



St. Teresa's Morden

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Mass Times and Intentions-Year B:

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 ✕

Saturday 9th December	5.30pm	Aileen RIP, Ernest RIP, Brian Hutt RIP & Lester Perreira RIP
Sunday 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	9am	Rosam Paillai RIP & John Sinnathamby RIP
	11am	Mick Malone RIP People of the Parish
Mon 11 th December	10am	Frances & LilyMary Pillai RIP Angela Caruso RIP
Tues 12 th December	10am	Patrick Joseph Diver RIP 1 st Anniversary Michael Teahen's Wellbeing
Wed 13 th December	10am	Beverley Elizabeth Coughlan RIP 1st Anniversary In Thanksgiving
Thursday 14 th December	10am	Carl Dawson RIP Andrea Butler's Intentions
Friday 15 th December	9.30am	Requiem Mass of Gabriella Amad RIP
Saturday 16th December	5.30pm	D.Antonita – Thanksgiving Richard Butler's Intentions
	7.30pm	Simbang Gabi Mass
Sunday 17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	9am	People of the Parish
	11am	Bonny Obikwelu's Intentions
	7.30pm	Simbang Gabi Mass

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 – Carols @ St Helier Hospital

DECEASED & SICK Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently, especially Kurtis Heron RIP and Gabriella Ahmad 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, **LAST SESSION** Saturday 16th December.

CATECHISTS

In the beautiful tapestry of parish life, the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation hold a special place. These sacred milestones mark significant moments in the faith formation of our young ones, and the role of Catechists in preparing them cannot be overstated. We need dedicated individuals who feel called to serve as Catechists in our parish programs for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

As a Catechist, you will have the privilege of journeying alongside our young brothers and sisters in Christ, guiding them as they deepen their understanding of these sacraments and grow in their relationship with God. Your role will be one of mentorship, sharing your faith experiences and knowledge with them while fostering an environment of love, support, and spiritual growth.

First Holy Communion is a moment of great joy as children receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. As a Catechist, you will have the opportunity to prepare these young souls, helping them to grasp the profound significance of this sacrament and guiding them in their spiritual preparation. Your presence and guidance will be a source of reassurance and inspiration as they take this important step in their faith journey.

Confirmation, on the other hand, is a sacrament of empowerment, where young individuals affirm their baptismal promises and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As a Catechist, you will walk alongside them, aiding in their understanding of the sacrament and its transformative power. Your role will be to ignite the flame of faith within them, encouraging them to embrace their role as active members of the Church and witnesses to Christ in the world.

We recognise that serving as a Catechist requires a deep commitment to ongoing formation and personal growth. Therefore, we offer resources, support, and opportunities for spiritual enrichment to ensure you are equipped for this sacred responsibility. We believe that as you invest in the faith formation of our young ones, you will also experience personal growth and a deepening of your own relationship with God.

If you feel the call to guide and nurture our young ones in their preparation for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, we invite you to join our parish programs as a Catechist. Together, let us answer the call to plant seeds of faith, cultivate spiritual growth, and witness the transformative power of these sacraments in the lives of our young disciples.

We are blessed with a good team of Catechists, but we need more to join their ranks. Are you up to the challenge? The Lord calls upon you to be a beacon of light and love to our young ones, and our parish community eagerly awaits your response. Together, let us embark on this sacred journey of faith formation, knowing that through your service, you are helping to shape the lives of these young people spiritually.

With all parents and the parish family, we sincerely thank our committed team of Catechists. Your ministry is valued and needed in our times. THANK YOU 🙏🙏

Canon Michael

CAROL SINGING AT ST HELIER'S HOSPITAL The Choir is singing at St. Helier's hospital on Thursday 14th Dec. led by the hospital chaplain, Fr Philip Pak. We are delighted that St. Teresa's school children will join us as they have done so beautifully in past years on this evangelical and special annual event. We'll meet at the Hospital foyer or nearby Chapel on the ground floor at 6:45pm ready to walk around wards for 7pm, and expecting to return to the foyer around 8:30pm for pickup.

CHRISTMAS SIGN-UP SHEETS There are sheets in the sacristy for Readers and Altar Servers to sign up for the Christmas and New Year Masses.

SIMBANG GABI NOVENA MASSES We invite you to join us in a special Novena of Masses from 16-23 December, celebrated at 7:30pm every night in that period. Known as 'Simbang Gabi' (meaning "Church-going at Night"), this is a much-loved Filipino custom. Come, join our Filipino community in these celebrations! Mass will be celebrated in English and afterwards, there will be a sharing of Filipino foods in the parish hall.

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 13th January 2024 at 9.30am** in the church.