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Year C : Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 24th 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 23rd November	Vigil: King of the Universe	6pm (St T)	Florrie Darcy RIP (Ann)
Sunday 24th November	Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (SSJFTM)	Holy Souls Fergus McGrath RIP (Ann) Thanksgiving: Bertram Tapsee
Monday 25th November	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Holy Souls
Tuesday 26th November	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Michael "Mick" Brady RIP
Wednes. 27th November	No Mass		
Thursday 28th November	Feria	9.15am (St T)	John Caffrey (Int)
Friday 29th November	Feria	9.15am (St T)	John Coakley RIP
Saturday 30th November	Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent	6pm (St T)	Jose Testune 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: 24th November (Mass Book page 167)

Entrance Antiphon: *How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

Responsorial Psalm: *I rejoiced when I heard them say: "let us go to God's house."*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom or our father David! Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Isaiah 2;1-5, Psalm 121:1-2,4-5,6-9, resp.cfv1, Romans13:11-14, Matthew24:37-44*

Fr Antonio Writes: *The Roman soldiers called Jesus the "King of the Jews" in a mocking and derisive way when they crucified Him. Today, we proclaim Christ's title of King of the Universe with joy and hope. We embrace it because Jesus is king in a way unlike earthly kings, for His kingdom is not of this world. In this Sunday's Gospel, He offers the repentant thief this unearthly kingdom. "Today, you will be with me in paradise," Jesus tells the thief. Instead of wealth, position and power, the true king of a kingdom not of this world offers repentance, forgiveness and paradise to those who seek it. The suffering encountered in this world will be reversed and overcome in the next. We proclaim Jesus as king, but he is no mere figurehead - like most kings and queens today are. Jesus' kingship is not about His own glory or power. His kingship is not about saving himself, but a life poured out completely, to the last breath, for others. His crucifixion was a tremendous act of violence which became a tremendous act of love. We end the liturgical year by recalling this tremendous act of love. Jesus, King of the Universe, gives himself completely on the wood of the cross. As we enter into a new year of living and growing in faith, may we keep this paradox of kingship always on our mind, for at the very beginning of our Christian lives, we, too, were anointed priest, prophet and king. May we come to embrace the kingship of Jesus, a kingship completely poured out for others, transforming death into life, and violence into love.*

This Sunday, we are enrolling our altar servers to the Guild of St Stephen. How appropriate that this should take place on the feast of Christ the King, for the Guild of St Stephen's motto is "To serve is to reign". Service is what the reign of Jesus, the King of the Universe, is all about.



Christmas Service cards in both churches now - please take one & make a note of the services.

Finances 17th November 2019: St T Plate £389.05, Envelopes £587.50, Standing Orders £614, £1590.55 in total. **SSJFTM:** Plate £210.95, Envelopes £146, Standing Orders £141, £ 497.95 in total



2020 Confirmation Programme - Next meeting for candidates **Tuesday 3rd December 6.30pm St Teresa's Parish Centre.**



2020 First Holy Communion Programme - FIRST RECONCILIATIONS, for children & the whole family will be held on either **5th December 6.15pm SS John Fisher & Thomas More, 12th December 6.15pm, St Teresa's.** Please remember which you signed up for & contact us if there is a problem.



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.**

Elstree Singers Carol Concert 11th December 8pm at SS John Fisher & Thomas More.



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.



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.**



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. All places booked - list on noticeboards in both churches. Don't forget 6.15am start from St Teresa's Church.

Reflections at Rosary Priory with Sr Avril - Monday 2nd Dec 11am in the convent chapel: Advent through listening windows



St Teresa's Parish Centre is available to hire at very reasonable rates. Well equipped kitchen, free WIFI, permanent projector & screen, & speakers. 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.

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

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 11th January 4pm-5pm St. Teresa's Church.**



Presents for Prisoners Children



Please take a tag & sign your name & phone number on the clipboard against the tag you have taken.

Purchase the present requested & return to us unwrapped - but with the tag securely attached by 1st December

Raffle tickets on sale now - only £1 each - an array of great prizes including hampers & food gifts. Raffle will be drawn at the Senior Citizens party on 15th December

ADVENT AT BOREHAMWOOD

Prepare for the coming

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:

7PM-8PM HOLY HOUR AT ST TERESA'S

FRIDAY AFTERNOON TEA:

3PM ST TERESA'S PARISH CENTRE

SERVICE OF LIGHT:

7.30PM FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER ST TERESA'S



Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Sunday 15th December 2pm St Teresa's Hall

Lists in both churches for guests, please feel free to invite those who aren't Parishioners - or even Catholic - you won't be tested to get in! Also lists for Volunteers, please sign up & let us know if you can help or if you would be able to provide transport for some of our guests. Come along, its great fun!



Nicholas Breakspeare School: Our Student Leadership Team are proud to host an afternoon for our 'more mature' members of our community featuring Christmas songs, Bingo, Afternoon Tea and a seasonal performance by the NBS School Choir. Friday 6th December 12.30pm Anyone wishing to attend can reserve a place by calling 01727 860 079 or emailing Marion King or email Kingm@nbs.herts.sch.uk.

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