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3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 16th December 2018 - Year C

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Both churches are monitored by CCTV cameras 24 hours a day. Live streaming of all services takes place at St Teresa's and can be viewed at www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood or through the link on our website

FIRE SAFETY NOTICE: If anyone has difficulty in hearing, walking or anything else that may slow down safe exit in the event of a fire, please let us know so that we can arrange for assistance for you.

Saturday 15th December	Vigil: 3rd Sunday Of Advent	6pm (St T)	Ana Cristina Trindade RIP (Ann)
Sunday 16th December	3rd Sunday Of Advent	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (SSJFTM)	Vanda & Roman Switnyi RIP (Ann) May Byrne RIP Carl & Colin Pearson RIP (Ann)
Monday 17th December	Advent Feria	9.15am (St T)	May & Michael Neeson RIP
Tuesday 18th December	Advent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Jack & Nonee McCarthy RIP (Ann)
Wednes. 19th December	No Mass		
Thursday 20th December	Advent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Mick Rooney RIP (8th Ann)
Friday 21st December	Advent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Ralph Smyth RIP
Saturday 22nd December	Extended Confession Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent	10am-1pm (St T) 6pm (St T)	Algirdas Cepaitis RIP (Ann)
Reconciliation / Confessions: Saturday 11.00 - 11.30am & 5.00 - 5.40pm. St. Teresa's Church.			
Rosary Group: 6.30pm Friday evening at St Teresa's & after Thursday morning mass at St Teresa's			

Liturgy of the Word: 16th December (Mass Book page 87)

Entrance Antiphon: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.*
Responsorial Psalm: *Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!*
Next week's readings: Micah 5:1-4, Psalm 79:2-3,15-16,18-19, resp. v4, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

Fr. Dominic writes: Statement on the Settlement Scheme for EU citizens by Bp. Paul McAleenan

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all EU citizens who have made their home here. As the majority are themselves Catholic there is a special pastoral concern for us. Reassurances have been offered by senior politicians but there is profound insecurity and uncertainty among many. There has been too little information and no binding commitment about their right to stay.

The government will soon launch a Settlement Scheme, offering EU citizens living here a legal route to remain. While this is an important step, it may feel very unjust especially for people who have contributed to our society over many years. The Church strongly opposes the decision to charge people for securing the rights they already have. We consider this not only unprincipled but will also create a barrier for larger families or people facing financial difficulties.

But it is a fact that EU citizens must apply if they are to protect their existing rights and their place in our society. I therefore urge all those affected to access the official information on the Settlement Scheme at gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families and to make use of the various information resources available: gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit

Finally we must as a whole Catholic community take up Pope Francis' call to welcome, protect, promote and help to integrate everyone who has made their home here - with particular concern at present for our European brothers and sisters.

Full copies of the letter are at the back of the church, please take one and let us know what help we can give



Finances: 9th December St T Plate £166.28, Envelopes £463.00 Standing Orders £297, £926.28 in total. **SSJFTM:** Plate £293.35, Envelopes £120 Standing Orders £187, £ 600.35 in total



FHC 2018-2019 : Programme resumes Thursday 10th January 6.15pm St Teresa's School

Christmas Music Group Rehearsals: All very welcome!

Friday 21st December 7.30pm-9pm St T



SVP: The SVP is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to those in need. We are looking for new members to visit the house bound in Borehamwood. If you have 1hr to spare every other week to visit those who would really welcome your company, please contact us at SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com, or on 07479847130.



The seven bells to Bethlehem, a reflection with Sr Avril, **St Teresa's Church Tuesday 18th December 9.45am.**



Tree of Light at St Teresa's: Following last Sunday's service, we have a tree in St Teresa's with a number of gold & silver stars decorating it. Please take a fresh star and write on the back the name(s) of someone that you would like to remember this Christmas and will keep in your thoughts. Then hang the tag on the tree where it will stay throughout the Christmas period.



Please take a Christmas Service Card from the back of both churches which details all our services & extended confessions over the Christmas Period. The Crib donations will be in favour of the Catholic Children's Society as usual.



You can now donate to either parish by texting on your mobile phone. Simply text "Parish BORWN" for SSJFTM & "Parish BORWD" for St T to 70800 and £5 will be added automatically to your phone bill and the donation will come directly to the parish of your choice.



Fr Dominic will be celebrating Mass at **St Albans Cathedral on Friday 21st December at Noon.**

All are welcome.

If you would like an electronic or large print version of this newsletter, please call the Parish Office 020 8 953 1294, or email: suepartington@rcdow.org.uk

Baptism: Our baptisms are held individually on a Saturday afternoon with a Rite of Welcome the week before at your usual Mass. If you would like to have your child baptised, please complete a baptism form & hand in to the Parish Office, or post in the post boxes. You will also need to complete a Baptism Preparation Course. **Next Course is 12th January 4-5pm, St. Teresa's Church.**



Confirmation 2018-2019. Programme resumes Tuesday 8th January 2019 6.30pm-8pm St Teresa's Parish Centre.

Do you know of someone who has trouble getting to Mass but would like Communion brought to them? Please let us know so that we can arrange for a regular visit for them. Fr Dominic already celebrates Mass regularly in some of the local nursing homes but if you know of a residential home which would be interested in setting this up, please do get in touch.



Please don't forget to look at the notice boards for details of job adverts that we receive. We receive adverts for local faith school jobs & for all jobs in the Diocese.



Christmas Raffle tickets on sale now only £1 each, LAST CHANCE TO BUY TODAY!! 1st prize is a Kindle Paperwhite, we also have a M&S Hamper, homemade Christmas cake and a few other prizes, including signed photos from the EastEnders cast. The raffle will be drawn TODAY at the Senior Citizens Christmas party so get them while you can, available after all Masses.



West Herts NHS Hospital Chaplaincy : Covering Hemel, Watford & St Albans area: If you or a relative are admitted to hospital and you would like to be anointed by a priest please contact your local priest or a member of the hospital chaplaincy team who can arrange for a priest to visit when one is available. If you would like a member of the hospital chaplaincy team to visit a relative in hospital please contact us directly by phone and leave a message: **01923 217994 or 07776 598704** or email us at: spiritual.care@whht.nhs.uk

In the light of the Data Protection Act (1998), on admission to any hospital please note that your details must be given to the ward staff so that they can be passed on to the Catholic Chaplain. This will not be done automatically; it has to be done by you. You also need to state that you would like the Chaplain to see you.



Presents for Prisoners Children - thank you to everyone who took a tag & returned it so quickly attached to a present for a child whose parent will be in prison this Christmas. Over 80 presents were collected from us by the Charity. If you would still like to donate or are interested in the work that this charity undertakes for Prisoners & their families, please do look at their website: prisonfellowship.org.uk

Protecting your privacy: Any personal details that you provide to this parish, (name, address, email, telephone number etc.) will be held on file & stored on the parish computer securely. If applicable, your details will also be entered into the appropriate Sacramental Register. For Volunteers groups, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers etc., your details will be shared with other group members in this parish to enable you to arrange cover etc. If you do not wish your details to be shared, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible. **You can read our full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy**