

## St. Teresa's Morden

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## Mass Times and Intentions-Year A:

## **CONFESSION** 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 19 <sup>th</sup> November 33 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	Vigil - 5.30pm	World Day of the Poor John Alfred Mendoza RIP
TIME	9am	Samuel Ejoh's Intentions
	11am	People of the Parish
Mon 20 <sup>h</sup> November	10am	Renath Rodtyler RIP
		November Deceased List/Holy Souls
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> November	10am	Samuel Ejoh RIP
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		November Deceased List/Holy Souls
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	10am	Kathleen Hegarty RIP
St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	200	November Deceased List/Holy Souls
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	10am	November Deceased List/Holy Souls
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November St Andrew Düng-Lac, Priest & Companians, Martyrs	10am	November Deceased List/Holy Souls
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	5.30pm	November Deceased List/Holy Souls
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November		Youth Day
33 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	9am	People of the Parish
TIME	11am	Thomas Mills RIP
Christ the King		

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

DECEASED & SICK Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently, especially Kathleen Hegarty RIP and Christopher Ross-Kennedy RIP and all their families 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.

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, we continue this week Saturday 25th November, followed by Saturday 2nd December, Saturday 9th December and Saturday 16th December. Parent/ Carers must fill in a registration document, which will be available soon. St Teresa's School, Montacute Road, Morden.

Tel No 020 8648 1846 Headteacher; Mr Justin Dachtler.

## Warm greetings to all!

I am delighted to share with you the excellent news that our parish is experiencing tremendous growth in recent months. It warms my heart to see new families joining our community, making our parish more diverse and multicultural than ever before.

We are blessed to have strong communities representing various cultures and backgrounds. Sons and daughters from the Philippines, India, Africa, Poland, Ukraine, Ireland, Europe, South America, and many more places have found their home in our parish. The richness of our diversity is truly a testament to the inclusive nature of our community.

One of the most beautiful aspects of this growth is the increasing number of baptisms. Families are choosing to bring their children into the loving embrace of our parish, and it fills me with joy to witness the faith being passed down to the next generation.

More good news: more than a dozen attend our RCIA PROGRAM seeking to become Catholics at Easter.

Our Parish and Catholic schools play a vital role in supporting these families and offering a warm welcome to all. They provide a nurturing environment where children can grow academically and spiritually.

In our pursuit of inclusivity, we strive to be a parish family where everyone feels welcome. We encourage active participation in our community, believing we can flourish through collaboration and unity. We also actively seek catechists to help us pass on the beautiful gift of faith to others. Together, we can support family and youth ministry, ensuring our younger members have a strong foundation in their spiritual lives.

As many of you are aware we are forming a new Parish Leadership Team. This team will guide our community and ensure we continue growing in faith, unity, and love. We humbly ask for Heaven's blessings as we embark on this new journey, eagerly working towards building a community that reflects the values of our faith.

As we move forward, remember the importance of prayer and devotion. Our spiritual life should always be at the forefront of our efforts—the beauty and dignity of the Holy Mass.

We are enhanced then by the beautiful gifts and talents of our parish music ministry teams and our members' choirs. Through devotion, Adoration, the recitation of the Rosary, Ministry to the Sick, and Our First Fridays Retreats, we deepen our connection with God and find solace in His presence.

Let us embrace this time of growth and change with open hearts and minds. Let us celebrate the diversity that enriches our parish and strive to create a community that radiates love, kindness, and acceptance to all who walk through our doors.

May God's blessings be upon us as we build a community of faith and unity. Together, let us forge a path towards a brighter future rooted in the love of Christ.

With warmest regards, And my blessing, Canon Michael

**ARE YOU INVOLVED IN ANY MINISTRY AT ST TERESA'S?** Saint Teresa Jubilee Year Celebration: Parish Ministry Day will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, please reply to the parish office if you are able to attend <a href="mailto:morden@rcaos.org.uk">morden@rcaos.org.uk</a>

**RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Please see the website for important information and invitation to a meeting for parents/guardians of First Holy Communion children 2024 or pick up a hard copy at the Contact Corner. The meeting will take place Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 9.30am in the church.

Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis ARCHDIOCESE / SOUTHWARK sense of joy and welcome at the advent of a visitor. Share a smile, make an introduction, budge up on the pews, guide them through the Mass. This Christmas, try to be one of the reasons that our visitors come back in the New Year.

Last weekend's Offertory: £835.49 THANK YOU! SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - YOUTH SUNDAY