

St. Teresa's Morden

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> Please see the Mass Attendance <u>Protocols</u> below Confessions after all Masses

Mass Times and Intentions-Year C:

Sun	day 25 th Se _l	ptember - 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – The Harvest	
	7.00am	Adoration	
	9am	People of the Parish	
	11am	Deceased Members of the Lyons Family RIP	
		Hilda Mobio's Intentions	
Mo	nday 26 th Se	eptember	1
	7am	Adoration	ħ
	9.15am	Rosary	ľ
	10am	Omonigho Coker Intentions	Ĩ
		Holy Souls	Ļ
Tue	sday 27 th Se	eptember – St Vincent de Paul, Priest	١
	7am	Adoration	1
	9.15am	Rosary	
	10am	Umuze & Family Intentions	1
		Holy Family in Thanksgiving	ļ
We	dnesday 28	th September	1
	7am	Adoration	1
	9.00am	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	U
	10am	Mary & Sarah Connolly RIP	
		Dumlao Family in Thanksgiving	1
Thu	rsday 29 th S	September – SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	1
	7am	Adoration	-
	9.15am	Rosary	
	10am	Canon Michael Scanlon's Intentions	
		Kathleen Mitchell RIP	
Frid	ay 30 th Sep	tember – St Jerome, Priest, Doctor	
	7am	Adoration	
	9am	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary	
	10am	Edmund & Ann Duarte RIP	
Satı	urday 1 st Oc	tober – St Teresa of the Child Jesus – FIRST SATURDAY	1
	7am	Adoration	ŝ
	1pm	Wedding of Sarah Mendonça & Joshua Beard	j
	4.30pm	First Saturday Devotions	
	5.30pm	Vigil – People of the Parish	Ì
Sun	day 2 nd Oct	ober - 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	7.00am	Adoration	
	9am	Angelina & Rahul Nayee's Intentions	1
	11am	People of the Parish	









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Our Masses are available online at

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

All Services are streamed on YouTube

OFFICE OPENING HOURS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8.30am TO 1pm (Closed - Wednesday)

Thank You, Your Majesty!

At Saint Teresa's we have been one with our nation in prayer in its grief as we mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth. Our hearts beat with thanks for her life of witness. We are forever grateful that her long reign was richly blessed. Her words and actions spoke volumes of her love as a servant of the people. She was the Mother of Our Nation and a living page of the gospel. She will be missed.

As we grieve her loss we also pray for our new King – Charles III as he embarks on a journey of service. We wish him well and will keep him and his family in our prayers.

PARISH SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Dear friends we send each of you assurance of spiritual support. I have visited many of you recently and anointed you and blessed your home.

From our Altar and the prayers of our Masses May the Compassion of Christ enfold you The peace of Christ engulf you The grace of Christ sustain you The Spirit of Christ renew you The power of Christ make you whole. May the Mother of our Parish family watch over you and bless those who care for you. Amen.

Please hear our prayer for:

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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 Waaldjk, 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, Antonina Urbni, Tony London, Kevin McKeon, Vincent Moyle, John Antao, Stella Carrasco, Gerald Pereira, Jason Sigalas, Reme Mills, Emilia Koharic, Vince & Edna Horwood, Baby Morse Dannatt, 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!

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY

Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray;

Avril Jean Costella RIP Shirley Johnson RIP Dermot Peter Long RIP Remo Dipre RIP Alan Frederick Burridge RIP Sarah Marie Frost RIP Veronica Gorrod RIP **Finbarr Francis Hurley RIP** Lolito Lavdia 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 **Teresa Gomes RIP** Patricia Perryman RIP Antonio Costa 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 Anne Dunne RIP Patricia Kiely RIP Lizzie Corcoran RIP

Recent Southwark Diocese Clergy Deaths

Deacon William Boyd RIP Deacon Jim Hayes RIP Fr. Paul Sanders RIP Canon Richard Hearn RIP Fr. Paul Gibbons RIP Fr. Malachy Steenson CP, RIP Fr. Antony Logan RIP Fr. Richard Diala RIP Fr. Michael Boland RIP Fr. Robert Copsey SOLT RIP Deacon Vincent Bowgett RIP Monsignor Edward Hill RIP Fr. John Hartley RIP Fr. Gordon Thompson RIP

Fr. Denis Paul RIP	
Deacon Alan Bond	RIP

May these, whom we have known and loved and all who sleep in the peace of Christ, find in your presence, light, happiness and peace. Amen, Amen.

ALBERTAS AMBOTAS

We learned this week of the death of Albetas Ambotas. Aged 57 he died in St Helier's Hospital on 11th September. Please remember him as returns to his Heavenly Home and pray for his family at this sad time. *May Albertas Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

DEC – UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

https://www.dec.org.uk/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA64GRBhCZARIsAHOLriLrac5emtopByZ8D5L4luy7Ar6ewj7qJUEO4ahIr5d XnRI3W3Sr4aAux2EALw wcB

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/

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary are meeting once again, on Thursday evening 7pm in the Parish Centre.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice and will take place on Thursday evenings in the Church 7pm-8p.

The History of the Five First Saturday's of the Month



On the 13th May 1917, Our Lady first mentioned devotion to her Immaculate Heart to the children of Fatima saying "You have seen hell, where souls of poor sinners go. To save them God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

On the 10th December 1925, Our Lady appeared to Lucia detailing how devotion to her Immaculate Heart was to be practiced. These words are from Sr Lucia's own account:

"... by her side, elevated on a luminous cloud, was a child. The most holy Virgin rested her hand on her shoulder, and as she did so, she showed her a heart encircled by thorns, which she was holding in her other hand. At the same time, the Child said:

"Have compassion on the Heart of your most holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them." Then the most holy Virgin said:

"Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

On **Saturday 1st October** the first Saturday devotions will be celebrated at 4pm before 5.30pm Mass.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS





A Roman Catholic Independent Preparatory School for Girls aged 4 to 11 and a Coeducational Nursery



STELLA MARIS WEBINAR



Invitation to webinar: Thank you for your recent generous support for seafarers and fishers on Sea Sunday. As a follow up, Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) invites you to join a webinar on Tuesday 27th September from 7.30pm to 9pm GMT to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations like yours on Sea Sunday are supporting those in crisis. If you would like to attend, please register in advance at

www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment

CALLED TO PROTECT

First of all, a word of sincere thanks to Anne-Marie Mendonça who has recently stepped down as Parish Lead on Safeguarding. We now have a new team in place.

Our new Parish Safeguarding Lead is Adrian Sherriff and his new team are excellent, gifted and trustworthy. Our Diocese and our parish family of Saint Teresa's, Morden takes SAFEGUARDING SERIOUSLY.

As the Parish Priest, with the full support of our Parish Pastoral Council. I am committed to fostering a safe environment for our Parish Family.

Sexual abuses of the past done by a number of clergy and others MUST NEVER BE REPEATED. We must ensure to the best of our ability that our parish and its ministries offer a safe environment to all, particularly to children and vulnerable adults such as the sick, elderly or disabled. For this reason, strong abuse prevention policies and protocols are in place throughout the archdiocese to support and ensure helpful and safe environments within all our Catholic programmes, ministries, parishes and institutions. These policies and protocols are reviewed regularly by the Archbishop Diocesan Trustees and working with agencies outside of the Diocese can be found on the Archdiocese of Southwark website – *Safeguarding*.

In recent months we have been contacting our parish volunteers to update our parish records and carry out up to date checks. Thank you, for your full support. The Safeguarding Team are grateful for your speedy response. We value your help and commitment to the life of our Parish.

The mistakes of the past have caused great pain, but they also offer us an opportunity to work for change in exercising our responsibility for the care of children, vulnerable people and each other. We pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit so that we will always be diligent in answering the call to protect.

The Parish Safeguarding Team

Adrian Sherriff – Parish Safeguarding Lead Stephen Smith – Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) Linda Sam-Yorke - Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) Elizabeth Coutinho - Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR)

DBS Application – (Disclosure Barring Service) CSSA – Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency

LONDON MARATHON IN MEMORY OF JOE LUNN

On 2 October, two of our parishioners will be taking part in the London Marathon, in memory of Joe Lunn. Dave, Joe's dad and Laura McGowan, one of our senior altar servers, will be part of the team raising funds for Rays of Sunshine. Rays grant wishes to poorly children and young people and continue to be very supportive of the Lunn family. Joe himself raised over £40000, giving back to the charity that supported him. If you are able, please consider donating to Laura's fundraising efforts, so that as many people as possible can benefit from a wish.

Dave and Laura might also need a prayer or two! Please click here: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/laura-mcgowan19 to donate. Thank you so much.

PARISH WALK IN FIELD – CAFOD FAMILY FAST 2022

Family fast day is on 7 October and many of you kindly do without to donate money to CAFOD. In addition, we invite you all to join in our parish walk round the field on 9 October after the 11am Mass to raise money for East Africa. Please try to get sponsored. This year CAFOD is concentrating its efforts on the drought ridden areas of northern Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Sudan where there have been four years of unbearable drought. 20 million people are fighting for survival. Let's help them. Refreshments and a chance 'to have a chat ' will be available in the parish hall after. Many thanks for your generosity.



RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

BERNAPETTE RELIC TOUR 2022 In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an

opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. St Bernadette Relic Pilgrimage Tour might be displayed in parishes and schools. The relics are due to visit **St George's Cathedral** from the morning of **Wednesday 19 October** until the morning of **Friday 21 October**; they will also visit **Aylesford** from **Monday 24 October** until **Friday 28 October**. Please consult the website of each venue for further details as you will need to register to attend.

<u>https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/</u> Full tour starts 2nd September in Diocese of Westminster

DBS FOR VOLUNTEERS As you will be aware most volunteers who support the church need to complete a safeguarding check; this comes in the form of a DBS which is conducted every 3 years. We are in the process of auditing our volunteers to see who needs a new DBS, those who require a new one will receive an email in the next week or so. **Please check your email** account and if you have received an email then complete the online application form and book an appointment with our parish office so we can take copies of your identity documents. More information will be provided soon, but in the meantime if you have any queries please contact Adrian on mordensg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

ST RAPHAEL'S WELLBEING CENTRE

Have you been diagnosed, or are you caring for someone with a life-limiting, progressive or chronic illness or are you recently bereaved? If the answer is yes, please contact **St Raphael's Wellbeing Centre.**

The Wellbeing Centre does not offer clinical support. We are here for social, therapeutic and advisory support for the residents of Merton and Sutton, over the age of 18. You do not need to be under the clinical care of the Hospice to be able to attend. Your medical care will remain with your GP or Clinical Team. We can however provide invaluable social support.

Come along to our bright, modern centre based in St Bede's Conference Centre located in the same grounds as St Raphael's Hospice. Our sessions are fun and friendly. We are open for morning and afternoon activities on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Our sessions are designed to empower you to live well with your diagnosis, offer peer support, promote independence and offer respite and relaxation. The services are free of charge although donations are most welcome.

The morning sessions run from 10am until 12:30pm and includes a light lunch. The afternoon sessions run from 1:30pm until 3:30pm with refreshments.

Our current sessions include:

Tuesday morning: Art & Crafts

Tuesday afternoon: Music Appreciation

Wednesday morning: Living Well Programme – a series of talks on different topics

Wednesday afternoon: Armchair Yoga/Breathing & Relaxation

Thursday morning: Coffee & Crafts

Thursday afternoon: Men's Den and Ladies Afternoon Tea

If you would like to find out more about our sessions or would like to come in and have a look around our Centre then please call our Wellbeing Centre Team on **020 8099 1722** or email us on <u>wellbeingcentre@straphaels.org.uk.</u>

You can also visit our website for further information www.straphaels.org.uk/wellbeing-centre

If you, or anyone you know may benefit from our services, please contact us. St Raphael's Wellbeing Centre St Bede's Conference Centre London Road, Cheam, SUTTON SM3 9DX 0208 099 1722 Registered Charity No: 1182636

LONDON JESUIT COURSES

New Courses from the London Jesuit Centre September 2022

Sesuri Centre September 202

- School of Ignatian Prayer
- Prayer from Scratch
- Spiritual Conversation
- Voices from the Margins

For further details see our website: londonjesuitcentre.org

- From Jesus to Christ
- Catholic Teaching on Family
- God and Suffering
- New Testament Greek
- The Gospel of Matthew
- Laudato Si' politics, theology +

020 7529 4844 ljc@jesuit.org.uk



londonjesuitcentre.org 114 Mount Street London W1K3AH ljc@jesuit.org.uk

All are welcome to join us in our online and in person courses and retreats

Courses starting September 2022

School of Prayer Church teaching on The Family Learn New Testament Greek From Jesus to Christ God and Suffering The Gospel of Matthew

ADVENT SPECIAL

(Fridays in Advent) ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WELCOME ST. TERESA'S YOUTH

ADOREMUS TE



Starting with 7pm Mass There is no better way to show our love to the Lord! ADOREMUS TE Adoremus Te nights involve Music, Adoration and Confession THIS IS DEFINITELY A YOUTH FAVOURITE!

Saint Teresa's

LIFE is remembered LOVE is deepened, HOPE is rekindled, FAITH is awakened, 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 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 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 <u>who wish to marry in England and</u> <u>Wales</u> 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

Last weekend's Offertory: Last weekend's Offertory: £878.53 SECOND COLLECTION: Home Mission £178.99 – Thank You!

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 <u>standing order</u>, which can be arranged through your bank, or by using the <u>DONATE</u> 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?

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.



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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.

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.
- 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 Communio

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.

