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Year A : Seventh Sunday of Easter
24th 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 23rd May	Vigil: 7th Sunday	6pm	Joan Watson RIP & our new online Parish
Sunday 24th May	7th Sunday of Easter	10am	Angelito Nunag RIP & William Caulfield RIP (Ann)
Monday 25th May	St Bede the Venerable	8am 9.15am	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Gunther Apsitis RIP (Ann) & Margaret Mills (Nee Travers) RIP
Tuesday 26th May	St Philip Neri	6pm 8am 9.15am	Holy Hour Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Michael Brady RIP & Michael Hurley RIP
Wednes. 27th May	St Augustine of Canterbury	6pm 8am 9.15am	Holy Hour Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Cynthia Jairem RIP & all those in our parish who have died from Coronavirus
Thursday 28th May	Easter Feria	6pm 8am 9.15am	Holy Hour Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Rose Jaundoo RIP & Liz Stoneman RIP
Friday 29th May	Easter Feria	6pm 8am 9.15am	Holy Hour Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Terry Sayers RIP & Mary McKenna RIP Bday
Saturday 30th May	Vigil: Pentecost	6pm 6pm	Holy Hour Antoinette Aimufa Bday Thanksgiving & All the keyworkers in the Parish (int)

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: 24th May 2020

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.
Responsorial Psalm: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy Alleluia!
Next week's readings: Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34, resp cfv30, 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13, John 20:19-23

Fr Antonio writes: Prayer is a common theme in the readings this Sunday. We read that that the apostles prayed continuously in the Upper Room. The Upper Room has come to symbolise where we go to rise in prayer, above the defeats, frustrations and anxieties of life. Then in the Gospel, we read that Jesus raised his eyes to heaven. The classic definition of prayer is the raising of the heart and mind to God. A profound way of putting it is that prayer is the threshold between earth and heaven. Our feet are still planted in the world but with prayer our hearts and minds are elevated to God.

Many people find prayer very difficult. People often talk to me about the challenges of developing a good prayer life. If you do find praying difficult, you're in good company because even some of the greatest saints did not find praying easy. The writings of St Teresa of Avila, for example, focused on prayer. She wrote that our experience with prayer is a path that we must all follow each in our own way as we make our journey home to God. As with many journeys, the first steps may be filled with challenges and distractions but St Teresa also made it clear that we must never abandon the journey or turn back, but embrace it with humility.

We may be unworthy, still sinning, but we must never flee the light or the Cross of Christ, which is our sure help and support. We must continue to pray as the Spirit directs us, vocally or in quiet, so that Christ may continue to work in us. Without prayer, we cannot have any form of relationship with God, and without a relationship with God, we have nothing. So let us strive to find our Upper Room and when we do, let us pray there continuously with our eyes, hearts and minds raised to heaven.



The Foodbank are looking for more trustees:

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> .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. In particular, trustees with skills of :administration and policy review, HR background, 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 remember all the people who are using the Foodbank at this time, for many it is the first time that they have asked for help and many feel ashamed and embarrassed, please keep them in your prayers.

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**

Please pray for the following whose funeral services will be taking place. Unfortunately, they will not be open to the public.

Margaret Mills 27th May
Michael Hurley 27th May
Liz Stoneman 28th May

May they rest in peace & rise in glory.



Parish Pilgrimage to Knock—cancelled. We have finally received confirmation that this has been cancelled . Pax Travel will contact directly anyone who has booked on this & they will refund your deposit.



2020 Cathetical Programmes Rescheduled dates for Confirmation & FHC will be communicated as soon as we are able.. 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.



You will all be used to seeing a box in this newsletter with the summary each week of offertory collections. The Offertory is our main source of income. Thank you to everyone who has continued with, or switched to, Standing Orders during this time, We appreciate that these are tough times, but if you are able to donate still in lieu of your weekly offertory, there is now a Virgin Money page for donations, We have set up a quick link on our website & Facebook page. Thank you for your support.



Live Streaming: We are delighted with the number of people who are able to join and celebrate Mass with us over the Live Stream. On average we have 350 viewers for the weekday Masses, Saturday's Vigil brings in around 430 & Sunday's views are around the 1150 mark. When you think that there may be more than one person viewing the screen at the same time in the home, the figures are amazing! We have people viewing from around the world as well as locally & in the UK. We would like to welcome all of you to our parish and thank you all for the kind messages and emails that you have been sending to us, we love hearing about how you watch the services, and how much you enjoy Fr Dominic's singing. He is practising for the X Factor next. We would love as many as possible to use this service, so don't forget that its Father's Day next month and if the whole family is looking for a present to get Dad, how about getting him an iPad and set it up to be enable him to watch the streaming ?



If you know of anyone who would like a paper or large print version of this newsletter posted out to them, especially if they do not have access to the internet, please let us know.