



St. Teresa's Morden

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Mass Times and Intentions-Year A:

CONFESSIO after all Masses ✕

ADORATION Monday to Friday 8am ✕ Divine Mercy Monday to Friday 9.30am ✕

ROSARY after Mass Monday to Friday ✕ NOVENA to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Wednesdays 9am ✕

Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary Friday 9am ✕

Sunday 22nd October 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Vigil 9am 11am	Theresa Goldband's Intentions Proto Carbalho's Intentions People of the Parish
Mon 23 rd October	10am	Holy Souls, November Deceased List
Tues 24 th October	10am 7.30pm	Intentions of the Ejoh Family Irene Wong RIP – Fr Philip
Wed 25 th October Our Lady Queen of Palestine & The Holy Land	10am	Bella Harding 90th Birthday (tomorrow)
Thursday 26 th October	10am	Bill & Kath Kelly RIP
Friday 27 th October	10am	Danny Thompson RIP
Saturday 28 th October Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles	5.30pm Vigil	Jite Oru's Intentions
Sunday 29th October 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am 11am	Valerie Somerset's Intentions People of the Parish

ADORATION – DAILY FROM 8am - TUESDAY EVENING WEEKLY ADORATION The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration from 7pm – 9pm every Tuesday. Please join us.

RCIA – Meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

TEA & COFFEE IN HALL – After the 11am Mass

LEGION OF MARY - The Legion of Mary meet Thursday evening 7pm in the Parish Centre.

CHOIR PRACTICE - Thursday 7pm-8pm

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: If you are applying, you must have received your First Holy Communion and must attend all five sessions starting on Saturday 18th November at 4:00 pm, Saturday 25th November, Saturday 2nd December, Saturday 9th December and Saturday 16th December. Parent/ Carers must fill in a registration document, which will be available soon.

DECEASED & SICK Please remember in your prayers Pricilla Rebello RIP who has died recently, especially her husband Cipi and all her family and friends. For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time and remember also, those in our parish family who are in care homes, sick or housebound, especially all those on our Parish Sick List. (*See online for full list of names*).

STAYING IN ST HELIER HOSPITAL Please remember if you or a member of your family is taken to hospital to ask the ward staff to inform the Roman Catholic Chaplain, Fr. Philip Pak or call him on 07747 545080. If Fr Philip knows you are in the hospital, he will ensure you receive a visit and Holy Communion if required.

Our Masses are available online at <https://www.stcm.org.uk/> All Services are streamed on YouTube
OFFICE OPENING HOURS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, (Closed - Wednesday) THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8.30am TO 1pm

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Parish Disciples, Apostles for Our Time

Today, I stand before you to speak about the spirituality of Catholic parish life, a topic that is close to our hearts and essential to our faith. Our parish is not just a physical place of worship; it is a vibrant community where we come together to deepen our relationship with God and grow in our understanding of the Catholic faith.

One of the pillars of our parish spirituality is adoration. Adoration is not just a mere act of worship; it is a profound encounter with the living God. In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we find solace, peace, and strength. It is in adoration that we open our hearts to God's love and allow Him to transform us from within. Adoration is not only important for our personal spiritual growth, but it also serves as a powerful witness to the world. By spending time in adoration, we show others the beauty and power of our faith, inviting them to experience the love of God for themselves.

Another aspect of our parish spirituality that deserves our attention is the beauty and sacredness of the Holy Mass. The Mass is not just a routine or a tradition; it is the most profound encounter with Christ Himself. In the Eucharist, we receive the body and blood of our Lord, nourishing our souls and uniting us with Him and with one another. The Mass is a celebration of God's love and mercy, a moment of profound gratitude and awe. Let us never take this sacred gift for granted, but approach each Mass with reverence and a deep sense of gratitude.

Devotions play a significant role in our parish life, as they help us to deepen our relationship with God and Mary, our Blessed Mother. The Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Stations of the Cross are powerful prayers that guide us through the mysteries of our faith. Through these devotions, we meditate on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, drawing closer to Him and finding inspiration for our own lives. Let us embrace these devotions with fervour, knowing that they are not mere rituals but pathways to encounter the divine.

Parish catechesis and sacramental programs are vital in passing on the witness and knowledge of the Catholic faith to future generations. Our parish community has a responsibility to ensure that our children and young adults receive a solid foundation in their faith. Through catechesis, we teach them the truths of our faith, instilling in them a love for God and a desire to live according to His commandments. Let us be diligent in our efforts to pass on the richness of our Catholic heritage, knowing that we are shaping the future of our Church.

Lastly, let us remember the importance of unity within our parish and with the wider Catholic community. We are not alone in our faith journey; we are part of a larger family, united with the Pope, the Archbishop, and all the parishes that make up the Archdiocese of Southwark. Our unity strengthens us, and together, we can accomplish great things for the glory of God.

In conclusion, the spirituality of Catholic parish life is a tapestry woven with adoration, the beauty of the Holy Mass, devotions, catechesis, and unity. Let us embrace these aspects of our faith with sincerity and enthusiasm, knowing that they are the foundation of our spiritual growth and the witness we offer to the world. May our parish community continue to be a beacon of light, radiating the love and truth of Christ to all who encounter us.

Thank you, and may God bless our parish abundantly.

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our ongoing parish meetings. Your presence and input are greatly appreciated. As we move forward, we are still in the process of forming a new Parish Leadership Team. If you have any suggestions or recommendations for potential leaders within our community, please let me know by providing their names. Your input is valuable as we strive to create a solid and dedicated leadership team for our parish.

Thank you once again for your commitment and dedication to our parish family. With thanks and blessings, Canon Michael

RCIA CANDIDATES

We are delighted to share some wonderful news from our parish community. During the 11 a.m. Mass last Sunday, we joyfully welcomed Lillie, Beth, Jessica, Jackie, Tanya (Bo), Sophia, Devaka, Frederick, Hannington-Frank, and Cherry at the Rite of Welcome. They have expressed their desire to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all members of our RCIA Team for their dedication and commitment in accompanying these individuals on their faith journey. Your efforts are truly appreciated, and please know that you have our prayerful support and that of the entire parish. Let us continue to pray for these catechumens and candidates as they prepare for these important sacraments in their lives.

May God bless them abundantly, and may their faith continue to flourish within our parish family. Canon Michael

THANK YOU! Valarie Somerset wishes to thank all those who made her birthday such a memorable day. She thanks you for all the gifts, cards and well wishes, and especially for the powerful birthday blessing received.

Is Pope Francis in favour of gay marriage? Please see online for a response to questions asked.

Do you find it difficult to go to Confession? Please see online for helpful reflection.

CLOCK CHANGE NEXT WEEK – SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2023 2am (BST) becomes 1am (GMT)



Last weekend's Offertory: £595.22.

Second Collection this week is for MISSIO - World Mission Sunday

Further news available online