

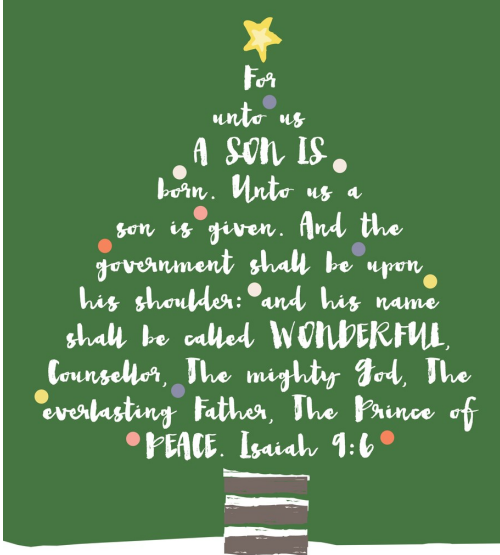


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**Year C : Double Christmas & New Year Edition**  
**23rd & 30th December 2018**

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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](http://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 22nd December	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm (St T)	Algirdas Cepaitis RIP (Ann)
Sunday 23rd December	4th Sunday of Advent	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (SSJFTM)	Gilda & Sofia Filler Thanksgiving Karen Doran & Tara Hussey RIP Emma Wicks & Family (Int) ) Annie Swain, Mouse Cassidy & ) Richard Headech RIP all Edward Mansfield RIP
Monday 24th December	Christmas Vigil & Childrens Nativity	5pm (St T)	
	Christmas Vigil	8pm (St T)	
	Carols	11.30pm (SSJFTM)	
	Midnight Mass	12am (SSJFTM)	Felix Achale RIP (5th Ann)
Tuesday 25th December	Nativity of The Lord	10am (St T) Noon (SSJFTM)	The Parishioners of Borehamwood The Parishioners of Borehamwood
Wednes. 26th December	St Stephen	Noon (St T)	Karen Doran & Tara Hussey RIP
Thursday 27th December	St John	9.15am (St T)	Ralph Smyth RIP
Friday 28th December	The Holy Innocents	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 29th December	Vigil: Holy Family	6pm (St T)	Vanni "John" Carloni RIP (1st Ann) & Carloni Family Intentions
Sunday 30th December	Feast of the Holy Family	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (SSJFTM)	Bertram Tapsee (Thanksgiving) Dot Quinn RIP (Ann) Thomas Apron RIP
Monday 31st December	7th Day Christmas Vigil: Mary	9.15am (St T) 9.30pm (St T)	Jack & Nonee McCarthy RIP (Ann) Peggy Crossan RIP
Tuesday 1st January	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Noon (St T)	Nora Davis RIP
Wednes. 2nd January	No Mass		
Thursday 3rd January	Christmas Feria	9.15am (St T)	Edward Hannaby RIP
Friday 4th January	Christmas Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 5th January	Vigil: Epiphany	6pm (St T)	Ana Cristina Trindade RIP (BDay)

**Liturgy of the Word: 23rd December ( Mass Book page 90)**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour  
**Responsorial Psalm:** God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!  
**Next week's readings:** 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28, Psalm 83:2-3,5-6,9-10,resp.v5,1 John 3:1-2,21-24, Luke 2:41-52

**Liturgy of the Word: 30th December ( Mass Book page 105) SECOND OPTION**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The shepherds went in haste, & found Mary & Joseph & the infant lying in a manger  
**Responsorial Psalm:** They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts: let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!  
**Next week's readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,10-13,resp.cfv11,Ephesians3:2-3,5-6,Matthew2:1-22



**Finances: 16th December St T** Plate £231.44, Envelopes £556.58 Standing Orders £297, £1085.02 in total. **SSJFTM:** Plate £261.00, Envelopes £122.40 Standing Orders £187, £ 570.40 in total



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



**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](mailto:SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com), or on 07479847130.

The SVP are distributing 11,500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, two pairs of socks, gloves, wet wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack. Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP. Thank you so much for your support.

**Baptism: We welcome Christopher & Symon who are being baptised at Borehamwood over Christmas.** 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.**



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 if you know of a residential home which would be interested in this, please do get in touch.



**New Year's Eve Parish Party in the Parish Centre, 31st December after 9.30pm Mass.** Family fun, a bite to eat, bring your own booze. All welcome



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



**Tree of Light at St Teresa's:** Following our 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.

**Contingency Fund Collection:** 30th December will be the usual end of month Contingency Fund Collection. Thank you so much for your contributions to this fund, it really helps us get repairs carried out in a timely man-



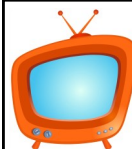
A family in Elstree are looking for a full time live in help for a lady with dementia. If you are interested, please call John McGowan on 07770689740 or email [John@mcgowangroup.co.uk](mailto:John@mcgowangroup.co.uk)



This Christmas the Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work with disadvantaged children & families. This will help provide mental health services, family support & emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese



**TESCO BAGS OF HELP** Is back again and St Teresa's School are raising money to purchase two outdoor table tennis tables for their playing field. Voting starts in the Borehamwood store on the 1<sup>st</sup> January. Please ask for a token at the till and place into the collection box at the front of the store. Thank you for your support!



**We're on TV!** Tune in to EastEnders on 1st January to see St Teresa's AKA St Edmunds take a starring role. More importantly, the donation from the BBC helped considerably to pay for the Parish Centre electrics & new heating.

**Fr. Dominic writes: Settled and Pre-settled status for EU citizens**

Last week I spoke at all the Masses about the need for many of the EU citizens in this country, and of course, in our parish to apply for legal Settled or pre Settled status. This has a cost to it which may be difficult for some. It also has a risk to it if documentation which is required is not available. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales were very clear in their opposition to the charging to stay in the country many have made their home for many years. At the moment we are coming to the end of Advent and quickly approaching Christmas when we celebrate God breaking into our world as a helpless infant. In Luke's Gospel we have his Mary and Joseph unable to find a place to have the baby, we have them having to flee as refugees to Egypt, a time of great uncertainty for them. This is mirrored in our parishes today for our EU citizens.

I feel that we need to be proactive and I would like to set up a working group who can study all the documents and resources available so that we can have a meeting with parishioners in the New Year to offer information and hopefully clarity on this complex situation. If you have some Legal training, some Advisory expertise, or some governmental experience please get in touch with me and we can make a start with a working party.

**FINALLY, HAVE A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND PRAY FOR A GOOD 2019!**

**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](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy)**