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Year A : 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th 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 18th July	Vigil: 16th Sunday	6pm	All our Parishioners - inc our "Virtual" ones.
Sunday 19th July	16th Sunday	8.30am	Veronica Mascarenhas (Int)
	In Ordinary time	10am	Mila Hogarth (Thanksgiving)
		Noon	Cresencia Zarate RIP (1st Ann)
Monday 20th July	Feria	9.15am	Larry & Philomena Dempsey RIP (Ann)
		6pm	Holy Hour
Tuesday 21st July	Feria	9.15am	Mr P.O.Ouseph RIP
Wednes. 22nd July	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am	John Nutkins & Family (Int).
Thursday 23rd July	St Bridget of Sweden	9.15am	Margaret Crowley (Int)
Friday 24th July	Feria	9.15am	Friends & Families who are finding it hard at this difficult time
		6pm	Holy Hour
Saturday 25th July	Vigil: 17th Sunday	6pm	All our Parishioners who have died because of the COVID 19 Pandemic

Liturgy of the Word: 19th July 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

Responsorial Psalm: *O Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *1Kings 3:5,7-12, Psalm 118:57,72,76-77,127-130, resp v97, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52*

Fr Antonio writes: It is parables galore in this Sunday's Gospel! Jesus often taught in parables, and this classic definition of a parable by biblical scholar C.H. Dodd might explain why: "At its simplest, the parable is a metaphor of common life, attesting the hearer by its vividness or strangeness, and leaving the mind in sufficient doubt about its precise application to tease it into active thought." Though many, the parables in this Sunday's Gospel have one theme in common: the fulfilment of God's kingdom. The kingdom of God will exist in its fullness at the end of the world and God alone will bring it about. But let us not forget that God's Kingdom also exists on earth, though not yet completely fulfilled. We see this in the Lord's Prayer, when we say: "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." To bring about the fulfilment of the Kingdom, God uses us. We are God's instruments here on Earth. When Jesus speaks of the tiny mustard seed growing into the huge shrub, he is telling us that God's Kingdom is here. The same idea is behind the parable that asks us to imagine the small amount of yeast that enables the whole mass of dough to rise. Like tiny seeds and small bits of yeast, the Kingdom of God comes into being and gains strength and prominence. The reign of God exists where people treat each other with justice, as Jesus treated all the people. If we value God's people, no matter their appearance, social stature or accomplishments, we are acting with justice. The Kingdom of God comes closer to fulfilment when we do deeds of justice. In other words, as instruments of God on earth, we either nurture the growth of the Kingdom or we impede its progress.

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.

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***

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 We are able to resume baptisms but there are only 30 people allowed in the church and we will not be having Rites of Welcome for the time being. Courses have been replaced with a meeting with either Fr Dominic or Fr Antonio. If we already have your details you should have heard from us. If you would like to arrange a baptism, please fill in the online form and we will get in touch. 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.

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.

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.

News from St Teresa's School:

WE CURRENTLY HAVE A VACANCY FOR A MEALTIME SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT.FIVE DAYS PER WEEK

One hour per day – time to be confirmed; usually 12.00-1.00pm

Term time only

Fixed Position from 7.9.2020 to 16.7.2021

Please visit our website www.stteresas.herts.sch.uk for more information and to download the application forms.

To apply by 28th AUGUST 2020,by emailing Mrs Bradley at-FINANCE@STTERESAS.HERTS.SCH.UK

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.

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 50 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 these to be full..*

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.