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He is risen!

Year A : Easter Sunday

12th April 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 11th April	The Easter Vigil	8.30pm (St T)	All Parishioners of the Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
Sunday 12th April	Easter Sunday	10am (St T)	Eugene Kane RIP and Patrick Dorian (Int)
Monday 13th April	Easter Monday	12nn (St T)	Maureen Finnigan RIP
Tuesday 14th April	Easter Tuesday	9.15am (St T)	Frances and Art Wassam RIP (Ann)
Wednes. 15th April	Easter Wednesday	9.15am (St. T)	Patricia Oxley (Int)
Thursday 16th April	Easter Thursday	9.15am (St T)	Mick Rooney RIP
Friday 17th April	Easter Friday	9.15am (St T)	Mr P. O. Ouseph RIP
Saturday 18th April	Easter Saturday	8.30pm (St T)	Mary Mansfield RIP

As Masses are suspended, the faithful are unable to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Even we may not receive 'sacramental' Communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit. The traditional idea of 'spiritual' Communion is an important one to remember and reaffirm. A deep spiritual communion is possible even when we do not share together the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. We can make a spiritual Communion by saying this prayer: "My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen."

Liturgy of the Word: 12th April 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.*

Responsorial Psalm: *This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia! is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Fr Antonio writes: I'm sure I speak with accuracy when I say that it's been the strangest and most challenging Lenten season ever. Every year during Lent, we are expected to make small sacrifices and perform penitential deeds to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Resurrection. But this year we have had to give up so much more than sweets, TV programmes or our favourite activities. We have had to give up much of our freedom: the freedom to go out when and where we want, the freedom to be with our friends and loved ones, and even the freedom to show our affection for each other by such gestures as hugging, kissing, etc. It was all about – and continues to be about – social distancing, quarantine and self-isolation. As Catholics, we were hit particularly hard because in addition to sacrificing our freedom, we have had to give up our most treasured gifts: the Sacraments. We could no longer go to church to attend Mass or go to Confession. Some of you had to cancel your child's baptism while we were also forced to postpone all the First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. We have had to give up so many things during what can be called the season of cancellations. But guess what? We do not have to give up celebrating Easter. We can and *should* let the world know that the rising of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead is not cancelled. We can still celebrate His glorious Resurrection. We do this by continuing to work together to beat the coronavirus and by counting the many blessings we still have. Most of all, we celebrate the greatest Christian event by observing the greatest commandments of all: to love God and one another as we love ourselves. But remember, you cannot love others unless you love yourself first – so please do look after yourself. Thank you for all prayers and please be assured of ours. The Parish Team wish you all a joyous and blessed Easter.

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.



2020 Confirmation Programme - At the moment the Confirmation date of 27th June is looking unlikely, but please keep it free for the moment. More details will follow as soon as we receive anything.



2020 First Holy Communion Programme - At the moment it looks like the May celebrations are postponed, but please keep your date free for the moment, more details will be given as soon as we know.

Update on the parish pilgrimage to Knock in June

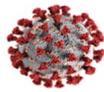
Many of you have been asking about the parish pilgrimage to Knock. As it stands, the pilgrimage is still going ahead but that could change in due course. For the moment, we are not taking any more payments for the pilgrimage. The flights booked to Ireland are still booked and have not been cancelled by Ryanair. We will keep you updated as we get more information.

Confessions

These will be cancelled until further notice, however if you would like confession, please call the Parish Office and speak to Fr Dominic or Fr Antonio



Coronavirus – let's not forget the vulnerable In light of the uncertainty over the Coronavirus, it is understandable that we want to ensure our kitchen cupboards are well stocked. However, this can leave foodbanks struggling. Hundreds of people rely on generous donations from our parishioners. This includes the need for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc, as well as dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. Please also consider if you could spare some time to volunteer or simply by looking out for your neighbours. Contact cfc@rcdow.org.uk or 020 79316077 to add your name to a list of people who would be willing to help respond.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 12th September. "it is commonly said that the land of England is the Virgin's dowry" The theme of the pilgrimage is the "Dowry of Mary". This year we are called to the shrine at Walsingham to remind us how the heavenly graces bestowed on England, the "Dowry of Mary".

On the feast of Corpus Christi in 1387, King Richard II dedicated England to Our Lady at a ceremony in Westminster Abbey. We will be going by coach along with Potters Bar & Cockfosters Parishes, leaving in plenty of time, to get to Walsingham for

10am, the day finishes around 4.30pm when the coaches depart. The cost of the day will be £5 per pilgrim + the cost of coach. If you would like to go, please email the Parish Office. At the moment this is still planned to go ahead.



Funerals this week

Please pray for the following whose funeral services will be taking place this week. Please note that the funeral services will not be open to the public.

1. Florence "Florrie" Lawrence, 16 April at 2:00 pm, Allum Lane. Cemetery. It will be a graveside service.
2. Elizabeth "Ellish" Doyle, 17 April at noon, Woodcock Hill Cemetery, Rickmansworth. It will be a graveside service.



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. This is particularly important at the moment as we no longer have the benefit of our weekly loose plate collections.

Sadly the church has to be kept closed during this difficult period. All the Masses and Easter Services will be live streamed and recorded. We are exposing the Blessed Sacrament each weekday after the 9.15am Mass and reposing it at 6.00pm. Thank you.



Offertory Envelope Boxes for the next year

2020/2021 will be available soon. If your address has changed over the past 12 months, please let us know. If you would like to start to give in this way, contact Sue at the Parish Office to arrange a box. You can always give by Standing order, forms are in both churches. The envelope year coincides with the tax year so if you currently Gift Aid your donations & your tax status has changed, please notify Sue as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you would like to start Gift Aiding your donations, we can get a declaration to you, simply sign & return & we do the rest. Gift Aiding your donation enables us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 that you donate at no extra cost to you. All you need to be is UK resident and a tax payer. If you want to collect your box from the Office, please contact us, but we are intending to hang onto them all at St Teresa's until we return to normality.



Getting onto Live Streaming. We would love as many of you as possible to join us for Live Streaming, a lot of you are computer savvy and can click on the links in a second, but please spare a thought for those who aren't so computer literate. Please check with friends and other parishioners that they can find us OK. Or please give the Parish office a call & we will try to guide you through it. **We can also email this letter to you if its easier than going through the website- just get in touch!**



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**