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Year C : 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th August 2019

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When the road splits in two.

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 24th August	Vigil: 21st Sunday	6pm (St T)	Millie Baas RIP (98th Bday)
Sunday 25th August	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM)	May Salley RIP
		10am (St T)	Eugene Fay RIP
		Noon (SSJFTM)	Patsy Hackett RIP (10th Ann)
Monday 26th August	**Feria**	**Noon (St T)**	**Michael "Mick" Brady RIP**
Tuesday 27th August	St Monica	9.15am (St T)	Guss McCarthy RIP (Bday)
Wednes. 28th August	*No Mass*		
Thursday 29th August	The Passion of St John the Baptist	9.15am (St T)	Ruth Rees RIP
	Funeral Service	**11am (St T)**	**Christopher Coles RIP**
Friday 30th August	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Betty Flynn (Int Bday)
Saturday 31st August	Vigil: 22nd Sunday	6pm (St T)	Dorothy Aldridge RIP (Bday)

Mass intentions are fully booked until end 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: 25th August (Mass Book page 127)

Entrance Antiphon: *Turn your ear, o Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*
Responsorial Psalm: *Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News.*
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!*
Next week's readings: *Eccles. 3:17-20,28-29, Psalm 67:4-7,10-11 resp.cf v11, Hebrews 12: 18-19,22-24, Luke 14:1,7-14*

Fr Antonio writes: ***Why the narrow door?***

Did Jesus die to save only a select few or did he die for the whole of mankind? The Mass readings this Sunday tell us the answer: salvation is available to everyone, not just the elite few. When Jesus said this, he shocked the Jews. They had assumed that they would be the only ones in heaven. But Jesus warned that if they thought like that they themselves would have no places in heaven. Because of their arrogance and snobbishness, non-Jews would take their places and they, the chosen people, would be on the outside, looking in. The lesson for us Catholics is obvious. Being baptised or regular Mass attendance does not guarantee our salvation. We must go through, like Jesus said, the narrow door. The narrow door is every moral decision that we make. It is when the road splits into two. The correct road – the narrow road – takes us to heaven. The wrong road – the wide and easy road – leads us astray. Going through the narrow door will cost us. It may mean sacrificing our financial security or even our loved ones. We may find ourselves in a desert, hungry and thirsty, with very little peace of mind. But the trials and tribulations of life are not signs of the absence of God but rather signs of his presence. God allows challenges to come into our lives so that we can reach our full potential and grow closer to him. Our faith does not tell us exactly why we must undergo suffering, but our faith does give us the strength to get through the narrow road and into eternal happiness with the Lord.

SVP NEWS : The SVP is an international Christian voluntary organisation. 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, have been out in both churches all summer. The deadline for submission is **SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER**. There will be no exceptions for those submitted after this due to the high numbers that we have already received. 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, DVDs of the FHCs, 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.

Finances: 18th August 2019: St T Plate £344.86 Envelopes £667.15, Standing Orders £354, £1366.01 in total. **SSJFTM:** Plate £230.79 Envelopes £90 Standing Orders £174 , £ 494.79 in total

Its been a record year for weddings this year! We have had the joy of seven weddings in 2019, our highest number at least ten years. 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.

Parish Cook Book! We are hoping to put together a Parish Cook book as a Fund Raising idea. If any of you have any recipes that you would like to share or have any recipes that you would like to request (Fr Dominic's Irish Stew anyone?) , then please email the recipes to borehamwood@rcdow.org.uk, along with a photo of the completed dish if you can. Then watch this space!

Friday 11th October

7.30pm St Teresa's Parish Centre

Tickets £10 on sale now!

Includes Fish & Chip supper

All Souls 2019 -

Blessing of Graves

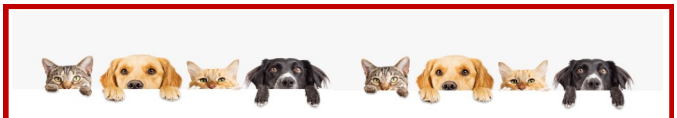
Sunday 3rd November 2pm at Allum Lane Cemetery

Mass of Remembrance for Deceased Parishioners

Monday 4th November 7.30pm at SSJFTM

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 Matthew & Keona who are being baptised 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.**



Pets Service & Blessing, 3pm Saturday 5th October St Teresa's church. Bring along all your pets to this special service!

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.

Come and join the Borehamwood Filipino Community for a Holy Mass in Tagalog, celebrated by Fr Antonio "Jun" Pineda. **Sunday 25th August 5pm at St Teresa's.**

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: Cards are being issued today, collect one and stick a photo of your child on, then bring to church from next week, you will need to get it stamped. "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.

Contingency Fund Collection: This Sunday is the last of the month and so will be the usual end of month Contingency Fund Collection. The Health & Safety Inspection raised a few issues and of course more signs are needed are needed around the place....watch this space!.

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 ***You can read our full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy***