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Year A : Sixth Sunday of Easter
17th 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.

Saturday 16th May	Vigil: 6th Sunday	6pm	Mary Mansfield RIP & Sheila Lobo RIP
Sunday 17th May	6th Sunday of Easter	10am	Deceased members of the McGrath Family RIP & John Murphy RIP
Monday 18th May	Easter Feria	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Marta Donald (Int) & Nancy Burke RIP Holy Hour
Tuesday 19th May	Easter Feria	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Bridget O'Shea RIP (Ann) & John Flood RIP Holy Hour
Wednes. 20th May	Easter Feria	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Velga & Harry Birrell RIP (Ann) & Patrick Connor RIP Holy Hour
Thursday 21st May	The Ascension of The Lord	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Anna & Val Kalmino RIP (Ann) & Karen Brennan RIP Holy Hour
Friday 22nd May	Easter Feria	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Mr P.O. Ouseph RIP & all our housebound parishioners Holy Hour
Saturday 23rd May	Vigil: 7th Sunday	6pm 6pm	Joan Watson RIP & our new online Parish

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: 17th May 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Acts 1:12-14, Psalm 26:1,4,7-8, resp v13, 1 Peter 4:13-16, John 17:1-11*

Fr Dominic writes: This is an unexpected and enforced period of adjustment that we need to use for reflection. When this Pandemic began I saw it as a problem for China but then slowly, possibly too slowly, realised that it was a world wide and catastrophic deadly virus. How did we react? I remember the exhortation to stop shaking hands, not touching your face, washing your hands frequently and for longer time. Then in Church no hymn books or missals. All seemed manageable but then the increase in deaths, in infection rates and the mood changed; people began to empty the supermarkets then the lockdown, the schools and churches closed. Millions of vulnerable people received letters telling them not to go out. The panic buying increased and, it seems, some people could not abide by the staying at home and social distancing rules. Conspiracy theories abounded and many people were becoming very anxious. People were laid off work, airlines stopped flying, public transport was deserted. We are now warning about 'Post Traumatic Stress Disorder' in many of the front line workers. A bad time!

Yet a number of very beautiful things have also occurred during this time. When I ring some of my more vulnerable parishioners they tell me of great acts of kindness from their neighbours. Shopping being done, phone calls being made, help offered on all fronts. Even though our Foodbank use has increased by over 300% the number of volunteers has increased by more than that and the volume of food given has increased exponentially. Charities have stepped up to the plate and the generosity of so many people has been overwhelming. The desire to help, to reach out and to be available is very humbling. So many of our parishioners are Nurses, Doctors, Care workers, Supermarket workers, frontline staff and are putting the patients, residents and the public first. In my prayers I find myself being so moved by these heroes who are usually on minimum wages reaching out and being there for the most vulnerable, that I wonder will we look at our priorities differently when this Pandemic has passed?

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.



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.



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.

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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.



2020 Catechetical Programmes

We have had to postpone our June Confirmation date, we will let you know as soon as we are able to reschedule. Please include in your prayers this week the children for whom this Sunday would have been their First Holy Communion. Don't worry, we will have our celebrations as soon as we are able.

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**