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**Year A : Palm Sunday
 5th 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 4th April	Vigil: Palm Sunday	6pm (St T)	Kathleen Reasbeck RIP (Ann), Iris Kraghel & Fiona Coupland RIP
Sunday 5th April	Palm Sunday	10am (St T)	Nanette Aguila (Int) & Sean, Margaret & Anthony Aherne RIP, (Ann)
Monday 6th April	Holy Week Monday	9.15am (St T)	Bill Doyle RIP
Tuesday 7th April	Holy Week Tuesday	9.15am (St T)	Helen Burke RIP (Ann)
Wednes. 8th April	Holy Week Wednesday	9.15am (St. T)	Christina Tan (INT)
Thursday 9th April	Maundy Thursday	8pm (St T)	Deceased of the Enright Family RIP
Friday 10th April	Good Friday	3.00pm	Solemn Passion of Our Lord
Saturday 4th April	The Easter Vigil	8.30pm (St T)	

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: 5th April 2020

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10
Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Next week's readings: Acts 10:34,37-43, Psalm 117:1-2,16-17,22-23 resp V24, 2nd read?, John 20:1-9

Fr Dominic writes: Some thoughts and reflections that have been sent to me during this crazy period.

'Church Online - NOT CANCELLED; Quiet Time With God - NOT CANCELLED; Praying For The Sick - NOT CANCELLED; Checking On A Friend - NOT CANCELLED; Helping Others; - NOT CANCELLED; Being The Church - NOW MORE THAN EVER.'

You are NOT stuck at home -YOU'RE SAFE AT HOME.

As we approach Holy Week in this very different time let us remember all those who have, for many years, felt isolated and ignored. All those refugees who have had to flee their homes, their countries and their families. They are then conned by people traffickers, sold into slavery, used as sex slaves, very often beaten and abused. Some end up in refugee camps in desperate conditions. We can also remember all those innocent people who have been arrested and imprisoned by different regimes, who have languished in prison, often in solitary confinement. I know many of us are getting a bit stir crazy but there is so much to be thankful for. It is easy to moan and to look to place blame but instead let us resolve to be the carer who rings friends and neighbours and brings a bit of joy into their lives.

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.

Easter Services will be live screened at St Teresa's only

Palm Sunday : 6pm Vigil & 10am

Maundy Thursday: 8pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday: 3pm (St T) Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 8.30pm(St T) Easter Vigil

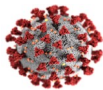
Easter Sunday 10am (St T)

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.



Blessing of Polish Food:

Fr Dominic loves blessing Polish food every year, and no pandemic is going to stop him from doing so in 2020. Via live streaming, he will bless Polish food on Saturday, 11 April at 12:00 noon. The blessing will be in English but according to Polish tradition. So get those baskets of Polish food ready and then make sure you watch the live stream!



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**