



St. Teresa's Morden

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Confessions after all Masses

Mass Times and Intentions-Year A:

Sunday 18th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 5.30pm Vigil – Horrace Jones & Family
Bonnie Obikwelu's Intentions
- 7.00am Adoration
- 9am People of the Parish
- 11am Mark Ryan RIP (First Anniversary tomorrow)
- 7pm Simbang Gabi Mass**

Monday 19th December - Advent

- 7am Adoration
- 9.15am Rosary
- 10am Freda McKeon's Intentions
Michael & Katherine Casey
- 7pm Simbang Gabi Mass**

Tuesday 20th December - Advent

- 7am Adoration
- 9.15am Rosary
- 10am For Successful Travel and Mission in Trinidad & Barbados
Soosaipilla Annarathnam RIP
- 7pm Simbang Gabi Mass**

Wednesday 21st December – Advent

- 7am Adoration
- 9.00am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
- 10am Deceased Members of the Machado Family
Ona & Vladas Lenktaicai RIP
- 7pm Simbang Gabi Mass**

Thursday 22nd December – Advent

- 7am Adoration
- 9.15am Rosary
- 10am James & Primrose Gunaratnam, 50th Wedding Anniversary
Augusto Cardoso RIP
- 7pm Simbang Gabi Mass**

Friday 23rd December - Advent

- 7am Adoration
- 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
- 10am In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 7pm Adoremus Te
Simbang Gabi Mass**

Saturday 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5.30pm Children of the Parish
- 8pm Sick & Housebound of the Parish
- 11.15pm Carols
- 1200 Midnight Mass – Carmel Diver's Intentions

Sunday 25th December – NATIVITY OF THE LORD

- 9am Parishioners of St Teresa's Parish Living & Dead (F.M.)
- 11am Celebrants Intentions



Our Masses are available online at

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

All Services are streamed on YouTube

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER UNTIL
TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023**

***Wishing you all a very holy and healthy Christmas and New Year from
Canon Michael, Fr. Roshy, Deacon Con and office staff at St. Teresa's Parish***



Please hear our prayer for:

Anne-Marie Mendonça, Moira Macklin, Maureen Smith, Maureen Flaherty,
John McDonagh, James Diver, Francesco Gargano, Patricia Jayasena,
Jean Lue, Ruba Santipillai, Baby Alexander Lynch, Erika Geddes, Denise Waaldijk, Valerie Somerset,
Leonard James Connolly, Thea Haddad, Margaret Lahy, Brian Wratten, Ann Van Essen and Jane
Turner, Kevin Mooney, John Mooney, Angela Patcheye, Leonard Paice, Ken and Margaret
Peacock, Michael and Madge Durkan, Jocelyn De Silva, Mary Jeanette Connaire, Mary Reilly, Alan
O'Leary, Bill and June O'Keefe, Gerry Gillan, Bella Harding, Eileen Stevens, Dave Herris, Gabriel
Lyons, Sylvester Forya, 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, Yana Bartkiv, 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 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
Teresa Gomes RIP
Patricia Perryman RIP
Antonio Costa RIP
John Richmond-D'Monte RIP
Ann James RIP
Anna Maria Reid RIP
June Rose O'Bryne RIP
Mary Jurkiewisz RIP
Sheila Connolly RIP
Ezra Halahakone 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
Theresa McGoldrick
Pat McManus RIP
Daniel Beazley RIP
Dominick Kelly RIP



Recent Southwark Diocese Clergy Deaths

Deacon William Boyd RIP

Fr. Richard Diala 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
Deacon Alan Bond RIP
Bishop Howard Tripp 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 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.

LIBERA MARIE PEREPPi RIP – Funeral Thursday 22nd December

We keep in prayer the family of Libera Pereppi RIP who passed away at the age of 90 years. May the Lord welcome her into his Kingdom as we remember those who need our spiritual support.
May Libera Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

CANON COLM ACTON RIP



Last week we learned of the passing of Canon Colm Acton which occurred on Saturday 3rd December at St Teresa's Nursing Home in Wimbledon. Canon Acton was parish priest at St John Fisher, Merton for 35 years. Please remember him, his family, friends, fellow priests and all the parishioners of St. John Fisher Parish and Primary School as he returns home to the Eternal Kingdom of God our Father. Funeral Arrangements:

Wednesday 28th December 2022

- Reception of the Body - 5pm
- Mass – 6pm followed by the rosary

Thursday 29th December 2022

- Requiem Mass at 12 noon
- Burial at 2pm

Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after both masses. Family flowers only.

May Canon Acton 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.

NO TUESDAY NIGHT ADORATION THIS WEEK

No Adoration this week as we continue the Novena of Simbang Gabi Masses.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are now available from the repository - open after the 9am & 11am Mass.

NEW YEARS EVE - LIST OF NAMES OF DECEASED OF 2022

On New Year's Eve Adoration will be at 10pm and the names of those loved ones who have died this year will be read out followed by Midnight Mass to see the New Year in. Please provide a list of anyone who has passed away *during* 2022 that you wish to be remembered at this special Service .

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR



Sign-Up sheets are available in the outer Sacristy for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers to put their name down for Masses over Christmas and New Year. Masses will be as follows:

Christmas Eve 5.30pm, 8pm & Midnight.

Christmas Day 9am & 11am.

News Year's Eve 5.30pm (Saturday Vigil Mass), Midnight Mass.

News Year's Day 9am & 11am.

TO STAFF AND PUPILS OF ST. TERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We wish all the staff and pupils of our primary school of St. Teresa's a safe and peaceful Christmas. We thank them for all the support they have shown to the children during yet another difficult year. Wishing them all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming them back in the New Year.

A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent:

Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent. Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to Gods invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! Sign up via the Commission web site: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box. Alternatively, if you are viewing this online, you can sign up directly by clicking here:

<https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c> Thank you very much, And best wishes for Advent and Christmas.

Bishop Paul

ADVENT SPECIAL

(Fridays in Advent)

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WELCOMED BY
ST. TERESA'S YOUTH

250 Bishopsford Road, Morden, SM4 6BZ
Tel: 020 8648 4113 Email: morden@rcaos.org.uk

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

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.



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

A New Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark



On Monday 28 November 2022 it was announced that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Mgr. Philip Moger as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark. A priest of the Diocese of Leeds for 40 years, Bishop Elect Moger has, until now, been the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk.

RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023

Details regarding the registration for next year's First Holy Communion programme is available below. The programme will **be capped at 70 children**, with priority given to those attending St Teresa's School.



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November 2022

RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023

Dear Parents

We would like to invite families to an important information meeting on **Saturday 7th January at 9:30am in the church.**

At this meeting, you will be able to pick up an application form if you wish your child to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion at St. Teresa's church.

Children will make their First Holy Communion over two weekends in June. Dates will be confirmed at the meeting in January, as part of the First Communion Programme.

- If your child was baptized in St. Teresa's church, we do not need a copy as it will be held on the parish system.
- If your child was baptized elsewhere we will need to see their original baptism certificate {before the programme starts} and a copy will be made upon submission of your child's application form to the parish office.
- The cost of the programme, is £15. Cash will be accepted, please make cheques payable to 'St. Teresa's Church'
- Each child will receive a book 'I BELONG', at their first meeting.
- Children need to bring their books to each meeting.
- Each meeting will last **60 minutes-9:30-10:30am.**
- Due to safeguarding regulations, parents are expected to join the parents meeting in the parish centre while children are in the church. A register will be provided.
- Parents will join their children in church for the ending prayer/liturgy of the day.

We ask that you please complete and return your child's application form to St. Teresa's Parish Office soon after the meeting on **7th January, as applications will not be accepted after 24th January.**

The First Communion Programme will start on Saturday 28th January.

We look forward to meeting all families.

God Bless.

Canon Michael Scanlon

Parish Priest

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKvdbJ1PIE)



Archbishop's Appeal Second Collection – YOU CAN STILL HELP!

The Archbishop's Appeal seeks to invest faith, hope, love, and charity into three key areas of mission and ministry in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Youth and Evangelisation

To strengthen the formation of young people in the faith within our schools and parishes, enhance the faith life of parishioners, support the work of parish catechists, enhance the faith journeys of new Catholics; and for Southwark to become an evangelising and missionary Archdiocese.

Our Faith in Action

To show compassionate and active service in the world around us through love for all people: the protection of human dignity, respect for the inter-connectedness of our world and common home, hearing the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth. Supporting social outreach projects in parishes and schools.

Clergy Care and Formation

To care for sick and retired priests in their old age and ill health. Supporting the ongoing formation of our priests and deacons. Providing on-going formation of clergy in active ministry. Supporting the work of the vocations team and formation of seminarians and deacons.

Pooled together, your support can have significant impact in our faith community. A portion of the monies raised will be granted to parishes and Catholic schools to support local projects.



Please support the Archbishop's Appeal today, every gift is welcome.

- Donate Online: rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church.

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 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: £781.24 **THANK YOU!**



Tithes and offerings

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

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Making donations go further

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.

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 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.