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Fr Dominic can't quite believe its been 25 years! Many congratulations on the Jubilee!!

**Year C : 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10th November 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 9th November	Vigil: 32nd Sunday	6pm (St T)	Fr George Barringer RIP (Ann)
Sunday 10th November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (SSJFTM)) All Parishioners who have) lost their lives) during conflict
Monday 11th November	St Martin of Tours	9.15am (St T)	Andrej Nowak RIP (1st Ann)
Tuesday 12th November	St Josaphat	9.15am (St T)	Mary Henderson RIP
Wednes. 13th November	No Mass		
Thursday 14th November	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Holy Souls
Friday 15th November	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Holy Souls
Saturday 16th November	Vigil: 33rd Sunday	6pm (St T)	Mrs Jean Brooks 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: 10th November (Mass Book page 160)

Entrance Antiphon: *Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*
Responsorial Psalm: *I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.*
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!*
Next week's readings: *Malachi 3:19-20, Psalm 97:5-9, resp.v9, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19*


Fr Dominic Writes:

'Bloom where you are planted'

When, in 1989, I was getting ready to go into the Seminary in Allen Hall in Chelsea I wondering if I had done the right thing. I had resigned from my teaching job, which I loved, and was going into the unknown. I was discussing this with a close friend of mine, a Mercy Sister, and she gave me a small pamphlet entitled 'Bloom where you are planted'. This really galvanised me and it is now a very important way in which I try to live my life. When I entered the Seminary I became determined that I would give it my best effort and I put a lot of energy into enjoying the experience and growing through it. For two years I was resident in Allen Hall and made sure that I gained all that I could from the experience. I was then sent to Camden Town with three other seminarians to live and work in the parish but to go to Allen Hall each day for study. The experience of Parish life was really exciting and confirmed me in my vocation. When I was ordained in 1994 I was assigned to St. Mary and St. Andrew in Dollis Hill as the assistant priest to Fr. Perry Sykes. I had a great three years and learnt a tremendous amount from Fr. Perry and from the parishioners. We organised Family Nights, Pilgrimages, and so many community building activities. I was then assigned to Our Lady of Hal in Camden Town as Parish Priest. I must admit that the change of role from Assistant Priest to Parish Priest was very challenging. I then found my pamphlet again and really put into practice 'Bloom where you are planted'. I found so much strength in seeing all the moves and changes as part of God's will for me and the parishioners I was to serve. I became very aware that it was not my parish and that I was only there to serve the people and grow the Kingdom of God in that place. After twelve years I had become really enmeshed in the lives of so many families and individuals through, Baptisms, Communion, Confirmations, Marriages and of course Funerals. The outreach to the homeless and drug addicts was tough but very rewarding. So, in 2010, when I got a phone call from the Vicar General moving me to Borehamwood I was quite shocked, but remembered that during the Ordination ceremony I had put my hands into the hands of the Bishop and promised obedience to him and his successors. So it was back to 'Bloom where you are planted'. It is now coming up to ten years here and I cannot imagine myself anywhere else. You are an amazing community, so generous with your time and talents. I am enjoying myself and feel very blessed. To live in a warm, caring, and active community is a real blessing and I believe that I am 'BLOOMING'.


 **Please don't forget** to look at the notice boards for details of job adverts that we receive for local faith schools & the Diocese.

Finances 4th November 2019: St T Plate £412.45 Envelopes £476.13 Standing Orders £614, £1502.58 in total. **SSJFTM:** Plate £240.41 Envelopes £162.00 Standing Orders £141, £ 543.41 in total




 **2020 Confirmation Programme** - Next meeting for candidates only **Tuesday 19th November 6.30pm St Teresa's Parish Centre.**


 **2020 First Holy Communion Programme** - Next meeting for children **21st November 6.15pm at St Teresa's School.**


 **THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR** - Orders received & are named & in the church where you placed the order. **The cost is £3.99 each - please put the money in the REPOSITORY WALL BOXES as we have had to pay for them in advance.**


All Souls 2019 November is the Month of Holy Souls: you will find the leaflet in both churches for placing names on the Remembrance List for November. Please pick up and complete and return to us in the brown envelope provided, along with your Mass Offering.





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, contact us at SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com, or on 07479847130.

 **Operation Samaritans Purse - SHOEBOXES MUST BE RETURNED BY TOMORROW - 11TH.** No more empty boxes please!


 Our Health & Safety Inspection raised the fact that , we do not have a rota of Fire Marshalls who cover every weekend service & are properly trained. We did do some training a couple of years ago but a proper rota didn't really get off the ground. If you can help please complete the form & return to the Parish Office or email Sue advising which is your usual mass.

 **Bruges Trip - Saturday 7th December. The coach company have let us down and they forgot to book the Chunnel. So we will now be going by ferry.** This means that we will have a later start with the coach leaving St Teresa's at the more respectable time of 6.15am, returning back to Borehamwood later in the evening. If this is going to cause a problem please let Sue know as soon as possible. **5 places left!!**

 Come & join the Borehamwood Filipino Community for a Holy Mass in Tagalog, celebrated by Fr Antonio "Jun" Pineda. **Sunday 24th November, 5pm at St Teresa's.**

 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.

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 23rd November 4pm-5pm St. Teresa's Church. Last chance before Christmas!**



 **St Teresa's School.** Reception Admissions September 2020 (for children born between 1st Sep 2015 - 31st Aug 2016)Open sessions for prospective parents to visit St Teresa's Catholic Primary school and meet with the Head teacher


Tuesday	19th November at 9.15am
Thursday	21st November at 9.15am
Monday	25th November at 9.15am
Wednesday	27th November at 9.15am


Please book with the school office.020 8953 3753

Signing sessions for Certificates of Catholic Practice are shown below.

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a slot within these sessions. You will need to bring your child and their Mass Attendance Card with you.

Monday 18th November 3pm-6pm
Saturday 23rd November 10am-noon

 **Altar Servers and the Guild of St Stephen:** Our altar servers will be enrolled to the Guild of St Stephen on Sunday, 24 November. They are all asked to attend a meeting on **16 November at 10:00 am in the Parish Centre** to learn about the Guild and what it means to be a member.

 **Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.** Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. The fund will be used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest. It could ensure a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. Rest assured, the Diocese works closely with the NHS, local councils and social services, but there will nevertheless be gaps in funding and we need to ensure our priests have peace of mind in their senior years. If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available in the pews and at the back of the church. Don't forget to complete the Gift Aid form if you are a taxpayer - adding 25 pence onto every pound you give, at no cost to you. If you are able, please consider filling out a standing order form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests. Please be generous and remember our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill, in your prayers. Thank you.

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**