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St Blaise - with wool comb!

**Year C : 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 3rd February 2019**

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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 2nd February	Vigil: Presentation	6pm (St T)	Maureen Haynes RIP
Sunday 3rd February	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (SSJFTM)	Mrs Rose Lawlor RIP Paul Goodwin RIP Angela Swain RIP
Monday 4th February	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Cecilia Todd RIP
Tuesday 5th February	St Agatha	9.15am (St T)	June Judd (Int)
Wednesday 6th February	No Mass		
Thursday 7th February	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Martha Sainsbury & Susan Clarke (RIP)
Friday 8th February	Funeral Service	1pm (St T)	Eileen Stevens RIP
Saturday 9th February	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Sandra Benson (Int)
	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm (St T)	Mary Ennis RIP

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: 3rd February (Mass Book page 132)

Entrance Antiphon: *Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.*

Responsorial Psalm: *My lips will tell of your help.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 137:1-5,7-8, resp. v1, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

Fr. Dominic writes: *Love is Dreadful and is also an Act of the Will*

The fact is that love is not in the feelings or the glands, although they are important and a marriage without sentiment and sex is a poor one. The point is that they are not primary. They do not ultimately define love. Love, to sound boring, is an act of the will. It is the decisions we make and the harder the decision in spite of the feelings, the greater the love. Love can and often does operate when feelings are fearful, timid or sad. The Russian writer Dostoevsky said: "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing.." When St. Maximilian Kolbe, trembling in his shoes, steps forward to die in place of a prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp. That's love and according to Jesus " Greater love than this no one has than to lay down his life for his friend". St. Oscar Romero knew that the authorities wanted to kill him and he could have walked away and stopped preaching , but, no he was preaching his love of the Salvadorian people when he was assassinated celebrating Mass. William Bausch an American priest said; " Before, during and after his hanging I prayed for Saddam Hussein. He was a wicked, depraved man that evoked nothing but feelings of revulsion. So, why did I pray for him? Because Jesus said to "Love your enemies. Pray for those who persecute you." Jesus didn't ask how I felt. He simply told me to love. A dreadful task.

"Love is a harsh and dreadful thing" Ask Jesus on the Cross!



Finances: 27th January: St T Plate £398.65 Envelopes £424 Standing Orders £297, £1119.65 in total. **SSJFTM:** Plate £232.16 Envelopes £125.00 Standing Orders £187, £ 544.16 in total



FHC 2018-2019 : Next session for children **Thursday 7th February 6.15pm** St Teresa's School



SVP NEWS : 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.

Alexander Armstrong will be performing at a fundraising concert in aid of SVP Vinnie Packs for the homeless alongside renowned soprano, Miranda Heldt, actor Alex Macqueen and the Choir With No Name on **Monday 4th February at 7pm** at Farm Street Church, Mayfair. Tickets costing £30 are available by typing Vinnie Packs in the "Looking for" section on the Eventbrite website www.eventbrite.co.uk. Thank you.



Confirmation 2018-2019. Next session **Tuesday 5th February 2019 6.30pm-8pm** St Teresa's Parish Centre.



News from St Teresa's School: 2019-2020 Nursery Applications for children born between 1.9.15 & 31.8.16. Applications open 21.1.19 and close 15.3.19. We have the following signing sessions for the certificates of Catholic Practice that you will need to accompany the applications. Please call the Parish Office to book a particular time slot at one of these sessions.

Monday 4th February between: 1pm-3pm
Thursday 14th February between 3pm-6pm
Saturday 23rd February between 10am-Noon

Please note *Fr Dominic is unavailable from 6th March so don't leave it too late!*

The Friends of St Teresa's (PTA) are looking for assistance: They would like to apply to become a Registered Charity. Is there anyone who have previous experience of this or who may be able to help them? Please contact the Parish Office or the School direct if you would be willing to advise.



EU Settlement Scheme: There will be a meeting for all those who are able to help our parishioners with this scheme on **Thursday 7th February 7.30pm** at The Presbytery at St Teresa's.. If you have experience with this kind of process, please do let us know & if you can please try to come along.

Found in the Parish Centre, a Roman Missal, well loved, containing some prayer cards including one for Fr Joseph Pereira. Please contact the Parish Office if its yours.



Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony: Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8th June 3pm The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th,10th,25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (& every year after 60!) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating such an anniversary and would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office **before 20th March 2019** with the following details: both your names, wedding date, full postal address, email phone number. This is a very special Mass & people who have been in previous years have all said how much it meant to them.

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 9th February 4pm-5pm St. Teresa's Church.**



St Teresa's Parish Centre is available to hire at very reasonable rates. As well as the well equipped kitchen, we have free WIFI, permanent projector & screen, mood lighting & speakers. The toilets were all refurbished in 2018 & we have a new central heating system. Whether you are looking to run an exercise class or just have a birthday party or other social event, have a look at our website at the dedicated page there or call Sue at the Parish Office.

IMPORTANT PARISH MEETING ON TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM IN ST. TERESA'S PARISH CENTRE.

Please put this date in your diary and come to discuss how we, as a parish, can move forward and fulfil our mission as the Catholic Community in Elstree and Borehamwood? The parish will be 94 years old in June this year and it is a very healthy move to look at all our Pastoral work, our Catechetical work, our Outreach locally, nationally and internationally, our Community building, our care for our housebound, our Financial viability, the Church properties, our Liturgical practices and any new projects that you may wish to start.



Parish Sunday Lunches for 2019 - come and be a part of your Parish Community!

24th February

28th April

9th June

14th July

29th September (International Lunch)

17th November



Justice and Peace rep needed! What is Justice and Peace? It's about wanting to make a difference, witnessing to gospel values in society, not only by helping those close at hand, or sending gifts overseas, but asking why problems are arising, and whether we can speak up for change. We are currently working on such things as climate protection, Fairtrade, the refugee situation, and peace in the Middle East. Justice and Peace reps can publicise our work, maintain a parish notice board, or raise awareness in the parish. Can you be your parish Justice and Peace representative? Contact the office at justice@rcdow.org.uk

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