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Year A : Fourth Sunday of Easter
3th 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 2nd May	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm	Dorothy Aldridge RIP (BDay) & Catherine Leary (Bday Int)
Sunday 3rd May	4th Sunday of Easter	10am	Bill Doyle RIP & Annie Bourke RIP
Monday 4th May	English Martyrs	8am	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers
		9.15am	Sean Ryan RIP & Pauline Redington Int
		6pm	Holy Hour
Tuesday 5th May	Easter Feria	8am	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers
		9.15am	Mr P O Ouseph RIP & Ely Manning RIP
		6pm	Holy Hour
Wednes. 6th May	Easter Feria	8am	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers
		9.15am	Kenneth Orgonna Ezeani RIP & Maureen Morris RIP
		6pm	Holy Hour
Thursday 7th May	Easter Feria	8am	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers
		9.15am	Sofia Lyons O'Sullivan RIP & Tucker & Burke Families (Thanksgiving)
		6pm	Holy Hour
Friday 8th May	Easter Feria	8am	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers
		9.15am	Ewa Michalik RIP & Sean Ryan RIP
		6pm	Holy Hour
Saturday 9th May	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm	Josephine Vaughan RIP (10th Ann) & Terry Quigley 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: 3rd May 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made. Alleluia..*

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Acts 6:1-7, Psalm 32:1-2,4-5,18-19 resp v22, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12*

Fr Dominic writes: My diary has totally changed! When I look at my diary now and see all the very important things that I should be doing but which are now cancelled I find myself getting saddened at all the changes that our parishioners have had to endure in their lives. I look at all the Baptisms that should have taken place with the attendant family gatherings. This Saturday the Confirmation Candidates were to be going on their Awayday in preparation for their Confirmation, a time together to reflect on the Sacrament of Confirmation and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Last Thursday was to be our first rehearsal for the first group of our children for their First Holy Communion this Sunday. A really important day in their lives, in the lives of their families and in our Parish. Marriages have had to be postponed. In the parish of St. Joseph's in Carpenders Park all the same occasions have also been postponed. I find it very strange preaching to empty benches and sadly I have had many more funerals. Graveside funerals or those in Crematoriums with strictly limited numbers are difficult for me but very difficult for all the families. I take great heart at the way people have rallied around and when I ring some of my elderly parishioners they all tell me of how generous people have been to them and how they really feel loved. I am getting some true comfort out of our Online Masses and Prayer times. I find great hope in all the responses we are getting. God Bless



Good Shepherd Sunday is the day when we pray for our seminarians and encourage other men to consider the call to the priesthood. The seminaries, are physically closed, the seminarians' studies and preparation for the Priesthood continues. Due to the pandemic, as we are unable to gather in our churches to celebrate Mass, this year there will not be a collection for the Priests' Training Fund. Please pray for the seminarians and those discerning God's call at this time. May they model through their actions and words the example of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who came to serve and not to be served.

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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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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.



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.

Maureen Morris 4th May
Annie Bourke 5th May
Sofia Lyons-O'Sullivan 7th May



May they rest in peace & rise in glory.



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.

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**