

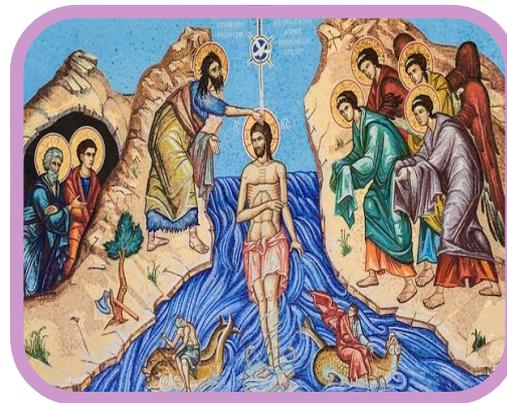
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## Year A : The Baptism of the Lord 12th January 2020

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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 11th January	Vigil: Baptism Of the Lord	6pm (St T)	Richard Aldridge RIP
Sunday 12th January	Baptism of The Lord	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (SSJFTM)	Mary Linnane RIP Jack Byrne RIP Liam Dineen (Int)
Monday 13th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Peter Mulligan RIP
Tuesday 14th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Bede Amaechi RIP
Wednes. 15th January	No Mass		
Thursday 16th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	John Fitzpatrick RIP (Ann)
Friday 17th January	St Anthony	9.15am (St T)	Margaret & Frank Atkinson & Family (Int)
Saturday 18th January	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm (St T)	Patrick Holland 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: 12th January ( Mass Book page 116)

**Entrance Antiphon:** After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord will bless his people with peace..

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him". Alleluia!

**Next week's readings:** Isaiah 49:3,5-6, Psalm 39:2,4,7-10, resp.vv8,9,1 Corinthians 1:1-13, John 1:29-34

Fr Antonio writes: I have a confession to make: I am a big Bryan Adams fan and one of my favourite songs is "Everything I Do (I Do It For You)". The title of the song takes on an extra layer of significance for me this Sunday as we celebrate the baptism of our Lord. God says in this Sunday's Gospel that His favour rests in Jesus. Why? Because everything Jesus did on Earth was for the glory of God. So it must be for us. We were created by God, for God which means everything we do must be for the glory of God. This involves acknowledging that we are nothing without God; only with God can life have meaning. As baptised Christians, we should only do what pleases God and reject what does not.

It is fitting that we should mark this event at the beginning of the year because baptism symbolises new beginnings, purification and renewals. Christ's baptism should remind us of our own. Though most of us were baptised as babies, we should still know the significance of it. Baptism is not just a ritual or a tradition. It is not just an excuse for a family gathering or party, or a way of getting into a good Catholic school when the time comes. When I lead a baptism course, I always emphasise the important point that the real celebration is what happens in the church and not at the party afterwards. When we are baptised, we become members of God's family. We become the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ which means we should be committed to being more like him as well.

**Finances : 5th January:** St T Plate £511.58 Envelopes £557.70 Standing Orders £614, £1683.28 in total.  
**SSJFTM:** Plate £211.44 Envelopes £202, Standing Orders £141, £ 554.44 in total



**2020 Confirmation Programme** - Next meeting for candidates **Tuesday 14th January 6.30pm St Teresa's Parish Centre.**



**2020 First Holy Communion Programme - Following from FIRST RECONCILIATIONS this coming week**, the programme takes a break now until after Christmas, with the next Children's session being **23rd January**

**6.15-7.30pm St Teresa's School**



**Christmas Raffle** - the first prize was won by ticket no: 831 in the name of "Helen", unfortunately the telephone number is incomplete on the ticket stub. Please call the Parish Office to claim your prize. Thank you to all who bought a ticket, we made a net profit of £425.

**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](mailto:SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com), or on 07479847130.



**Help support our local hospital** Could you spare an hour to help support a Catholic patient by popping in for a friendly chat on a Saturday or Sunday at Watford Hospital? If you're interested to find out more information without making a commitment - please contact: Deacon Anthony by leaving a message on 07876 526935 or emailing: [anthonycurran@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:anthonycurran@rcdow.org.uk)



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

**St Richard Reynolds Catholic College**, Twickenham are currently advertising a number of teacher and support staff vacancies on their web-site, please see link below:

<https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>



**Rediscover Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on... **28th, 29th Feb & 1st March 2020**... Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 – or Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**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](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)**



**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 15th February 4pm-5pm St. Teresa's Church.**

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.



**Message from our local depot for Operation Shoebox:** We checked, sorted and packed 6656 shoeboxes into 630 cartons, in little over a week, which was fantastic and we couldn't have done it without your help. They are now on their way to Belarus, Serbia and Liberia.



**Burns Night Supper St Teresa's Parish Centre Saturday 25th January 7.30pm**

**Tickets £5 – includes food and a wee dram!! ON SALE NOW**



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.

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.



**We really need these for St Teresa's, so if you can help, please let us know.**



**Anointing the sick service: Saturday 1st**

**February 2pm in St Teresa's Church** with refreshments in the Parish centre afterwards.

*Please let us know if you are able to help with transport for this, or if you will need transport*

You can now donate to either parish by texting on your mobile phone. Simply text "Parish BORWN" for SSJFTM & "Parish BORWD" for St T to 70800 and £5 will be added automatically to your phone bill and the donation will come directly to the parish of your choice.



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