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**Year A : Fifth Sunday of Easter
 10th May 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.

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.

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| Saturday 9th May | Vigil: 5th Sunday | 6pm | Josephine Vaughan RIP (10th Ann) & Terry Quigley RIP |
| Sunday 10th May | 5th Sunday of Easter | 10am | Elaine Robinson RIP & Sean Ryan RIP |
| Monday 11th May | Easter Feria | 8am | Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers |
| | | 9.15am | Patricia Oxley RIP (Mthly Mind) & John Baker RIP |
| | | 6pm | Holy Hour |
| Tuesday 12th May | Easter Feria | 8am | Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers |
| | | 9.15am | Betty Hickey RIP & Patrick Dorrian RIP |
| | | 6pm | Holy Hour |
| Wednes. 13th May | Easter Feria | 8am | Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers |
| | | 9.15am | Philip Savage (Bday Int) & Tim Turner RIP |
| | | 6pm | Holy Hour |
| Thursday 14th May | St Matthias | 8am | Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers |
| | | 9.15am | Mr P.O. Ouseph RIP & Sheila Lobo RIP |
| | | 6pm | Holy Hour |
| Friday 15th May | Easter Feria | 8am | Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers |
| | | 9.15am | Mick Hurley RIP & Margaret Blair RIP |
| | | 6pm | Holy Hour |
| Saturday 16th May | Vigil: 6th Sunday | 6pm | Mary Mansfield RIP & Sheila Lobo RIP |

The **Office of Readings** is part of the Liturgy of hours, comprising hymns, psalms & readings along with a decade of the Rosary & Pope Francis' new Marian Prayers.

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: 10th May 2020

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations, he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "I am the way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me." Alleluia!

Next week's readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Psalm 65:1-7,16,20 resp v1, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

Fr Antonio writes: I have always found the words in this Sunday's Gospel to be some of the most comforting and reassuring. Jesus tells his disciples not to be troubled. He is going away but promises to prepare a place for them where he is going. In response to Thomas' concern that he did not know where Jesus was going, much less how to get there, Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

What wonderful words! They express so many things: that we are not to be scared; that we are not going to be abandoned; that we have a wonderful future ahead of us ... All we have to do is to keep trusting. Trust in God opens up our minds to the larger picture of life. Our life on Earth is but a journey to an eternal destination. We come from God and must return to God, and Jesus shows us the way to get there. Not only does he show us the way, he provides food for the journey.

Let's be honest. It's hard not to feel troubled given our current situation. The coronavirus pandemic has claimed many lives and it continues to do so. We are still under a lockdown, our freedom to move very much restricted. With so much uncertainty and much to fear, we can relate to the disciples in this Sunday's Gospel. Their lives are changing with great challenges ahead but Jesus is asking them to master their fears. And they did. They went on not only to spread the Gospel but to die for it as well. We too must conquer our fears through trusting in the Lord. These words from a homily I once heard are worth reflecting on: "When we have no clues, we must remember that God who guides us is omniscient or all wise. When we run out of time, we must remember that God is omnipresent or all time is in His hand. When we are weak, we must remember that God is omnipotent or all power belongs to Him."

We have now set up a Virgin Money page for donations in lieu of our regular offertory, there is a quick link on our website & Facebook page. Thank you for your support.



Message from the Foodbank: The Foodbank has risen to the challenge of our current Corona Virus crisis. We are proud that we have remained open for the whole period, serving those who have needed us, and reaching out to all members of our community who are struggling in this difficult time. We have achieved this by having a strong, and viable organisation, and a clear foundation on which to build. We had already identified that we need more trustees, and moving forwards this seems even more important that we have more people to help guide our activities, make decisions about our future and put energy into our structure. Trustees are responsible for the governance of Borehamwood Foodbank - ensuring that we keep to our legal requirements, keep accountable and keep to our task, and manage our resources efficiently. You can find out much more about the responsibilities of trustees here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>

Our general requirements are: to comply with the Charity Commission list of requirements, to live as locally as possible, to have a heart for Borehamwood, it's people and a non-judgemental attitude towards those in need. To have an interest in the mission of Borehamwood Foodbank, and acquire an knowledge of it's working practices, to be able to attend evening appointments approximately every 6 weeks as well a socials and public events. To be a team player, but also be able to take on projects or areas of responsibility alone.

We are particularly looking for trustees with skills of :administration and policy review, anyone with a HR background, anyone with fundraising experience and skills, anyone with PR, social media and communication skills. We will offer training opportunities when available, but would start by chatting to you, explaining the role in more detail and arranging introductory visits. If you are interested, please contact Kim Grey on 02035831109 or email info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk.

Please take a moment to pray for all of those who are using the Foodbank for the first time, never having imagined that they would need help, but are now finding themselves in desperate situations.

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

John Baker 13th May
Margaret Blair 13th May

May they rest in peace & rise in glory.



2020 Cathetical Programmes We have had to postpone all FHC celebrations and our June Confirmation date. We will let you know as soon as we are able to reschedule.

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 for what to do in situations like this.



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!

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**