



St. Teresa's Morden

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

Confessions after all Masses

Mass Times and Intentions-Year C:

Sunday 16th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5.30pm Vigil – James Kirrane RIP
Purissima Callet RIP
- 7.00am Adoration
- 9am Deceased Members of the Brennan Family
A.Mary Joseph RIP
- 11am People of the Parish

Monday 17th October – St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

- 7am Adoration
- 9.15am Rosary
- 10am Deceased Members of the Creighton & Scanlon Family

Tuesday 18th October – St Luke, Evangelist

- 7am Adoration
- 9.15am Rosary
- 10am Jane Neyman RIP
Angelino & Jeanne Debono RIP

Wednesday 19th October – Votive of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

- 7am Adoration
- 9.00am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
- 10am Damian Riddle's Welfare
Albertas Ambotas RIP

Thursday 20th October – Votive of Our Lady of Fatima

- 7am Adoration
- 9.15am Rosary
- 10am Joseph & Lily Pereira RIP
Virginija & Petras Radinus RIP

Friday 21st October – Votive of Our Lady of Knock

- 7am Adoration
- 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
- 10am Theresa Goldband's Intentions
Grazina & Vladas Miskins RIP

Saturday 22nd October – St John Paul II, Pope

- 7am Adoration
- 5.30pm Sarah & Josh Beard's Intentions
Minerva Callet's Intentions

Sunday 23rd October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Mission Day

- 7.00am Adoration
- 9am David Goldband RIP
Bonny Obikwelu
- 11am People of the Parish



St John Paul II

St Teresa's School, Montacute Road, Morden. Tel No 020 8648 1846

Headteacher; Mr Justin Dachtler.

Merton Catholic Deanery www.mertoncatholics.org.uk

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)

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:



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 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
Teresa Gomes RIP
Patricia Perryman RIP
Antonio Costa RIP
John Richmond-D'Monte RIP
Ann James RIP
Anna Maria Reid RIP
Mary Jurkiewisz 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
Albertas Ambotas RIP
Peter Newbold RIP
Jeffrey Myles RIP
June Rose O'Bryne RIP
Pat McManus 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. Denis Paul 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
Deacon Michael Baldry RIP

Deacon Alan Bond RIP
Bishop Howard Tripp RIP

Deacon Vincent Bowgett 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.

BISHOP HOWARD GEORGE TRIPP RIP



It is with sadness that we learn of the death of Bishop Howard Tripp. Known to thousands of parishioners throughout Southwark and friend to all of us at St Teresa's. We thank God for his years of Service to Southwark Diocese.

May Bishop Tripp Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

MARY JURKIEWICZ RIP

Our prayers and spiritual support reach out to Eileen Thompson and her family as they grieve for the loss their sister Mary. Mary died on 29th September and we pray for her soul and the comfort for all those who mourn her loss. Her funeral will be held on **Tuesday 25th October at 12.30pm** at St Teresa's Church.

May Mary Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

JUNE ROSE O'BRYNE RIP

June passed away on the 18th September and we remember the family at this time, especially her daughter Angela Dalley. Her funeral will take place at **North East Surrey at 11.20am on Monday 24th October.**

May June Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

PAT MCMANUS RIP

Please pray for the soul of Pat McManus who started his Eternal Journey surrounded by his wife and family. We pray that the Holy Spirit may comfort and strengthen his wife Bernadette, his family and friends at this time.

May Pat Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

DEC – UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

https://www.dec.org.uk/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA64GRBhCZARIsAHOLrILrac5em-topByZ8D5L4luy7Ar6ewj7qJUEO4ahr5d_XnRI3W3Sr4aAux2EALw_wcB

CAFOD (same one DEC fundraising)

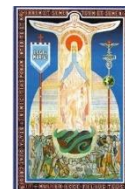
<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

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.

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

If you are considering becoming a Catholic, or you are a baptised Catholic who is considering completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist), our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process can help you.

We would be delighted to meet you and explain more. We have a meeting planned for **Thursday 27th October 6.30pm** in the Parish Office. The kettle will be on the go. Come and join us. Find our team and our parish family ready and willing to support you and pray for you.

No immediate commitments necessary at this moment.

St. Teresa's parish welcomes new members every year. They come from other faiths, other Christian denominations and there are those who have no faith background at all.

Our journey in Faith Programme is designed to offer you guidance and support in your spiritual journey towards a beautiful, deepening relationship with Jesus. As you move through prayer, reflection, Scripture reading, storytelling, questioning, worshipping and performing works of charity, you have the love and support of Saint Teresa, Our Lady - the Mother of Heaven and our programme is user friendly!

CALLING ALL CATECHIST!

Diocesan Day for Catechists - Saturday 12 November 2022

On behalf of the Archbishop, we invite you to attend the annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday 12 November 2022 at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HR. This Day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process, and is our first since 2019. Tea and coffee will be provided. **Please bring a packed lunch.** Please sign up on the list in the narthex by Sunday 6th November or email the parish office at morden@rcaos.org.uk.



Archdiocese of Southwark

SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

At last Sunday's 11am Mass my sermon touched on an issue that affects many in our community and in the world out there. Most of us know someone who is divorced or separated. It's a tough and often heart-breaking situation that a family and extended family finds themselves dealing with.

We are here to help!

Catholics who are separated or divorced are still members of Church in good standing.

Through the years, there has been widespread confusion and misinformation on this issue, and many families have suffered unnecessary distress as a result.

My dear Parish Family, it's important to know that Catholics who are separated or divorced are still members of the Church in good standing, and may continue to receive Holy Communion along with other sacraments. We encourage you to continue to find comfort in our beautiful faith. On the other hand, if you divorce and then remarry civilly without the benefit of a church annulment, you are STILL a member of the Church, but you may not receive the sacraments. Please continue to come through the doors of the Church, attend Mass and remain active in the life of the parish.

At some point, you may be ready to consider pursuing an annulment. We are here to help you go down this route. Our diocese has an excellent team and has a good track record of helping to support you on this healing journey.

ANNULMENTS – A BRIEF EXPLANATION

How is annulment different from divorce?

People often have mistaken ideas about annulments in the Catholic Church. They even think that annulments are really “Catholic divorces” but an annulment differs in many ways.

An annulment is a Church decision, declaring that what appeared to be a valid marriage actually was not valid.

There can be many reasons for this determination, and these circumstances are called the “grounds” for annulment, which are the basis for the process.

An annulment can only be issued if a civil divorce has been granted to a person first. There are no civil effects from annulment, such as there are from divorces.

The annulment process can be a beneficial, healing time for divorced Catholics. Some annulments can be quite quick within a year but many take 18 months or more.

If you want to meet us in private – we are happy to oblige.

NEXT WEEK

‘If you married Civilly and not in Church’ What is a Convalidation?

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: THE HOLY FATHER’S MESSAGE

This is an abridged version of the Holy Father’s message for World Mission Sunday 2022, which first appeared in the autumn edition of Mission Today. The full text, with references, is available at [here](#). As Mission Month begins, we join with Pope Francis in being witnesses to Christ’s mission on earth.

‘You shall be my witnesses’
– Acts 1:8

The theme for World Mission Sunday this year is based on the words spoken by the Risen Jesus to his disciples just before his Ascension into heaven: ‘You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth’ (Acts 1:8).

‘You shall be my witnesses’



This is the heart of Jesus' teaching to the disciples regarding their mission in the world. The disciples are to be witnesses of Jesus, in every place and situation, thanks to the grace of the Holy Spirit that they will receive. Christ was the first to be sent, as a 'missionary' of the Father (Jn 20:21), and as such, he is the Father's 'faithful witness' (cf. Rev 1:5).

In a similar way, every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. The Church's only mission, as the community of Christ's disciples, is to bring the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. Each baptised person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church: consequently, mission is carried out together, not individually, in communion with the ecclesial community.

Missionaries of Christ are not sent to communicate themselves, to demonstrate their powers of persuasion or their managerial skills. Instead, they have the supreme honour of presenting Christ in words and actions, proclaiming to everyone the Good News of his salvation, with joy and boldness, as the first apostles did.

In evangelisation, the example of a Christian life and the proclamation of Christ are inseparable. This kind of complete, consistent, and joyful witness to Christ will surely be a force of attraction also for the growth of the Church in the third millennium. I urge everyone to have the courage, frankness and parrhesía (ability to speak the truth) of the first Christians, to bear witness to Christ in word and deed in every area of life.

'To the ends of the earth'

The words 'to the ends of the earth' challenge us all to go beyond our geographical boundaries and comfort zones into situations and places where missionary witnesses of Christ have not arrived, to bring the Good News of his love. The Church must constantly keep looking outwards and testify to all people, whatever their circumstances, the love of Christ. Here I would like to remember and express my gratitude to all those missionaries who have given their lives to share Christ's love with all the brothers and sisters they encounter.

Strengthened and guided by the Spirit

When the risen Christ commissioned the disciples to be his witnesses, he also promised them the grace needed for this great responsibility. We see in Acts 1:8, that it was precisely following the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples that the first act of witnessing to the crucified and risen Christ took place. Whereas they had previously been weak, fearful and closed in on themselves, the Holy Spirit gave them the strength, courage and wisdom to bear witness to Christ before all people.

It is precisely when we feel tired, unmotivated or confused that we should remember to turn to the Holy Spirit in prayer. Prayer plays a fundamental role in our missionary life, for it allows us to be refreshed and strengthened by the Spirit, the inexhaustible divine source of renewed energy and joy in sharing Christ's life with others. It is the Holy Spirit who gives us the right word, at the right time, and in the right way.

A 200 year legacy

The same Spirit which guides the universal Church, also inspires ordinary men and women to undertake extraordinary missions. And so it was that exactly two hundred years ago, a young French woman, Blessed Pauline Jaricot, founded the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (Missio's APF). She established a network of prayer and fundraising for missionaries, so that the faithful could actively participate in God's mission 'to the ends of the earth'.

This brilliant idea gave rise to the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday. The funds collected by parishes worldwide are sent to the universal solidarity fund which the Pope administers to support the mission of the Church throughout the world.

This same Spirit guided and inspired the founders of the other three societies which now make up Missio (the Pontifical Mission Societies). I encourage you to rejoice with them, in this special year, for the evangelising work they enable the Church to carry out globally and locally. My hope is that local Churches will increasingly look to Missio as a tangible means of fostering a missionary spirit among the people of God.



Dear brothers and sisters, I continue to dream of a completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities. I repeat Moses' great desire for the people of God on their journey: 'Would that all the Lord's people were prophets!' (Num 11:29). Indeed, would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of our baptism: prophets, witnesses, missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth! Mary, Queen of the Missions, pray for us!

+Franciscus

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLOTHES – CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have any unwanted First Holy Communion clothes? If so, are you able to donate them to a charity looking after Ukrainian Refugee families in the UK. Please bring items, for both girls and boys, to the parish and mark them First Holy Communion.



RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE



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.

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Training Sessions for November & December 2022 *2.30pm to 3.30pm*

For those who wish to become Altar Servers there is now a training course arranged for November. 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 2.30 – 3.30pm at the Church.



Training Dates are as follows:-

Saturday 5th November 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Saturday 12th November 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Saturday 19th November 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Saturday 26th November - NO SESSION
Saturday 3rd December 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Saturday 10th December 2.30pm – 3.30pm

All sessions MUST be completed by new Altar Servers.

Flame 2023

In this film, Cardinal Vincent Nichols speaks to two young people who have been to Flame Youth Congress events in the past – Nnaemeka Anyamele and Grace Parker. He gets to the heart of why so many young people gather together for prayer, worship, outstanding music from award-winning artists, and why it's a day not to be missed. To watch the Youtube promo goto: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKvdbJ1PIE>



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 wellbeingcentre@straphaels.org.uk.

[You can also visit our website for further information www.straphaels.org.uk/wellbeing-centre](http://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

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 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

BETTER MARRIAGE

Dear husband and wife,

Here is an opportunity to attend an online Building a Better Marriage course from 9am - 1pm on Saturday October 22. It means that you can attend from your own living room and there is no group sharing. This course is for couples with average or good marriages who would like to make them better. More details: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or telephone 07913 904 997.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PRESENTERS

Job vacancy: a married couple, both being practising Catholics, to present 6 courses a year in various locations in South London and Kent, as well as providing cover in case of colleagues' illness.

Salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given.

For full job description and further details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk

Closing date for applications: October 14

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 **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

Last weekend's Offertory: £869.09 Thank You!
SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Cafod



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.

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Making donations go further



Thank you to everybody who continues to support the parish through the collection, standing orders, gift aid and dropping in contributions. Online donations have seen an increase recently - A big THANK YOU FOR THOSE DONATIONS coming in via our parish website 'JUST GIVING' - Press the button marked **DONATE**. If you scroll down further, we also say 'Thanks' for your support and other ways you can support our parish. Again, THANK YOU.

GIFT AID NOTICE – HAVE YOU COLLECTED YOUR GIFT AID BOX?

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.

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.