



St. Teresa's Morden

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Confessions after all Masses

Mass Times and Intentions-Year A:

Sunday 26th February – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

5.30pm Vigil - Mary Hennessey RIP
Jurko Mandryke Intentions

9am People of the Parish

11am Bernard Kelly RIP

Monday 27th February

8am Adoration

9.15am Rosary

10am Living & Deceased Members of the Van Essen Family

Tuesday 28th February

8am Adoration

9.15am Rosary

10am Michael Fiorentini RIP
Canon Michael's Intentions

7pm Tuesday Night Adoration

Wednesday 1st March – St David, Bishop & Patron of Wales

8am Adoration

9.00am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

10am Mary Allen Burke RIP

Thursday 2nd March

8am Adoration

9.15am Rosary

10am St Teresa's School (F.M.)

Friday 3rd March – FIRST FRIDAY – Women's Day of Prayer

8am Adoration

9am Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

10am Sick & Housebound
First Friday Devotions
Adoration and Anointing

5.30pm Stations of the Cross

6pm Mass

Saturday 4th March – FIRST SATURDAY, Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4.30pm First Saturday Devotions

5.30pm Vigil – Kazimierz Michalek RIP

Sunday 5th March – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

9am People of the Parish

11am Tommy & Alice Burke RIP

Anna & Francis Mendes 45th Wedding Anniversary



Our Masses are available online at

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

All Services are streamed on YouTube

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.30am to 1pm

LENTEN PRAYER

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.

Amen.



Please hear our prayer for:

Anne-Marie Mendonça, Moira Macklin, Maureen Smith, Maureen Flaherty,
John McDonagh, James Diver, Eugene 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, 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, 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 and Pope Francis.

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
June Rose O'Bryne RIP
Mary Jurkiewisz RIP
Sheila Connolly RIP
Ezra Halahakone RIP
Sylvester Forya 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
Libera Marie Pereppi RIP



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
Deacon Alan Bond RIP
Bishop Howard Tripp RIP
Canon Colm Acton 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 Vincent Bowgett RIP
Deacon Fred Carter 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.

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/>

TEA & COFFEE

Come and join us for refreshments and a chat in the Parish Hall after the 11am Mass

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.

A New Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark



On Tuesday 21st February 2023 Mgr. Philip Moger was ordained 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. Congratulations Mgr. Philip and Welcome to Southwark!

Archbishop's Appeal Second Collection 2023

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.

Flame 2023

Thank you for all those interested in going to Flame this year. We have had a great response, and we still have some more spaces if you want to go. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, the cost is £10 per person - <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame>.

There will be an information session on Wednesday 1st March at 6.30pm in the parish centre, for all those travelling with us. Please make sure you collect a consent form from the back of the church or from Fr Roshy, and return to us by this meeting. It's important that you come to this meeting.



SOME DEFINITE SERVICE:

Saint John Henry Newman,

"God knows me and calls me by my name....

God has created me to do Him some definite service;

He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another."

Our Sisters and Brothers at the Archdiocese of Southwark led by our Archbishop John Wilson continue to encourage us through these words. Three Parish leads have been commissioned by Cn. Michael to assist the Diocese in this calling to do our Lord some definite service they are Marion Akuamoah, Godfred Frimpong and Stuart Thomas who gave a short update at all Masses last weekend to encourage you to support, help and participate. They will share with our Deanery and Diocese colleagues all the wonderful things this parish does on Catechesis, Evangelisation and Formation, and then learn from other parishes about the excellent work they do, to create an ongoing plan for our joint Communion, Participation and Mission.

Many of the parish leads in the Deanery will attend a short course, called Discovery, which is promoted by the Diocese. St.Teresa's will run this course during Lent on Fridays over six weeks starting 24th Feb. Anyone who is involved in catechesis, and who is interested in attending this course should let the Parish Office know (quickly as it is only one week away and numbers are strictly limited). Please continue to watch this space for further steps towards Some Definite Service.

CANON MICHAEL'S BIRTHDAY: On Tuesday 28th February, please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass to celebrate Canon Michael's' birthday which is on Wednesday 1st March. We wish Canon a very blessed day and year ahead.

RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 'LITURGY OF LIGHT' MASS

The First Holy Communion children will be celebrating the Liturgy of Light on Saturday 11th March at the 5.30pm Mass. Please note this is instead of March 5th as per the programme.

CAFOD COFFEE MORNING



Please support our CAFOD Coffee Morning on Sunday 12th March after 11.00 a.m. mass in the Parish Centre. If you can bake some goodies please do so. Above all please come and buy something, meet other parishioners and know that the money spent is going to support some of the poorest people in the world. *Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours.* Envelopes for Family Fast Day will be available this weekend and will be

collected at the Coffee Morning. A CAFOD representative will be speaking at each of the Masses on the weekend of 11th/12th March.

FREE COURSES!

FREE Courses for adults - worth £375 at St Teresa's

1. Healthy Living for the Family (Change your family's lifestyle in just 6 weeks)
2. English and Maths for Beginners
3. Play Matters - Supporting your Children Through Play Click the link here to let us know you can come on Tuesday - <https://bit.ly/Merton-Courses>

Further information, please call Rob Mobilé- 020 7871 9941

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MEDJUGORJE MAY 2023 - COST CORRECTION!

If you would like to join the pilgrimage to Medjugorje please contact Mary Carroll or Deacon Con for further information. The Pilgrimage dates are Tuesday 9th- Tuesday 16th May. You need to book your own flight; details are as follows:- EasyJet EZY8597 08:25 Gatwick to Split and return EasyJet EZY8598 12:30 Split to Gatwick. Cost includes full board and transfers to/from Split: £250per person for sharing and £300 for a single room.



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

PARISH FINANCE

Sunday Collections and Donations

Last weekend's Offertory: £877.14 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.



Tithes and offerings

We will be happy to receive any offerings directly by on-line banking or by [standing order](#), which can be arranged through your bank, or by using the [DONATE](#) link here or on the parish website.

Do You Gift Aid?

The value of your donation can be increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself, simply by gift aiding it if you are a taxpayer. The parish learns nothing about your private financial affairs. The average weekly collection between plate and standing orders, was approximately £2,400 a week (*pre-COVID*). If only half of that was GIFT AIDED, it would mean an extra £300 a week, or £15,600 a year to Parish funds. We are genuinely grateful to those who are Gift-Aiding. If you haven't been doing so, please print off a Gift Aid form from the parish website. At the present time the parish income is down about £5,000 each month. Hopefully, when parish life returns to normal, we will soon see these financial worries and concerns disappear.



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

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

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.