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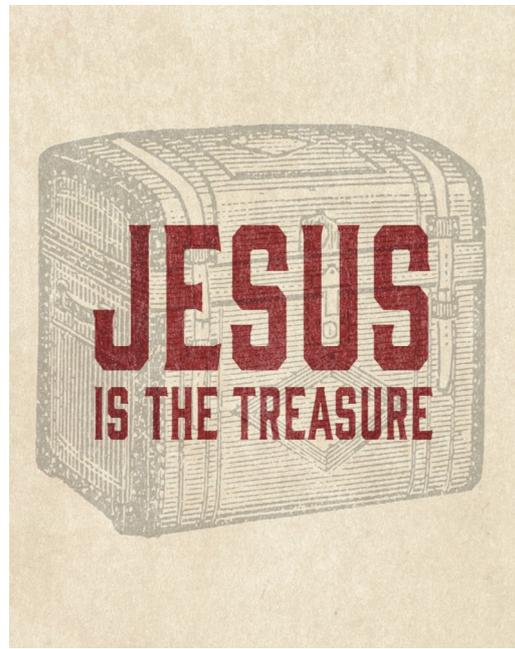
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**Year C : 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4th August 2019**

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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 before the service starts, so that we can arrange for assistance for you.

Saturday 3rd August	Vigil: 18th Sunday	6pm (St T)	Bridget Connolly RIP (Ann)
Sunday 4th August	18th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Catherine Burke & Deceased members of The family RIP
		10am (St T)	Robert Castillo Indicio RIP
Monday 5th August	Feria	Noon (SSJFTM)	Nora Ryan RIP
Tuesday 6th August	The Transfiguration Of the Lord	9.15am (St T)	John Cole (Int)
Wednesday 7th August	No Mass		
Thursday 8th August	St Dominic	9.15am (St T)	Tom Corry RIP (Bday)
Friday 9th August	St Teresa Benedicta Of the Cross	9.15am (St T)	Ruth Rees RIP
Saturday 10th August	Vigil: 19th Sunday	6pm (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP Deceased members of the O'Grady Family & relatives

Mass intentions are fully booked until September, 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: 4th August (Mass Book page 117)

Entrance Antiphon: *O god, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord do not delay.*

Responsorial Psalm: *O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Wisdom 18:6-9, Psalm 32:1,12,18-20,22, resp v12, Hebrews 11;1-2,8-19, Luke 12:32-48*

Fr Antonio writes: How much are you worth?

This Sunday's Gospel reminds me why it took me longer than some to apply for the priesthood - I was already in my 30s when I did so. There was always this small voice inside of me telling me that I might want to be a priest but I ignored it for a long time because I thought I knew what would make me happy: a high paying job, the latest gadgets, the ability to travel wherever I wanted and have my own flat. I managed to attain all of these things and yet there came a point when I realised that I was still not happy. No matter how many gadgets I accumulated or countries I visited, something was still missing. Our society today insists that life is all about money and status but what this philosophy actually does is make us impover-

ished in the areas that should make life worth living: love, family and neighbours and the hope of something wonderful beyond death. Our success-driven and materialistic society also devalues our humanity. It tells us that our existence is only measured by the number of zeroes in our bank balances. Life is far richer than that. Greed and ambition blind us to what is essential. It is God alone and not money which provides us with ultimate security and purpose in life. When I finally listened to that small voice inside me, and set out for what I now know is God's purpose for me, life became more meaningful. The emptiness that I had felt as a career-minded individual was replaced by an overflowing of grace and contentment. As St Augustine would say, I was restless until I found rest in God.



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.



**Parish Sunday Lunches for 2019 -
come and be a part of your Parish Community!**
6th October - (International Lunch)
10th November
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. **DVDs of the FHC** that have been ordered will be available for collection on **Saturday 3rd August at the 6pm mass** or thereafter from Tuesday August 6th (bank holiday on Monday) at the parish office at St Teresa's.



The Parish Office is closed from 29th July to 12th August, anything urgent please contact Fr Dominic or Fr Antonio, thank you.

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.



Weekday Mass at Barnet Hospital

Fr. Serge Stasievich has joined the Chaplaincy **Royal Free London** team and is celebrating Mass on Wednesdays at 1 pm and Fridays at 12 noon (starting Friday 26th July) in the Prayer Room at Barnet hospital. If you are working at or visiting the hospital you are very welcome to come along. Please check notices on Prayer Room door for latest details.



APF Red boxes are due for emptying. Please can you bring them into the sacristy during August, they will be emptied & ready for you to collect the next week, from the sacristy.

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.



Baptism: We welcome Isla who is being baptised here 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 7th September 4pm-5pm St. Teresa's Church.**



Weddings at Borehamwood this Summer:

we look forward to welcoming:

Ottillia & 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. **Fr Dominic.**

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