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**Year A : 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**26th 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 25th January	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (St T)	Baby Enrico Vilas RIP (Ann)
Sunday 26th January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (SSJFTM)	Cissie Flynn RIP Mick Brady RIP Holly Capron RIP & Family (Int)
Monday 27th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lill Skinner (Int)
Tuesday 28th January	St Thomas Aquinas	9.15am (St T)	Gerry Wright (Int)
Wednes. 29th January	No Mass		
Thursday 30th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Margaret Horan RIP (Ann)
Friday 31st January	<b>Funeral</b> St John Bosco	<b>Midday (St T)</b> 9.15am (St T)	<b>Justyna Jafkowski RIP</b> Moira O'Rourke Bday Int
Saturday 1st February	Vigil: Presentation of the Lord	6pm (St T)	Mary Brownrigg RIP
<b>Reconciliation / Confessions:</b> Saturday 11.00 - 11.30am & 5.00 - 5.40pm. St. Teresa's Church.			
<b>Rosary Group:</b> 6.30pm Friday evening at St Teresa's & after Thursday morning mass at St Teresa's			

**Liturgy of the Word: 26th January ( Mass Book page 127)**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength & honour in his holy place.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my light & my help.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people Alleluia!

**Next week's readings:** Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 23:7-10, resp.v8, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

**Fr Dominic writes:**

**" The paralysis of analysis"**

"As he was walking by the sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him." This is a really amazing paragraph. Two guys fishing, one we know was married and when Jesus says, "come follow me," they drop everything and follow him. If the call came to us we would probably want discussions, some counselling, some research on decision making as we weigh up the options to ensure that we are responding to a genuine call. While we are doing all that, Jesus would move on to another town and we would miss the chance. This is what has been called "The paralysis of analysis".

Discussion is easy. But, decision takes courage and strength. Discussions are a dime a dozen. Our life is shaped not by our discussions but by our decisions. Analysis is no substitute for decision which is the point this Gospel account is making to us. We follow Jesus by making a choice, not by launching a discussion. Jesus said, "Come follow me." At once, they left their nets and followed. The message of Jesus was that the Kingdom of God is at hand and He calls us to reform our lives. The trouble is that we want the kingdom but we don't want to reform. It's like those who want elected office, but not the campaign; want the meal, but not the cooking; who want the grades, but not the study; who want health but not exercise; who want the salary but not the work.

For us, to follow Jesus is not a matter of leaving family, jobs, or residence. It's a matter of leaving behind a way of living, and that is far more difficult.



**Finances : 19th January:** St T Plate £365.79, Envelopes £1172.60 Standing Orders £614, £2152.39 in total. **SSJFTM:** Plate £265.35 Envelopes £107, Standing Orders £141, £ 513.35 in total



**2020 Confirmation Programme** - Next meeting for candidates **Tuesday 28th January 6.30pm St Teresa's Parish Centre.**



**2020 First Holy Communion Programme** - The next Children's session is **Thursday 6th February 6.15-7.30pm St Teresa's School**

**FEBRUARY is emptying time for RED BOXES.** Please bring your red box to the outer sacristies for emptying, and collect next Sunday Many thanks for all past contributions.



**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.



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

**Physics and Mathematics Teacher Internship Programme:** The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School is running a four-week internship programme in June/ July 2020 focusing on Mathematics and Physics. Participants will receive a bursary of **£300 per week** and will have the opportunity to explore a potential career in teaching. To take part participants will require an A-level in Mathematics and must be completing an undergraduate degree course in Mathematics, Physics, Engineering, Computer Science, Geography or a related subject. For further information please contact [teaching-school@cvms.co.uk](mailto:teaching-school@cvms.co.uk) or complete the application form at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P\\_M\\_Internship2020](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P_M_Internship2020)



Could you help with Fund Raising Events in the Parish? Full of ideas or just willing to help? We need you!! We are looking to kick - start our fund raising here with some fun events this year. **We are holding a meeting on Thursday 5th March at 8pm** at the presbytery at St Teresa's, please come along if you would like to help be a part of this. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like to come. Many thanks.



**Please do not drop off unwanted clothes, books, gifts etc in the Church Porch.** We have no way of storing these and quite often, no obvious persons to donate them too. Thank you for the thought but please take them to one of the high street charity shops. The Foodbank boxes are still very much needed, they are also appreciative of toiletries, but they cannot use the gifts etc either.

**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.**



**Contingency Fund Collection:** this week is the Contingency Fund Collection. For 2019 we spent £25,500 on repairs & servicing across the two parishes so any contributions to this fund are really helping us maintain the fabric of the buildings.



#### Forthcoming Funerals

**Justyna Jaskowski** St Teresa's Thursday 30th January noon

**Chike Akunwafor** St Teresa's Monday 17th February 11am  
May they rest in peace.



**St Teresa's School Nursery applications, school start date September 2020 for those born between 1st September 2016 - 31st August 2017.** Applications open 20th January 2020 &

close 3pm prompt on 6th March 2020. Open sessions for prospective parents to visit St Teresa's Catholic Primary school and meet with the Head teacher:

Wednesday 22nd January at 9.15am  
Friday 24th January at 10.00am  
Tuesday 28th January at 9.15am  
Thursday 30th January at 9.15am

Please book with the school office on 020 8953 3753

**Signing sessions with Fr Dominic will be held:**

Monday 10th February 3pm-5pm  
Saturday 22nd February 9am-11am  
Monday 2nd March 4pm-6pm

Please call the Parish Office to arrange a 10 minute slot within these times, you must bring your child with you & their stamped Mass attendance card.



**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*



**Please don't park in front of St Teresa's Presbytery on Saturday & Sunday Mass Times.** Fr Dominic or Fr Antonio can get called away urgently and they are getting blocked in. Please also do not park on the grass outside the Presbytery, this is getting it very churned over & causing difficulties for those trying (legitimately!) to park in front of the Presbytery. Thank you.

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