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Year A : 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
21st June 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.

Saturday 20th June	Vigil: 12th Sunday	6pm	Doreen O'Reardon RIP (Ann) & Edith Sweeney RIP
Sunday 21st June	12th Sunday Ordinary time	10am	Philomena Leary RIP (Ann) & all the Fathers of the Parish
Monday 22nd June	SS John Fisher & Thomas More	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Philip & Lucy Pereira RIP & John Cremin RIP Holy Hour
Tuesday 23rd June	Feria	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Deceased members of Norah O'Grady's Family (anniversaries) & David Frewin RIP Holy Hour
Wednes. 24th June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Meyn Victor RIP & Diana Stanton RIP Holy Hour
Thursday 25th June	Feria	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Michael & Myrtle McCarty RIP (Ann) & John Kearns RIP Holy Hour
Friday 26th June	Feria	8am 9.15am 6pm	Office of Readings, Decade of Rosary & prayers Katie & Michael Burke RIP (Ann) & for all those in Borehamwood, Elstree & Carpenters Park who have died from Covid 19 Holy Hour
Saturday 27th June	Vigil: SS Peter & Paul	6pm 6pm	Noreen O'Grady (Int) & Katie & Michael Burke RIP (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.

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: 21st June 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.*

Responsorial Psalm: *In your great love, answer me, O God.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Acts 3:1-10, Psalm 18:2-5, resp v 5, Galatians 1:11-20, John 21:15-19*

Fr Antonio writes: The Cowardly Lion set off with Dorothy for the Emerald City to ask the Wizard for some courage. Along the way, he had to face his fears as he encountered great dangers. Do we have to go to such great lengths to find courage? Happily, we don't need a wizard; all we need is faith.

This Sunday's Gospel tells us not to be afraid not once, not twice but three times. And Jeremiah in the first reading tells us that "the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero ... I have committed my cause to him". What other reassurance do we need? One is called first to be a disciple of Jesus, then an apostle for Jesus, and at all times to have courage because of Jesus. Courage, or fortitude, is one of the four pivotal or cardinal virtues of the moral life. It is also one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

What exactly is courage? Do we have to die for our faith like our countless martyrs to prove we have it? No, it is in our everyday lives that we can show courage. Once it took courage of a sort not to come to church. But for many today it takes courage to do the opposite: to attend Mass, or to stand up for Christian principles and beliefs, to swim against the tide of media brainwashing, cynical agnosticism and taunts of being out of date. Fortitude means physical courage to face pain or danger; moral courage to stand up for one's beliefs; and spiritual courage to persevere in times of darkness, dwindling numbers and lack of success.

Just as the Cowardly Lion always had courage without him realising it – in the selfless and ready ways he stood by his friends without thought for his own safety – so we too must have faith that in times of crisis, the Holy Spirit will remind us of that gift He has already given us: courage. All we have to do is unwrap it and use it. As the saying goes, courage is not the lack of fear, but rather the doing of the right thing despite of your fear.

News from St Teresa's School: St Teresa's looking for a Foundation Governor, ideally with Financial experience or expertise. If you are interested, please call the school who can put you in touch with someone to explain the responsibilities and requirements needed. Fr Dominic has the forms that you will need to complete. **Also required: A Learning Support Assistant for September** 29 hours & 10 minutes per week – Fixed Term contract until July 2021. A full time role – or job share considered split as mornings or afternoons only. The successful candidate will: have recent experience of working with children of primary school age & be experienced in supporting children with speech and language needs. For further information & an application pack contact Mrs Katrina Bradley on 020 8953 3753 or at admin@stteresas.herts.sch.uk. Application forms are also available on the website www.stteresas.herts.sch.uk. School visits are highly recommended & can be arranged whilst adhering to social distancing. Interviews may be conducted online. The school is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This post is subject to Enhanced Disclosure Procedures. Closing date: Friday 26th June 2020 Interviews: Wednesday 1st July 202



Parish Pilgrimage to Knock—cancelled. Pax Travel will contact directly anyone who has booked on this & they will refund your deposit.



2020 Catechetical Programmes Rescheduled dates for Confirmation & FHC will be communicated 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.



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.



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.

Diana Stanton 25th June
John Cremin 26th June
John Kearns 10th July

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.

St Teresa's is open for Private Prayer only:

Tuesdays 7.30pm-8.30pm
Fridays 11.30am-12.30pm
Saturdays 4pm-5pm

Please keep to the restrictions put in place & if you can volunteer to help with these openings, please let us know. The more volunteers, the more we can open, thanks.



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