



**The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood**  
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**Year C : 5th Sunday of Lent**  
**7th April 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](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 6th April	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm (St T)	Joseph (Int)
Sunday 7th April	5th Sunday of Lent	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (SSJFTM)	Mai Redmond RIP (Ann) Ollie Quinn RIP Pat Hamilton RIP
Monday 8th April	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Deceased Members Enright Family RIP
Tuesday 9th April	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Sean Murry RIP
Wednes. 10th April	No Mass		
Thursday 11th April	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Kathleen Reasbeck RIP
	<b>Funeral Service</b>	<b>12.30pm (St T)</b>	<b>Mildred Baas RIP</b>
Friday 12th April	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Thanksgiving to St Teresa
Saturday 13th April	Vigil: Palm Sunday	6pm (St T)	Mary & Ann Cunningham 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

*During Lent,*  
**Stations of the Cross at St Teresa's, Fridays after the 9.15am Mass & again at 7pm**  
**Holy Hour with Lenten Reflections, Wednesdays 7.30 pm St Teresa's**

**Liturgy of the Word: 31st March ( Mass Book page 176)**  
**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
**Next week's readings:** Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, rp.v2, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

**Fr. Dominic writes: *When Religion Gets Sick!***  
*We generally think of religion as a good thing, as a positive influence on society. Throughout history the greatest achievements of character have been instructed and inspired by religious faith. When religion is healthy and robust, it is a positive influence, enabling people to do a better job of living. But when religion gets sick, it then becomes a negative influence, belittling and downgrading human life. In our Gospel today the woman caught in adultery was dragged before Jesus by the Pharisees to confirm the judgement that she was, according to the law of Moses, to be stoned to death. He went silent for awhile then said 'the one without sin should cast the first stone.' They slunk away. Both Jesus and the Pharisees belonged to the same religion yet their responses were very different. Jesus was kind, open and honest, and eager to redeem. The Pharisees were cruel, scheming and deceitful and eager to condemn. Their religion had become sick. Our faith can also become sick if we are not on our guard. A religion has become sick when we become increasingly conscious of the sins of others and decreasingly aware of our own. Another sign that a religion has become sick is when we start caring more for the rules than we do for people. As a church we have got things wrong and at times we can appear sick and tie people in knots and be very judgemental. We have to be on our guard and allow the spirit of kindness, compassion, love and forgiveness which come from Jesus Christ to be our guiding principle. We need to stay healthy.*



**Finances: 31st March 2019: St T** Plate £351.78, Envelopes £544.30 Standing Orders £354 £1250.08 in total. **SSJFTM:** Plate £216.01, Envelopes £107, Standing Orders £174 £ 497.01 in total



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



**Donations for the Foodbank for this week** (to be brought to next weekend's Mass) are **crisps, cheese biscuits, cereal & UHT milk.**



**The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal was launched here in Borehamwood.** This year's appeal is a new programme focusing on the food poverty that affects so many across the Diocese. If you have not done so already, please pick up a Cardinal's Appeal donation leaflet at the back of the churches for more information. Please pray for its aims. Thank you.



**Offertory Envelope Boxes for the next year 2019/2020** are now available. **In order to comply with new data protection rules, we cannot leave the boxes out as there are names & addresses on the boxes. Please can you collect your box from the sacristy.** Some of the numbers have changed, so **please destroy any unused envelopes.** If your address has changed, or if you would like to start to give in this way, please contact Sue at the Parish Office. Alternatively, you can give by Standing order, forms are in both churches. The envelope year coincides with the tax year so if you currently Gift Aid your donations & your tax status has changed, please notify Sue as soon as possible. If you would like to start Gift Aiding your donations, we can get a declaration to you, simply sign & return & we do the rest. Gift Aiding your donation enables us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 that you donate at no extra cost to you. All you need to be is UK resident and a tax payer. For further info, please contact Parish Office.



Don't forget this year's **Adult Confirmation Course** for Adults wishing to be confirmed at the Easter Vigil, is **Saturday 13th April 10am** at St Teresa's Parish Centre. Please complete a form in the meantime & drop it in to us.

**Easter Music Rehearsals, all welcome to come to either or all!**



- 12th April 8-9pm St Teresa's rehearsal for Good Friday
- 15th April 8-9pm SSJFTM rehearsal for Maundy Thursday
- 20th April 3-4pm St Teresa's rehearsal for Easter Vigil

**Walk of Witness Good Friday** starting at 11am at the Baptist Church, Furzehill & finishing with refreshments at St Teresa's when the walk finishes - remember to wear red!

**Found in the Parish Centre,** a Roman Missal, call Sue if it is yours.

**Reflections in the convent chapel, Rosary Priory, Elstree Road, Bushey .With Sr Avril Mondays at 11am.**

- 6th May - Emmaus: The road of trust
- 3rd June - Postman Pat, Winnie the Pooh - & Laudato Si'

**Baptism:** This weekend we welcome **Mary & Margaret** who are being baptised here at Borehamwood this weekend. 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 13th April 4pm-5pm St. Teresa's Church.**



**Confirmation 2018-2019.** Next session **Tuesday 9th April 6.30pm-8pm** at St Teresa's Parish Centre.



**FHC 2018-2019 : Parent's session Thursday 11th April 7.30pm ST TERESA'S CHURCH** when the practical arrangements for FHC will be discussed. Then there is the Emmaus Walk for parents & children 6.15-7.30pm on 25th April, from St Teresa's church. Please make sure that you also have the **FHC Thanksgiving Mass in your diaries, Sunday 23rd June Noon at SSJFTM, with the Corpus Christi procession to St Teresa's afterwards, with benediction.** Refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.



**"At the foot of the cross" Good Friday 7.30pm - please note that this has been moved to St Teresa's .**

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



**28th April**

**9th June**

**14th July**



**6th October -change of date - (International Lunch)**

**17th November**



**Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding** (no duvets or pillows please) and will be here to collect **Sunday 28th April.** They will collect before the 10am Mass & before the Noon Mass.

Put your items into tied sacks & bring them to Mass that weekend. 4 full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a year. Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education

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



**10am Communion Hymn:** I am a new creation, no more in condemnation, here in the grace of God I stand.

My heart is overflowing, my love just keeps on growing, here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise you, Lord, yes I will praise you, Lord, and I will sing of all that you have done.

A joy that knows no limit, a lightness in my spirit, here in the grace of God I stand.

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