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**Year A : Second Sunday of Easter**  
**19th 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](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.

**All masses and services are shown live via our website on the "Live Streaming" page. They are also recorded and kept for a month so if you miss a live service, you can still watch it later. If you need any help with this, please call us & we can talk you through it.**

Saturday 18th April	Easter Saturday	6pm	Mary Mansfield RIP & Iris Kraghel RIP & Fiona Coupland
Sunday 19th April	2nd Sunday of Easter	10am	50th Wedding Ann, Lloyd & Jean Ranson Melody San Juan <b>Thanksgiving for both</b>
Monday 20th April	Easter Feria	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings Brian Duffy RIP & Thomas Scollan RIP Holy Hour
Tuesday 21st April	Easter Feria	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings Velga Birrell RIP Ann & David & Harry Artley RIP Holy Hour
Wednes. 22nd April	Easter Feria	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings Thomas Arpon RIP & Frances Haslam RIP Holy Hour
Thursday 23rd April	St George	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings 60th Wedding Ann Tom & Janet O'Sullivan Thanksgiving & Sean Ryan RIP Holy Hour
Friday 24th April	Saints Erkenwald & Mellitus	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings P.O. Ouseph RIP & William McDonagh RIP Holy Hour
Saturday 25th April	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm	George Parsons RIP Ann & Violet Mary Jarman RIP

The **Office of Readings** is part of the Liturgy of hours, comprising hymns, psalms & two spiritual readings. The **Holy Hour** includes spiritual readings & reflection, Vespers, Compline (night prayer) & Benediction. Our website has many resources to help you during this period, please do have a look.

*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: 19th April 2020**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!  
**Next week's readings:** Acts 2:14,22-33, Psalm 15:1-2,5,7-11 resp v11, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

**Fr Dominic writes:** *In the Acts of the Apostles today in the First Reading we have a very description of the lives of the very first Christians. "They remained faithful to the teaching of the Apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers." They lived communally and owned everything in common and shared according to what each needed. They went together to the Temple but met in their houses for the breaking of bread. Their togetherness and their shared prayer life and generosity with each other was attractive to many and their numbers increased. A very beautiful picture, they were still Jews who went to the Temple each day but also had added the breaking of bread, their prayers and full sharing with all the community. Sadly this upset many of the leaders of the Jewish community and the Roman authorities. Soon, they were subject to persecution and were scattered to the four corners of the world where they kept the faith and shared it with all who would listen. We as a world are facing a form of persecution, the unknown murderer stalking us and wiping out millions of people. We don't really know how to defeat it but we have some very basic ideas of how it is spread and the message of 'Stay at Home' and practice 'Social Distancing' are saving lives. This responsibility for each other must be taken seriously. The sharing of our resources with each other is also vital if we are to save lives. The appreciation of those Key Workers who put themselves in danger is a sign of our love and appreciation of their sacrifice. This week alone our Foodbank has distributed over a ton of food. Thankfully we also received a huge amount of food and can continue to help those most in need. It is very beautiful to see so many reaching out to neighbours and others in need. The early Christian spirit.*



**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.

**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.

**Thomas Scollan** 20th April  
**Frances Haslam** 21st April  
**William McDonagh** 22nd April  
**Sean Ryan** 22nd April

May they all rest in peace & rise in glory.



**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.



Thank you to everyone of you who continue to support the Foodbank so well. Demand is greater than ever at the moment. Supplies that are currently running low are tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, jam & long live milk.

**2020 Cathetical Programmes** 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. It also looks like the May **First Holy Communion** celebrations will not be going ahead either. As soon as we are able we will get back to you all with further details.



We are in the process of setting up a Virgin Money page for donations in lieu of our regular offertory and will let you know once this is ready. Unfortunately the Diocese has decided to stop text giving so please don't try that. We do have the new year envelopes ready for you all once normal service is resumed!

**Confessions** We are unable to offer confession at this time. If you go to the coronavirus page of the website and scroll down, you will see a link to Pope Francis' suggestions as to what we should do at this time.



**Getting onto Live Streaming. And the Parish website.** 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 have also put a lot of resources and information on the website so please do have a look or give us a call if you want help, we'll be here!



**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.



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