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Year A : 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th July 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.

All masses at St Teresa's for the time being

Saturday 11th July	Vigil: 15th Sunday	6pm	Mary Mansfield RIP
Sunday 12th July	15th Sunday	8.30am	Irene Patricia Webb RIP
	In Ordinary time	10am	Dot Quinn RIP
		Noon	Lisa Lusanta Austria RIP (2nd Ann)
Monday 13th July	Feria	9.15am	Carlos Borg (Int)
		6pm	Holy Hour
Tuesday 14th July	Feria	9.15am	John Fowler RIP
Wednesday 15th July	St Bonaventure	9.15am	Kathleen Curran RIP
Thursday 16th July	Feria	9.15am	Robert Gough RIP
Friday 17th July	Feria	9.15am	Nina Summerfield (Int)
		6pm	Holy Hour
Saturday 18th July	Vigil: 16th Sunday	6pm	All our Parishioners - inc our "Virtual" ones.

Liturgy of the Word: 12th July 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Wisdom 12:13,16-19, Psalm 85:5-6,9-10,15-16, resp v5, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43*

Fr Dominic writes: **Slowly coming back to Church, but a long way to go!**

It was really great to see parishioners back at St. Teresa's and at St. Joseph's in Carpenders Park. Both churches are very large but with the two meter social distancing we can only get a very small number for each Mass. I hope that you will get used to the Booking System. We are still awaiting permission for Baptisms to take place. We are also awaiting a date for Confirmations to be celebrated, there will have to a number of Confirmation Masses as numbers are restricted and we can only have a small number of candidates at any one time. We will try to work out a plan to get the First Holy Communions underway but it will only be for a small number at a time and the Celebration will be simpler. In Borehamwood all these will take place in St. Teresa's as we have the 'Live Streaming' there and relatives can watch on the internet. As soon as we are able to proceed we will let you know the details.

The International Liberty Association: This group work to represent prisoners in Iran, especially Christians, who are jailed for their refusal to give up their faith. They attempt to get publicity and to have lawyers and high profile people to publicise the dire situation the prisoners are in. At the moment they are worried that, under the guise of the COVID19 pandemic, there could be a massacre of those in jail. They need help with prayers, with publicity and with money as it costs money to represent and bring cases to court. We can send our financial support by **Bank Transfer:** Account Name: International Liberty Association. Account Number: 25121102. Sort Code: 08-71-99. Bank Name: Cash Plus Bank (APS Financial LTD.) or donate on their website: www.iliberty.org.uk. Thank you for any help



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.



SVP NEWS : The SVP is an international Christian voluntary organisation. If you are interested, contact us at SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com, or on 07479847130.



We have vacancies for a couple of the rooms at 28 Rossington Avenue. Rental is £395 a room per calendar month plus a share of the bills, although the church pays the internet, water bill & council tax. There is a communal kitchen, living room & a couple of bath rooms. We can have a maximum of 4 people living there with one spare guest room. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office.



Confessions We are hoping to restart confessions on a Saturday at the 5pm-5.40pm slot only. Please watch this space or the website for further information.



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**

News from St Teresa's School: Places still available in Nursery for September 2020. Please visit www.stteresas.herts.sch.uk click on - About St Teresa's, Admissions & then Nursery Admissions or phone the school on 020 8953 3753 for further details. Date of birth for Applications: 1st September 2016 - 31st August



In our part of Hertfordshire we have such an outstanding & historical building as St. Albans Abbey / Cathedral. It was founded in the 8th Century and is the Shrine of Britain's first saint and martyr, and is the oldest site of continuous Christian worship in this country. The other very unusual aspect of the life of this Church of England Abbey is that Catholic Mass is celebrated there every week. There is no other example of this anywhere in the UK. It has taken place ever since 1983. Worship will resume again, in common with all the churches, and the next Catholic Mass will be celebrated on Friday 17th July at 12.00noon. Why not give it a try? The celebration is a very prayerful occasion. Because the Nave is so extensive there is no problem about distancing. Just enter by the Welcome Entrance. We look forward to seeing you.
Mgr. Harry Turner (R.C. Ecumenical Chaplain)



Catechetical Programmes update:

2020 FHC & Confirmations we are finalising arrangements 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 No 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.

Re opening St Teresa's for Public Mass - we are now open for public Mass every weekday at 9.15am, Saturday 6pm, Sundays 8.30am, 10am & noon **all at St Teresa's Church only.**



This is dependent on a number of factors - in order to keep a safe distance, there will only be 42 people allowed in the church at any one time, there will be a one way system for entering & exiting the church & communion will be given on the hand only at the end of the service before departing. **Tickets must be booked in advance so that we can control numbers.** You will need to book online using the Diocesan version of our website : <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/borehamwood>. In the meantime we cannot do anything without a band of reliable volunteers to help steward before & during Mass & to help with the cleaning after each service. **Thanks to all who have already volunteered,** If you can help, please get in touch with us letting us know which service you can commit to. The Cardinal would like us to remind you that Sunday Obligation is still suspended & of course you should only attend Mass if you are well & not self isolating. We will not require Altar Servers or Eucharistic Ministers at this time. **Obviously there will be people who are unable to book online - we would ask that they get in touch with us as soon as possible or attend a weekday mass as we do not expect**



We're going Contactless!! We are pleased to let you know that we have been picked to be a part of the Diocesan contactless payment trial. From this weekend we have a machine installed at St Teresa's that you can use to donate in this way. You can also gift aid on the machine and provided that you use the same card each time it will store your gift aid information. In the current climate, Contactless is recommended above cash as being safer. It should also reduce the amount of cash that we need to count & pay into the bank so should ultimately streamline our whole procedure and save admin costs. We should be able to take contactless for repository, hall bookings and most other things in due course.



If you know of anyone who would like a paper or large print version of this newsletter posted out to them, please let us know.



Do you know of someone who we are not reaching? Maybe an elderly person who does not have the internet, or an email account? Someone who is shielding and cannot get to Mass? Someone who we can simply call to keep in touch? Or even someone who is simply struggling with the current situation? Please do get in touch with us if you feel that there is someone out there who needs a bit of help, thank you.