



# St. Teresa's Morden

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## Mass Times and Intentions-Year B:

CONFESSION after all Masses ✕

**ADORATION THIS WEEK Monday to Friday 9am**

✕ 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 10 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30pm	Frank Mendonça RIP
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9am 11am	People of the Parish Tony & Veronica Bartholemew RIP
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10am	Perpetue Kamenyezid & Antoinette Ndeze RIP
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February Shrove Tuesday	10am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February <b>ASH WEDNESDAY Fasting &amp; Abstinence</b>	10am 5.30pm 6.30pm	Deacon John O'Donovan RIP Stations of the Cross Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	10am 6.15pm	John Alfred Mendoza RIP Stations of the Cross
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	10am 6.15pm 7pm	Elizabeth Ejoh's Intentions Stations of the Cross Holy Mass
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30pm	Cathy & Rex Cortes' Intentions
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	9am 11am	Angela Caruso's Wellbeing 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

**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.

**Last weekend's Offertory: Last weekend's Offertory: £1,020.96      THANK YOU!**

**Next Week Second Collection Sick & Retired Priests Fund**

**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  
PLEASE PICK UP A COPY OF ARCHBISHOP JOHN'S PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE NARTHEX**

**Dear Parish Family, Peace Be With You.**

Parish Evangelisation Plan UPDATE: Bridging the Gaps to Foster Growth and Engagement

In collaboration with Archbishop John's vision for every parish, our team at St. Teresa's has taken a proactive approach to identify and address the formation gaps in our parish community. Through a Diocesan questionnaire and careful evaluation of our current realities and future aspirations, we have devised a parish action plan called "Some Definite Service." This plan aims to improve catechesis, ongoing formation, pastoral support and outreach efforts within our parish.

One of the critical areas we have identified as needing attention is the journey of our young people between First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation. We recognise the importance of providing continuous support, guidance, and formation during this crucial period of their faith formation. By bridging this gap, we aim to nurture their relationship with Christ and empower them to live out their faith boldly.

Additionally, we acknowledge the need for post-Confirmation formation and ongoing spiritual development for all parish community members. We understand that faith is a lifelong journey, and it is essential to provide opportunities for building a mission to deepen our relationship with God and one another. Through various initiatives such as Bible Study Groups, Prayer Groups, Retreats, Parish Missions, and Parish Formation Days strive to create a supportive environment for individuals and groups to continue their spiritual development.

Furthermore, we are committed to reaching out to those who may have drifted away from the Church or feel marginalised. Our parish welcomes everyone seeking to join our Catholic family, and we aim to create a welcoming and inclusive space where they can encounter the love and mercy of Christ Jesus. By implementing programs and initiatives that cater to the needs of these individuals, we hope to reconnect them with their faith and foster a sense of belonging within our community.

To ensure the successful implementation of this action plan, we recognise the importance of strong leadership within our Parish. The Role of the Parish Leads and Catechist Team Lead Coordinators is paramount. With my assistance and Deacon Con's, we will give guidance and support in overseeing the various initiatives outlined in the plan. Their dedication and passion for the gospel will inspire you and others to actively participate in the life of the parish and contribute to its growth.

Furthermore, we are grateful for the guidance and support provided by the Deanery Mentor, an excellent initiative by Archbishop John. The Mentor's role is to provide advice, encouragement, and resources to help us navigate the challenges and opportunities of parish life. With their expertise and guidance, we are confident in our ability to execute the action plan effectively.

Finally, we believe that the involvement of the parish family is indispensable to the success of our parish community. Your active participation, enthusiasm, and commitment to living out your faith will play a vital role in creating a vibrant and engaging parish. By encouraging and empowering parishioners, young and old, to take on leadership roles, we can foster a sense of ownership and shared responsibility within our community.

**Conclusion:**

As we embark on this journey to bridge the gaps we have identified as a priority Our Teams with your help and support will make good progress. Other initiatives are needed and we hope to set them up in the months to come. At Saint Teresa's we remain dedicated to Archbishop John's vision for every parish. Through the "Some Definite Service" action plan, we aim to enhance catechesis, ongoing formation, and outreach efforts, ultimately nurturing a flourishing and engaged parish community. With the support of the Parish Leads, the guidance of the Deanery Mentor, and the active involvement of the laity, that's YOU! we are confident that our collective efforts will bear fruit and lead us closer to Christ- His Disciples for Our Times.

With sincere thanks to Marion, Godfred, and Stuart our Parish Leads, Fred, Our Merton Deanery Mentor  
And ALL our Outstanding Parish Catechists. May the Holy Spirit guide us on our journey of Faith 🙏  
Canon Michael

**FURTHER NEWS ITEMS SEE ONLINE NEWSLETTER**

Further news available online

### CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION



The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan QR code. You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

### FAMILY FAST DAY - This Lent, Family Fast Day is on Friday 23 February.

James told us that when his family had no food, he faced a terrible choice: stay home and stay hungry or put everything on the line to go out onto the water in his small canoe. Five fishermen a month – many he called ‘brothers’ – were dying in storms at sea. Just like him, they couldn’t afford the life jackets, compasses and other equipment they needed to stay safe at sea and get a good catch.

Your support for CAFOD this Fast Day helps hardworking people like James to return home safely and feed their families for good. <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

### CONFIRMATION 2024!

Come Holy Spirit ✠ The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Pentecost Sunday – May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Details of registration for St Teresa parishioners and the Confirmation Course will follow shortly.

### MESSAGE FROM FR ROSHY

Good morning Parish Family, Thanks for all your prayers, cards, gifts and Love.

I have reached Kilkenny and settling in. We are 10 Capuchins in the Friary 6 are priests and 4 remain as brothers, of which 2 are from Kerala for time being, 1 polish Friar and 7 Irish. Among 6 priests only 4 are active in Ministry, 3 are taken care of by a Health Care Nurse. Otherwise, things are great. Last Monday I did my first Mass, church had about 40 in attendance of different age group of which all were Irish. We also have an evening Mass every day, where we have a mixed congregation.

Already missing you all and Welcome to Kilkenny, waiting for you all. Bye for now. Fr Roshy

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