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Cemetery Mass at Allum Lane last weekend

## Year C : 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th July 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 before the service starts, so that we can arrange for assistance for you.

Saturday 13th July	Vigil: 15th Sunday	6pm (St T)	Sean, Margaret & Anthony Aherne RIP (Ann)
Sunday 14th July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Mary Jo McQuaid (RIP)
		10am (St T)	Mary Gerrard RIP
		Noon (SSJFTM)	Dot & Ollie Quinn RIP
Monday 15th July	St Bonaventure	9.15am (St T)	Sandra Roberts RIP
Tuesday 16th July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Adua Vetere RIP
Wednes. 17th July	No Mass		
Thursday 18th July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lorraine Chutere RIP
Friday 19th July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Canon Peter Gilbert RIP (Ann)
Saturday 20th July	Vigil: 16th Sunday	6pm (St T)	Philomena & Larry Dempsey RIP (Ann)

Mass intentions are fully booked until mid August, please don't leave it too late to get your preferred date.

**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: 14th July ( Mass Book page 108)

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Next week's readings:** Genesis 18:1-10, Psalm 14:2-5, resp v1, Colossians 1;24-28, Luke 10:38-42

**Fr Dominic writes:** Our neighbour is anyone, and everyone who needs our help.

God is love and the only way to come to him is in love. The time for this love is now. And the place for its expression is today's reality as it meets on the road and stares me in the face. No word has been cheapened so much today as love. The teachings of Jesus brings out its practical nature in the actions of the Good Samaritan. He saw; he felt pity; and he did something to remedy the situation. **The first step** in love is in paying attention to other people. We open up the shutters of our aloofness and see people and hear them. By paying attention to people we are letting them come and to knock on our doors, seeking entry into our lives. Sometimes we erect barriers to prevent people from knocking on our doors. Certain people are barred by prejudice or discrimination. Or we shrink from the demands of love, so we are too busy to hear their knock, or we hide behind a rule, 'this is no time to come ...' or, like Robert Frost's neighbour, we claim that good fences make good neighbours. **The next step** is to answer the knock and let the person in. The Samaritan was 'moved with compassion' towards the injured traveller. The other two made no move towards him but passed by on the other side. Compassion means accepting the pain of others and responding to it. When others knock on our door compassion lets them in and is willing to reach out to them whether they are asking us to share tears in their sorrow or laughter in their joy, to pity them in their pain or celebrate with their thankfulness, to give to their emptiness or receive from their fullness. **The third step** of the good neighbour was to take practical action. Feeling is empty if it does not lead to concrete action. When the need of the ransacked traveller met up with the compassion of the Samaritan the result was the practical generosity which dips into the pocket, forgets about personal convenience and gives.



**Finances: 14th July 2019: St T** Plate £409.53 Envelopes £576, Standing Orders £354, £1339.53 in total.  
**SSJFTM:** Plate £271.57 Envelopes £210 Standing Orders £174 , £ 655.57 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.



**Parish Sunday Lunches for 2019 -**  
*come and be a part of your Parish Community!*  
**6th October - (International Lunch)**  
**10th November - change of date**  
**15th December Senior's Christmas Party**

**2020 First Holy Communion & Confirmation** The application forms for these programmes which will start in the Autumn & finish Summer 2020, are now in both churches. Please take and return to us as soon as possible, to ensure your place and so that we can send out the programme dates & sessions for your diaries. The forms can also be completed & submitted online if you prefer. <https://tinyurl.com/fhc-conf>.



There are still a number of 2019 Confirmation & FHC Certificates, photo slips & gifts not yet collected. We cannot hold onto these indefinitely so please can you call at the Parish Office to pick these up. Thank you.



**Foodbank Friday Collection, Friday 26th July, 2019,** The Foodbank are looking for volunteers to help with their Foodbank Friday collection at Kings Cross station on 26th July. These collections are a great way to get involved in the work we do and really help local people who are going through a difficult time. If you are free on the above date and could give a few hours of your time between 8 am and 7pm, please contact the foodbank Tel: 02035831109 or [borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk](http://borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk). Travel expenses can be reimbursed.

**Suggestion boxes** There are now suggestion boxes in both churches, please feel free to write down any suggestions or ideas that you may have and post in the box which will be emptied regularly. They can be anonymous or of you would like to have a chat about it, please add your name & contact number.



**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.

**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 7th September 4pm-5pm St. Teresa's Church.**



**Weddings at Borehamwood this Summer:**

we look forward to welcoming:

Catherine & Michael 13th July

Nicholas & Ifeanyiichukwu 13th July

Otillia & Sidney 17th August

Gemma & Christopher 22nd August



All these weddings given anyone an idea? Come & talk to us, weddings are easier than you think to arrange, even if one of the partners isn't a Catholic, or even baptised. We run a short course at Borehamwood and guide you through the paperwork. Have a chat with Fr Dominic or Fr Antonio.



Do you know of someone who has trouble getting to Mass & would like Communion brought to them? Please let us know so that we can arrange for a regular visit for them. Fr Dominic & Fr Antonio already celebrate 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 Procedures for Children who will require a Certificate of Catholic Practice completed by the Parish for school applications made in the school year 2019-2020:**



**'A Certificate of Catholic Practice'** is a form to be signed by the Parish Priest to state that a child wishing to apply for entry into a Catholic Primary School for Nursery, Reception or for entry into a Catholic Secondary School. The form states that the child and their family are a practicing Catholic family. The definition of 'Practicing Catholic' is that the family attend Mass each week and that they attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. With the competition for places in St. Teresa's very competitive I have had to introduce a new system to ensure that no child from a practicing family are excluded. Though I generally meet and greet people at most of the Masses at the weekend I cannot guarantee that I can be 100% correct. From September anyone wishing to apply for a place in either a Catholic Primary or Secondary must have a card with a Photo and have it stamped every week after Mass. We will provide the cards and we will have people at the back of church to stamp the cards. I really do not like doing this but when people, who do not attend regularly, secure a place ahead of families who attend every Sunday, this is wrong and unjust. I will know many people by sight but I now need to know if they are regularly practicing and sadly this is the way that I believe I have to move to prevent injustice and cheating.

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