rommel & Liz Courtinho Wed.Anv.40th*
- 11am Stations of the Cross
- 2.30-3.30pm Adoration Holy Hour  
with 3 O'clock Devotions
- 5pm Adoration
- 6pm Mass & Confessions

## THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March

*St. Patrick, Bishop Patron of Ireland*

- 7am-10am Adoration
- 9.15am Rosary
- 10am Mass & Confessions Joined by Y5  
*Lionel Howard RIP (FM)*  
*Lena & Joseph McBride RIP*
- 11am Stations of the Cross
- 2.30-3.30pm Adoration Holy Hour  
with 3 O'clock Devotions
- 5pm Adoration
- 6pm Mass & Confession

## FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> March

*St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor*

- 7am-10am Adoration
- 9.15am Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
- 10am Mass  
*Kathleen Diver RIP*  
*Tommy & Alice Burke RIP*
- 2.30-3.30pm Adoration Holy Hour  
Y2 Class Liturgy & Parents
- 5pm Stations of the Cross
- 6pm Mass & Confessions

## SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March

*Feast of St. Joseph*

- 9.30am - First Holy Communion  
**DAY OF RECONCILIATION**
- 4pm Holy Hour & Litany of St. Joseph  
Veneration of Sleeping St Joseph  
Novena & Adoration
- 5.30pm Mass & Confession  
In Honour of St. Joseph  
**Confirmation Rite of Enrolement**  
*Aisling Coffey's Intentions*



2 HOLY MASSES EVERYDAY  
CONFESSION EVERYDAY  
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK  
MINI RETREATS  
FAMILY SUPPORT  
CATECHESIS  
YOUTH MINISTRY  
MOTHERS DAY  
MUSIC  
BLESSING OF CHILDREN  
MASS OF ANTONEMENT  
SCHOOL MINISTRY  
MASS OF THE FAMILY TREE

See the weekly timetable in the narthex. Sign up for Adoration on the list provided.

Our Masses are also available online at  
<https://www.stcm.org.uk/>  
All Services are streamed on YouTube

## OUR PARISH LENTEN MISSION ASH WEDNESDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY

Our theme is: **MERCY, FOREGIVENESS & REPENTANCE**  
Please let family and friends know of our 47 Day Spiritual Journey.

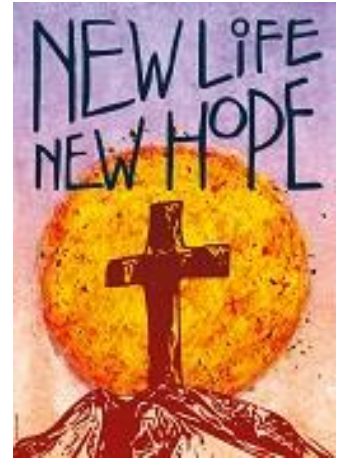
And please,  
Bring your laughter, bring your tears,  
Bring your joy and bring your sorrow,  
Bring your hopes, bring your fears,  
Bring today, bring tomorrow.

Bring your fullness, bring your thirst,  
Bring your weakness, bring your health,  
Bring your best and bring your worst,  
Bring your love ones, bring yourself,  
Bring your faith and bring your doubt,  
Bring your sorrow for sins past,  
Bring a heart that seeks His Mercy.

Bring a soul that cries out for absolution,  
Bring your prayer for family and friends,  
Bring your spiritual needs, bring your offering for Lent.

The Lord will be here every day to meet you in Prayer, Mercy and Forgiveness. His healing touch for you and your soul is assured.

Let this Season of Lent be rich in blessings for you and your family.



### **Reconsecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary** **Ukraine's Catholic bishops ask Pope Francis to** **consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of** **Mary**

The bishops hope that this will bring an end to the conflict in Ukraine.



**THE EPISCOPATE OF UKRAINE HAS  
PUBLISHED AN UPDATED TEXT OF THE  
ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HEART  
OF MARY**

“ Act of Consecration of Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The bishops encourage to use it after each Holy Mass and privately. ”



## **Act of Consecration of Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Beloved Queen and Our Mother, Queen of the Holy Rosary, Help of Christians, Salvation of the human race, Victorious Virgin, here we humbly fall before You, that You may bring our sincere prayers to Almighty God in the Trinity.

We come in full confidence that we beg for mercy and protection for our Motherland in this dramatic time of war. Mother of Mercy, we ask this not for our merits, which we do not count on, but in view of the infinite goodness of Your Heart and the saving Blood of Christ, Your Son. May the suffering and cries for help of so many people touch you. Have mercy on the wounded and victims of the shelling, orphans and widows, all those who were forced to leave their homes and seek refuge in safer places. Ask for mercy for those who gave their lives defending their neighbors and our Motherland.

O Immaculate Mother, ask God for the grace of conversion, and we especially ask for the conversion of Russia and all those who are blinded by hatred or thirst for power. Pray for us first of all those graces which can change human hearts in an instant, and which will prepare and bring such a coveted peace! Above all, bring us the gift of spiritual peace so that the Kingdom of God may grow in peace and harmony.

Queen of Peace, ask us for the grace of true reconciliation with God and with each other, so that we can give each other a hand of help and support.

The throne of wisdom, inspire all rulers to make wise decisions and strengthen the efforts of those who contribute to the end of war and peace. Queen of the Apostles, ask for our pastors the gift of strong faith and zeal in the completion of the Sacraments, so that at this time we may all be united at the Eucharistic table and in zealous prayer.

Heal the sick, strengthen all medical staff and volunteers who care for the sick and wounded, ask for their spiritual and physical strength. Be healing for the sick, strengthening for the dying and fun for their loved ones.

Just as the Church and all mankind were consecrated to the Heart of Your Divine Son, and in Him we hope to become an inexhaustible source of victory and salvation for all, so we dedicate ourselves forever to You and to Your Immaculate Heart, our Mother and Queen, that Your love and care may ensure the victory of the Kingdom of God, and that our Ukraine and all nations reconciled among themselves and with God may bless and glorify You. Amen!

**Lord Jesus,**

You healed the sick, we bring to you in our prayer every day the sick and housebound, those coping with cancer and other serious health issues.

**Please hear our prayer for:**



Anne-Marie Mendonça, 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, Joclyn 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, Antonina Urbni,  
Tony London, Kevin McKeon, Vincent Moyle,  
John Antao, Stella Carrasco, Gerald Pereira, Theresa Mathison, Jason Sigalas, Reme Mills,  
Pope Francis and Pope Benedict, Pope Emeritus.

*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.*

Dear Parishioners, 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!

## **FOR THOSE CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE**

O gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, our parish family commends to you those who lived out their faith in our midst, those shared in our life here on earth.

And in these days to come those whose anniversaries occur as we enter the month of March

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

### **RECENT DEATH**

*Now At Rest And Kept In Prayer* 

Avril Jean Costella RIP  
Shirley Johnson RIP  
Dermot Peter Long RIP  
Remo Dipre RIP  
Alan Frederick Burrige 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  
Tony Byrnes RIP  
Jane Neyman RIP  
Christopher O'Byrne RIP  
Jose Goncalves RIP  
Sheila Borg RIP  
Theresa Mason RIP  
Elaine Goldson-Rhule RIP

Francis Assisi Mendonça RIP  
Joseph Antony Quintus Rabindran RIP  
Lourdes Mary Fatima Jayandradevi Rabindran RIP  
Irene Ward RIP  
Remo Corsini 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  
Douglas Banks RIP  
Robert Peter RIP  
Dennis Leadley RIP  
Daniel Samuels RIP  
Michael McAndrew RIP  
Shanti Annette Thesailankaimannan RIP  
Mark Ryan RIP



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  
Deacon Vincent Bowgett 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 at this time.*

### **ANNE DUNNE RIP - Requiem Mass on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 12pm afterwards Garth Road Cemetery 2pm**

Anne Dunne RIP, who died at the age of 79, passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> March. We send our prayers and condolences to Gerald, her son and all the family along with friends and neighbours.

*May Anne Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory*

### **PATRICIA PERRYMAN RIP - Requiem Mass on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 12pm afterwards N.E. Surrey Crematorium 2pm**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Patricia Perryman who sadly died at an early age of 67 years old. We remember especially her husband George and her son Simon. Although Patricia recently lived in Battersea she and George were married by Fr. Gill here at Saint Teresa's in 1980. Patricia is one of ten siblings and we remember them all.

*May Patricia Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory*

### **ANNARATHNAME SOOSAIPILLAI RIP**



Hello I am Vimalarose, and my mother Soosaipillai Annarathnam, sadly passed away recently. My mother was a passionate follower of God, and a precious being to her son-in-law Colin, and her grandchildren; Nirushan, Nethoshain and Nikisha who take part in altar serving and reading in mass.

She had a heart of gold, and displayed love and care throughout all aspects of her life.

May her soul rest in peace, and find unity with the Father in heaven.

Please Pray For Her & Keep Her In Your Thoughts.

*May Annarathname Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory*

Please join us this Saturday 12th March, as we say our goodbyes in London before she departs to France for her Funeral.

Service to be held at 2PM St Teresa of the Child Jesus,  
250 Bishopsford Rd, Carshalton, Morden SM4 6BZ

Followed by viewing at  
St. Helier & District Community Association  
Hill House, Bishopsford Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 6BL  
Till 5PM



## TERESA GOMES RIP

The beloved sister of Francis Mendes died on March 1<sup>st</sup> after some time of illness. Teresa, who was 74 years leaves behind a son, daughter and two grandchildren. Trained as a teacher, Teresa spent all her life until retirement teaching in a large Catholic Secondary School in Dhaka. Any Spare time was involved with the local Church, community and organisations.

She was the National President(Bangladesh) of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, which is represented in over 90 countries including UK and Ireland. She visited and presented lectures in a lot of South Asian Countries on Marriage, family Life and pro marriage movement. She wrote and published numerous articles in Catholic papers and journals. She was very popular and well respected and will be sorely missed.



*May Teresa Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory*

## PATRICIA ELLEN WADE RIP

Patricia Wade was 78years of age when she died recently. We hold her daughter Gaynor in our prayers and send our condolences to all the family and friends of Patricia. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

*May Patricia Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory*



We would like to invite you to a parish **WALK AGAINST HUNGER** this lent. Family Fast Day is on the 11<sup>th</sup> March and this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March after the 11am Mass we would like you to join us in helping stamp out hunger. We are challenging you to walk around the outside of the field adjacent to the church to raise money to help communities thrive in even the most difficult environments. We also ask you to pray for our brothers and sisters who are living in poverty. Thank you for your amazing support.

You can donate online here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?regularamount=5&Appeal=125149&singleamount=25&defaultuniversaltype=single>

# **DEC – UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL**

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## **CAFOD (same one DEC fundraising)**

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

## **DEPAUL UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL via The Tablet**

<https://int.depaulcharity.org/>

### **RE: Fundraiser for Ukrainian refugees**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm**

**Colliers Wood Community Centre, 66-72 High Street Colliers Wood,  
London SW19 2BY**

We have all watched in horror at the Russian invasion of Ukraine. There is no doubt that this is a dark hour in history with consequences that will be tragic and felt around the world.

The Ukrainian people have been cast into war through no fault of their own. In Mitcham and Morden, we are united in our concern for their plight. I know that watching the war unfold has been both worrying and upsetting and that many people have felt a sense of helplessness. Over half a million Ukrainians have fled already, seeking safety in neighbouring countries including in Poland. But we can help: there has been a call for humanitarian aid and I know that our community will respond!

And so on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 7:30pm a fundraising evening will be held at Colliers Wood Community Centre to raise vital funds for the Polish Family Association who are providing food and essential items to Ukrainian families who have fled into Poland.

Tickets are a recommended donation of £20, with 100% of the funds raised going directly to the Polish Family Association. The evening will include FREE delicious food from the wonderful Colliers Wood Tandoori, FREE alcohol and soft drinks, and FREE live music from renowned jazz singer Gill Manly.

Tickets are available at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/raising-funds-for-ukrainian-refugees](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/raising-funds-for-ukrainian-refugees) or please call 0208 542 4835 for more information. We are asking for anyone who would like to attend to please donate in advance of the evening and to leave a comment with their donation to confirm whether they are attending the fundraising evening or just donating so that we can cater accordingly!

This is a ticketless event so we are asking that attendees bring their email confirmation on the night to show their donation.

I hope that you can come along and that you will be able to share details of the fundraiser with friends, family and neighbours. Together, Mitcham and Morden will stand with our friends in Ukraine.

My best wishes,



Siobhan McDonagh

**Siobhain McDonagh MP for Mitcham and Morden**

P.S. Please do invite friends, family or members of your community to our fundraiser. Everyone is welcome at 7.30pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March. For tickets to the fundraiser, please visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/raising-funds-for-ukrainian-refugees](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/raising-funds-for-ukrainian-refugees). An attached poster is available to print off and share with your community.

**RAISING FUNDS FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES**  
Hosted by Siobhain McDonagh MP

Colliers Wood Community Centre,  
66-72 High Street, SW19 2BY

Saturday 12th March  
From 7:30pm.

Tickets £20

Evening includes free curry,  
drinks and entertainment  
from renowned jazz singer  
Gill Manly

100% of funds raised will go to the Polish Family Association in Colliers Wood providing food and essentials for families fleeing Ukraine.

Tickets available at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/raising-funds-for-ukrainian-refugees](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/raising-funds-for-ukrainian-refugees)

Can't come? Donate instead!

For tickets by cheque or cash, please call 0208 542 4835

## CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION

The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People.

In 2021, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 71 retired priests, at a cost of £1.25 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese. Please be generous today with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers.

Thank you! · Donate Online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>

- QR Code (see right)
- Telephone Mon-Fri 9am-5pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Clergy Support Fund envelopes at the back of church.



## SYNOD



**Thank you** to everyone who took part in the first phase of the Synod Survey over the past few months. We had over fifty responses from parishioners both online and returned survey forms.

These responses formed the basis of the report, which was sent, along with all other parishes, to Southwark Diocese and will be reviewed. Southwark's response, presented to the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales will then be collated along with all other Diocese across the country, before submission to Rome.

There were many heartfelt, honest and spiritual responses feeding into the themes of Communion, Participation and Mission. The results also highlighted valued aspects, as well as suggested enhancements specific to Saint Teresa's. Many of these 'missing' or 'lacking' areas of parish life were due to COVID-19 and the restrictions it brought. Listed below are some of the areas which were highlighted, and which in due course can be addressed within Saint Teresa's.

DETAIL	RESPONSE
Social Interactions/Events	COVID closure - Awaiting work on parish centre
Children's Mass/Liturgy/Participation	COVID restrictions – Liturgy coming back soon, Children's Masses will be held during the Mission.
More volunteers/Requests for	Anyone who wishes to volunteer within the parish, please leave your contact details with a PPC member at the contact corner when it re-opens. It is hoped to hold a Volunteers Day in the future.
Contact Info/Comms	A notice will be displayed at the Contact Corner
Newsletter	COVID restrictions – printed newsletter will be returning
More/Bring back choir	COVID restrictions – music groups are gradually returning
Missions / Retreats	Lenten Mission <b>NEW LIFE, NEW HOPE!</b> Begins Ash Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March.
Adoration	COVID restrictions – Adoration will begin to return during the Parish Mission.
Indoor confession	COVID restrictions - Confessionals will return when safe
Repository	COVID restrictions - will be open soon. Restricted access is available via the parish office.
Social Distancing	Canon Michael continues to encourage masks & distancing should remain as much as possible.
Prayer Groups	COVID Restrictions - coming back slowly
Toilets	COVID restrictions - The toilet blocks are now back in operation
Visits & Home Blessings	COVID restrictions - coming back eventually. There are still strict regulations around visiting homes, as well as safeguarding aspects.



**The Passage**, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme from 12.00 noon on Monday 14 March. Every £1 donated online between 12.00 noon on Monday 14 March and 12.00 noon on Monday 28 March makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'

### THE FRIENDS

The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March 2022. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/>.

# *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***

## **NEW MARRIAGE LAW**

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 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.

*giftaid it*  
Making donations go further

£2,400



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.

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## CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

### Guidance for Lent and Easter 2022 Introduction

As the Government has now lifted most of the covid-19 restrictions and exhorted all people to adopt the recommendations of the "Covid Response: Living with covid-19" document, the principal means of protecting people who attend Catholic Churches in England and Wales is through participation in the Government vaccination programme. Those who are fully vaccinated (i.e. two routine vaccinations plus booster) will have significant personal resilience against major illness from the covid-19 virus and its

variants. The Catholic Church has promoted the participation of all in the vaccination programme as part of its mitigation of virus transmission in church and ancillary buildings.

Alongside the positive effects of covid vaccination, it should be stressed that any people displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship in church. This is good practice for any transmissible illness. Medical advice should be sought as appropriate for those who are ill.

The following points are suggested as methods of good practice against the transmission of the virus in our churches:

- Hand sanitiser should be available for all to use at places of entry and exit to our churches.
- The necessity for social distancing is removed so churches should operate up to their normal capacity figures.
- Those who wish to wear a face covering may do so during the celebration of Mass.
- The use of hymn books and other worship aids are permitted as part of the liturgy. Servers and their various ministries (acolyte, book-bearer, incense) are to be encouraged to return.
- The vessels containing the altar breads for consecration at Mass should remain covered until the moment of distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful.
- Holy Communion is to be distributed to the faithful under one kind only (i.e. the Sacred Host). At concelebrations involving a number of priests, communion for them should be by intinction of the Sacred Host in the Precious Blood.
- Those who distribute Holy Communion should wear a face covering and sanitise their hands before doing so.
- Singing can occur and there is a general encouragement to wear face coverings while singing. However, it is recognised that not everyone will feel able to do this.
- Contact tracing ended on 24<sup>th</sup> February and so there is no need for track and trace QR codes or other means (e.g. Mass booking systems) in our churches from now on.

## Specific notes for Lent and Easter

On *Ash Wednesday*, the imposition of ashes should take place at the normal point in the liturgy.

These can be administered in two ways:

- The traditional way in these countries of daubing a cross on the forehead of the person.
- The “continental” manner of sprinkling the ashes on the crown of the penitent.

In either case, the person distributing the ashes should sanitise their hands before and wash them afterwards and wear a face covering.

On *Holy Thursday*, the Washing of the Feet as part of the rite of the *Mandatum* is restored. The celebrant should wear a face covering whilst performing this rite.

On *Good Friday*, the Veneration of the Cross is also restored. Those who approach the Cross, after making the customary reverence before it, can either touch the Cross in a devotional way or kiss the Cross provided that an alcoholic wipe is used to clean the place that is venerated after each kiss by the faithful.

The *Easter Vigil* is restored in its full Rite. The faithful gathering for the ceremonies can have candles and the baptismal liturgy can take place along with any associated confirmations. For the anointings as part of this, the thumb or a cotton bud can be used, with the celebrant taking care to cleanse his hands appropriately. The sprinkling of the faithful during the *vidi aquam* is permitted.

## Conclusion

Whilst the circulation of the virus continues in society, the clear direction of the UK Government is that after two years of restrictions and following the successful roll-out of the vaccination programme, the usual



patterns of life should return. This is true for the life of the Church in England in Wales in all of its activities. Whilst recognising this principle, there should be vigilance at the local level in terms of viral infection and transmission and local adaptations should be put in place.

Rev. Canon Christopher Thomas  
28<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
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### **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. Say the prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri – The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

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.

