



St. Teresa's Morden

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Mass Times and Intentions-Year B:

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 ✕

Saturday 20 th January	5.30pm	Fr Roshy In Thanksgiving Ross McGuinness RIP
Sunday 21st January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Word of God	9am 11am	Sofia Cortes – In Thanksgiving People of the Parish
Monday 22 nd January	10am	Abraham C. Dedferio & Macaria Milanes Intentions
Tuesday 23 rd January	10am	Joseph & Wendy Pereira RIP
Wednesday 24 th January St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	10am	Holy Souls
Thursday 25 th January Conversion of St Paul, Apostle	10am	Iolanda Borrelli RIP
Friday 26 th January St Timothy & Titus, Bishops	10am	In Thanksgiving
Saturday 27 th January	5.30pm	Gabriella Ahmad RIP
Sunday 28th January 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Racial Justice Sunday	9am 11am	People of the Parish Leslie, Mary & Thomas Mills RIP

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, for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time and 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION APPLICATIONS

Parents, please submit your First Holy Communion application forms to the parish office no later than Tuesday, January 23rd. If your child was **not** baptized at St. Teresa's, please ensure to bring the original baptismal certificate along with the required fee of £15. We accept cash, and for payments by cheque, please make them payable to 'St. Teresa's Church.'

Our Masses are available online at <https://www.stcm.org.uk/> All Services are streamed on YouTube
The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.30am to 12.30pm

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to inform you about an important event taking place this weekend - a farewell celebration for our beloved Fr. Roshy, who will be leaving our parish after three remarkable years of service.

First and foremost, I kindly request that you keep Fr. Roshy in your prayers as he embarks on the next chapter of his journey. We are immensely grateful for the unwavering support he has provided to our parish community throughout his time here, and we want to ensure he feels our collective love and appreciation.

To honour his ministry and express our gratitude, we will be holding a Mass of Thanksgiving this Saturday at 5:30 PM. This will be a beautiful opportunity for us to come together and reflect on the impact Fr. Roshy has had on our lives. Following the Mass, there will be a reception held in his honour in the parish hall. Please join us in saying a heartfelt goodbye to Fr. Roshy and wishing him well in his future endeavours.

For those unable to attend the Saturday Mass, fear not! Fr. Roshy will also be present at our two Sunday morning Masses, giving everyone a chance to bid him farewell.

On a joyous note, I am thrilled to share that Fr. Roshy has recently achieved his goal of obtaining an MA from Saint Mary's University. This accomplishment will undoubtedly enhance his priestly ministry, and we are incredibly proud of his dedication and hard work.

As part of his commitment to the Capuchin Family, Fr. Roshy will soon be crossing the sea to Ireland, where he will join the Capuchins of Ireland. We are confident that Ireland will benefit greatly from his exceptional pastoral ministry, and we wish him all the best in this new chapter of his life.

Lastly, you can still make a donation to show your appreciation for Fr. Roshy's service, envelopes will still be available at all our Masses this weekend. Your generous contributions will undoubtedly make a difference.

I would also like to take a moment to express my personal gratitude to Fr. Roshy for the unwavering support he has provided to Deacon Con, the Parish School, myself, and the entire office team. His kindness, wisdom, and guidance will be greatly missed. Once again, let's keep Fr. Roshy in our prayers and come together to celebrate his incredible journey with us. Please spread the word among fellow parishioners and encourage their attendance at the Mass of Thanksgiving and farewell reception.

Thank you all in anticipation for your continued support and love for Fr. Roshy.

Warm regards, and my blessing to you and all the Parish Family. Canon Michael

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD 21 January 2024

"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." *Pope Francis - 'Aperuit Illis'*

On 30 September 2019, Pope Francis, by the Motu Proprio *Aperuit Illis* declared the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time to be the Sunday of the Word of God.

"... It is fitting, then that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithful witness. Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity" (*Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter, Aperuit Illis, nos 2-3, dated September 30, 2019*)

This Sunday 21st January is the Word of God. It is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions has created some resources for The Sunday of the Word of God:
<https://fdlc.org/2024/01/sunday-of-the-word-of-god-2024-resources/>

STOP TWO EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENTS!

Pro-abortion MPs, Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill. Right To Life UK has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion amendments up to birth and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment. Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/> abortion amendments to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

Last weekend's Offertory: Last weekend's Offertory: £830.86 Crib Collection: £1,419.92 THANK YOU!

With Deacon Con and Fr. Roshy, we extend our heartfelt blessings to you. Gratitude fills our hearts for the Christmas cards, gifts, and messages received. A big thank you to everyone who supported the parish throughout the year. You are the shining light of Christ in our parish family. Your contributions are truly appreciated.

Further news available online