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Year A : SS Peter & Paul
28th 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 27th June	Vigil: SS Peter & Paul	6pm	Noreen O'Grady (Int) & Katie & Michael Burke RIP (Ann)
Sunday 28th June	SS Peter & Paul	10am	Michael Brady RIP (Ann) & Deirdre Heath RIP
Monday 29th June	Feria	8am 9.15am	Morning Prayer Jack & Monie McCarthy RIP (Bday) & Ana Ferrer (Int)
Tuesday 30th June	Feria	6pm 8am 9.15am	Holy Hour Morning Prayer Mr P.O. Ouseph RIP & Brian Bloxham RIP (Bday)
Wednes. 1st July	Dedication of the Cathedral	6pm 8am 9.15am	Holy Hour Morning Prayer Diana Juskovice RIP & CRJ (Int)
Thursday 2nd July	Feria	6pm 8am 9.15am	Holy Hour Morning Prayer Thanksgiving (MA) & all the Front Line NHS
Friday 3rd July	St Thomas	6pm 8am 9.15am	Holy Hour Morning Prayer Lilly Pinto RIP & John Kearns RIP
Saturday 4th July	Vigil: 14th Sunday Ordinary time	6pm 6pm	Holy Hour Deceased members Noreen O'Grady family RIP & Gertie & Michael Graven (Golden wedding thanksgiving)

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: 28th June 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.*

Responsorial Psalm: *From all my terrors the Lord set me free.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Zechariah 9:9-10, Psalm 144:1-2,8-11,13-14, resp v 1, Romans 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30*

Fr Dominic writes: *Plans changing, Uncertain future, Holidays cancelled, Weddings postponed!!*

We are certainly going through strange times at the moment and it is unnerving for many people. For those who already suffer from anxiety or depression their fears and problems can be compounded in this lockdown situation. Children and young people missing their friends and even missing school can make home feel like prison. Workers furloughed and fearful that their jobs may disappear altogether. Schools trying to create a new normal and many parents fearful to send their children back to the classroom. The growing feeling that we really do not know what we are dealing with and are only making guesses at what the way forward should be leaves many of us disorientated.

I find myself trying to be positive and to look for positive things to say and do. When I ring my parishioners I am so comforted by their stories of neighbours keeping in contact, sharing their grocery delivery slots, arranging 'Socially Distant' cups of tea, glasses of wine and alfresco dinners. For many it has been an opportunity to really get to know their neighbours. I have heard a myriad of instances where kindness, generosity and just sheer love has shone through.

The Borehamwood Foodbank has seen nearly 300% increase in use and some of the stories have been heart breaking. Families where, in one week, all the adults were left without jobs etc. But the amazing response from our parishioners and the general public has left us with plenty of food to distribute and an amazing bunch of volunteers willing to sort, store, distribute the food and the fuel grants. We have been able to match the need for food deliveries with willing drivers. As followers of Jesus Christ we are missioned to evangelise the world and to do so in a practical way was is correct.

News from St Teresa's School: Places still available in their Nursery class for September 2020. To apply please visit our website www.stteresas.herts.sch.uk click on - About St Teresa's, Admissions and then Nursery Admissions or phone the school office on 020 8953 3753 for further details. Date of birth for Applications: 1st September 2016 - 31st August 2017. School start date: September 2020



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.



Catechetical Programmes update:

2020 FHC & Confirmations we are awaiting guidance as to what we can do and when, and hope to be in touch with you shortly, please bear with us as we try to reschedule and arrange for any gaps in the 2020 programme to be filled.

2021 FHC & Confirmations the forms are now available on the website and must be completed online only this year. If you do not have access to the internet, please call the office. We will need these forms back by **Sunday 20th September** & cannot accept any more forms after this date.

Baptisms & Weddings we are awaiting final guidance on these at the moment, if you have completed a baptismal form we will get in touch with you as soon as we are able. Wedding preparation class was of course cancelled as well, again if you are on our system, we'll get in touch once we have firm details.

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

John Kearns 10th July

May he rest in peace & rise in glory.



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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

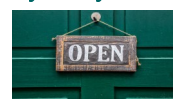
350 viewers for the weekday Masses, Saturday's Vigil brings in around 430 & Sunday's views are around the 1150 mark. When you think that there may be more than one person viewing the screen at the same time in the home, the figures are amazing! We have people viewing from around the world as well as 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.

At the moment, 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.

As soon as we hear from the Bishops' Conference with details of how we can hold Mass again—we will let you know via the website & Facebook, if you know of someone who does not have access to the internet, please let them know too.

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