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Year A : Pentecost Sunday **31st 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 30th May	Vigil: Pentecost	6pm	Antoinette Aimufua Birthday thanksgiving & All the Keyworkers in our Parish
Sunday 31st May	Pentecost Sunday	10am	Karen Brennan RIP & Gerry Singh RIP (Ann)
Monday 1st June	Blessed Virgin Mary	8am	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers
	Mother of the Church	9.15am	Mr P.O. Ouseph RIP & Patsy Duffy RIP
		6pm	Holy Hour
Tuesday 2nd June	Feria	8am	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers
		9.15am	Bobby Aguila Int & Jim McHugh RIP
		6pm	Holy Hour
Wednes. 3rd June	SS Charles Lwanga & companions	8am	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers
		9.15am	Siobhan Gaughan RIP & Iris May O'Boy RIP
		6pm	Holy Hour
Thursday 4th June	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest	8am	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers
		9.15am	Kevin & Donna Horan RIP (Ann) & Joan Smith RIP
		6pm	Holy Hour
Friday 5th June	St Boniface	8am	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers
		9.15am	Lilly Pinto RIP & Eileen Daly RIP
		6pm	Holy Hour
Saturday 6th June	Vigil: Holy Trinity	6pm	Eric Thompson RIP & Tom Cunningham RIP (3rd Ann)

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: 31st May 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth..*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Exodus 34:4-6,8-9, Psalm Daniel 3:52-56, resp v 52, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, John 3:16-18*

Fr Dominic writes: *We need to believe in these difficult times that the Holy Spirit is alive and active in each of us.*

The Holy Spirit is for every life and for every age a source of renewal. Over and over, people have found their lives in a rut, at a dead end, and as they turn to the Holy Spirit, new avenues open, their vision is restored, they receive the courage for a new start as they are renewed in the Lord. In this time of turmoil and confusion when many are anxious and fearful we can sometimes sink into depression or despair. In many cases we have lost confidence in those who are in charge. We are faced with a monster who seems to be everywhere and we are not sure if it can be controlled or if the steps we are taking are the right way to attack it.

For the world and for the individual soul, during this time of COVID 19 we need to believe that the Holy Spirit is a continuing source of new life and optimism. Pentecost is not just about history. Deep inside us from Baptism and Confirmation is a gift from Jesus, the fulfilment and harvest of Easter. To find God, we don't have to travel great distances. The Holy Spirit of God is with us; "in our hearts He takes up His rest." To renew our lives, we don't have to read many books but we do have to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, the deep down freshness that resides in each of us. The frightened disciples cowering in the Upper Room were transformed when the Holy Spirit descended on them. Their fear went and they gained courage, knowledge and were totally transformed. So, whatever dark things may be happening in our lives, in the life of the Church and the World we need to remember the Holy Spirit is there with "bright wings" - Christ's magnificent Easter gift to you, to me and to the world.



Trustees needed—can you help? Do you have the skills necessary and could you spare some free time to help organisations in your community? Trusteeship does need time & commitment but is ultimately a rewarding experience.

St Teresa's School are looking for a Foundation Governor, ideally with Financial experience or expertise. If you are interested, please call the school & they will be able to put you in touch with someone to explain the responsibilities and requirements needed. Fr Dominic has the forms that you will need to complete.

The Foodbank are looking for more trustees: 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.



deposit.

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



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.



This week the Foodbank are have a good level of stock. This is a great measure thanks to your generosity. We will continue to let you know when we are having difficulty with certain items.



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.



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.

Dorothy Iris May O'Boy 3rd June
Eileen Daly 5th June
Patricia Brown 8th June

May they rest in peace & rise in glory.



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.