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Year A : 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th 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 25th July	Vigil: 17th Sunday	6pm	All our Parishioners who have died because of the COVID 19 Pandemic.
Sunday 26th July	17th Sunday In Ordinary time	8.30am	This Year's FHC Children
		10am	Michael Brady RIP
		Noon	Antony John Pinto RIP & Lilly Pinto RIP
Monday 27th July	Feria	9.15am	Mary & Paddy McKenna RIP
		6pm	Holy Hour
Tuesday 28th July	Feria	9.15am	Bobby & Nanette Aguila 41st Wed Ann Thksgvg
Wednesday 29th July	St Martha	9.15am	Mr P.O. Ouseph RIP
Thursday 30th July	Feria	9.15am	Kathleen & Keith Reasbeck RIP
Friday 31st July	St Ignatius of Loyola	9.15am	Ryan Pearman RIP (Ann)
		6pm	Holy Hour
Saturday 1st Aug	Vigil: 18th Sunday	6pm	Gunther Apsitis RIP (Bday)

Liturgy of the Word: 26th July 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, how I love your law!*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Isaiah 55:1-3, Psalm 144:8-9, 15-18,, resp v16, Romans 8:35, 37-39, Matthew 14:13-21*

Fr Dominic writes: Plans for Sacraments and Church opening during the Pandemic

Permission has now come through for us to have Funerals, Baptisms, Weddings and First Holy Communions in Church, but with restrictions. Funerals, Baptisms and Wedding can go ahead with 30 people social distancing, sanitising, one way systems in operation and a record kept of those attending for NHS Track and Trace. In an effort to sort out the First Holy Communions we have set up a weekend in August and will try to get as many as are available to to celebrate the sacrament at this time. On that weekend we will have six Masses specifically for the Communions. We would like to have ten candidates at one time, each with eight guests. As we have the facility for Live Streaming we will record each service and they can be downloaded. As, inevitably, some people will be away we schedule a September date to make sure that everybody will receive the Sacrament. Sadly there cannot be any music and as we must abide by the new rules from the diocese the masses will be shorter.

At the moment we are not using SS John Fisher and Thomas More in Rossington Avenue as we have no Live Streaming. But as soon as restrictions ease we will be back there for our Sunday Masses, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. I know many of you miss being at your parish church but these are strange times and we really need to get the maximum number of people being able to, at least, watch the Mass, especially those who cannot leave their homes. I urge all of us to follow the guidelines and try to keep this Virus away from our families and community.

Monthly Standing Orders: St T £2,634, SSJFTM £ 582.

11th/12th July Offertory - Envelopes £818. Loose Plate £643. If you are unable to get to Mass and wish to donate, we have a Virgin Money & a Contactless button on the website for ease of donation, or we can supply a mandate for you to set up a standing order.



This year's envelopes are in the sacristy at St Teresa's if you would like to pick them up, just call the Parish Office & we can arrange this.



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



Confessions are now in the side chapel at St Teresa's, on a Saturday at the 5pm-5.40pm slot only.

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**



We are delighted to welcome, Aurora, Mia & Amalia who are all being baptised at St Teresa's this weekend; our first baptisms since lockdown! Our baptism are individual baptisms that take place on a Saturday afternoon at noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm or 4pm timeslots.

You can have up to 30 people but social distancing rules must be kept. You will need to meet with either Fr Dominic or Fr Antonio beforehand and you must complete a baptism registration form, which can be completed online. We will not be having a Rite of Welcome as part of the Baptismal procedure for the foreseeable future whilst we are restricted with numbers inside church. **If you were already on the system and had to delay a baptism, we have tried to contact you by phone & email.**

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



Fr Dominic is celebrating Mass at St Albans Cathedral on Friday 7th August at 12noon.

Mass will be celebrated in the main nave and subject to the usual Coronavirus guidelines & restrictions. Entrance is by the Welcome centre & exit is via the Cedar Tree door. We hope that some of you will be able to come along and join us.



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.

Catechetical Programmes update:

2020 FHC & Confirmations Please Fr Dominic's message re FHC. We are still awaiting guidance from the Diocese for Confirmations and will be in touch as soon as we know something.



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.



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. 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.

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.