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Year A : The Epiphany of the Lord 4th 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 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 4th January	Vigil: Epiphany	6pm (St T)	Vanni "John" Carloni RIP & Mara Bertini RIP
Sunday 5th January	Epiphany	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (SSJFTM)	Valerie Mills (Int) Mary Byrne RIP Jason O'Sullivan RIP
Monday 6th January	Christmas Feria	9.15am (St T)	Richard Aldridge RIP
Tuesday 7th January	Christmas Feria	9.15am (St T)	Mr P.O. Ouseph RIP
Wednes. 8th January	No Mass		
Thursday 9th January	Christmas Feria	9.15am (St T)	Mary Holland RIP
Friday 10th January	Christmas Feria	9.15am (St T)	Peter Mulligan RIP
Saturday 11th January	Vigil: The Baptism Of the Lord	6pm (St T)	Richard Aldridge 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: 4th January (Mass Book page 115)

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and domination.

Responsorial Psalm: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Next week's readings: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7, Psalm 28:1-4,9-10resp.v11,Acts 10:34-38, Matthew 3:13-17

Fr Dominic writes: Exotic Feast of the Epiphany

This feast is truly rich, full of symbol and meaning on many levels. Let us do a short exploration on three facets of Epiphany symbolism by considering the Magi as outsiders, faith-seekers, and gift givers.

First of all, they are outsiders in a long line of foreigners who figure dramatically in the bible. We learn from these foreigners that no one is excluded from love of God. The Magi story tells us that there is room for all of us . That's it. Gay or straight, addicted or free, male or female, faithful and faithless, saint or sinner , all are welcomed to the grace and love found in Jesus

Second, the Magi are faith seekers. They don't have all the answers but they don't give up. Some of us, like the Magi travel in the darkness but, like them, we must move towards the light. The story says that God will break through the darkness. We must live in such hope

Thirdly, the Magi are gift givers, and it is here we find the essence of Christianity. God gave the gift of himself in the manger - the Word made flesh - and on Calvary. We are asked to follow suit and be gift givers of our time and talent and love - and ourselves. The Magi tell us we are welcome, they show us how to proceed, and they encourage us on our journey. They are gifts to us as Christ was to them as we are to be to others. May the Christ child they came to seek be your companion on your life's journey.

Finances : Christmas & 29th December 2019 Combined: St T Plate £524.91 Envelopes £701.00 Standing Orders £614, £1839.91 in total. **SSJFTM:** Plate £314.42 Envelopes £127.50 Standing Orders £141, £582.92 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 **9th January 6.15-7.30pm St Teresa's School**



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



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, 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

Masses at Local Hospitals:

Weekday Mass at Barnet Hospital Fr. Serge Stasievich has joined the Chaplaincy team and is celebrating Mass on Wednesdays at 1 pm and Fridays at 12 noon (starting Friday 26th July) in the Prayer Room at Barnet hospital. If you are working at or visiting the hospital you are very welcome to come along. Please check notices on Prayer Room door for latest details.



Watford, St. Albans & Hemel Hospital Chaplaincy Mass will be offered in the hospital once a month and everyone is welcome to attend for more details about dates and times please contact the head of chaplaincy. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Litany of Lourdes in the hospital oratory on level 4 at Watford Hospital every Monday at 2pm all are welcome to join us for this time of prayer for our hospitals. If you have a relative in hospital who has requested to see a Catholic chaplain please do let us know 01923 217994 or email us at: spiritual.care@whht.nhs.uk Would you consider giving an hour a week to join our chaplaincy support? For more information about any of the above please email the head of chaplaincy: anthony.curran@nhs.net

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**



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.**

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.



Caritas Westminister is recruiting at least one Representative for Social Outreach from each parish to help communication between the Parish and Caritas to support and grow charitable activities. They will help to display posters and flyers, speak in Masses, learn about new tools and models for social action and share best practice between parishes. If you would like to become a Caritas Representative, please speak to Fr Dominic

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.



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.

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