

Fr Antonio writes: In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus praises and thanks God for the revelation given to him. This revelation proclaims that things were hidden from the wise and the clever but were revealed to mere children". The "wise and the clever" were the Pharisees and Sadducees, the religious leaders and scholars and interpreters of the Law in Jesus' time. God's revelation was not given to them because their hearts and minds were not totally open to the will of God. In contrast, Jesus had no personal desires, he had no agenda of his own. He was not interested in his own glory, but only that of God. Jesus had total humility and humility is truth.

In our own lives, we reveal ourselves to very few people. We reveal ourselves only to those whom we trust: those who completely accept and love us. We are more economical with the truth with people who could use that truth against us, or mock our self-revelation. When Jesus speaks of his relationship with the Father, we see that it is a relationship of complete love and trust, a relationship of oneness. Why? Jesus desires only what God desires. His will is pure, and he is God with God's truth and God's way to us, the merest of children. How often have our own desires and our own life agendas prevented us from knowing and accepting the fullness of divine truth?

Certainly and especially during the pandemic, we have known the weariness and burdens of life. This Sunday's Gospel invites us to be one with Jesus, and to emulate his gentleness and his heart's humility. Only in this way can we receive God's revelation and knowing what God wishes to reveal to our hearts would lighten our burdens and give rest to our souls. To find rest, we must be willing to accept Jesus, who is eager not only to share our burdens, but also to bring us to the love of the Father.

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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

 **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.

 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)**

 **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.**

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
John Daly 9th July
May he rest in peace & rise in glory.



Re opening St Teresa's for Public Mass We are very pleased to tell you that we are hoping to have St Teresa's Church open from next weekend for public Mass and weekday mass from 9.15am every week day. 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 and 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. We would like to hold all four weekend masses at their usual times **but all will be at St Teresa's for the foreseeable future.** 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 and of course you should only attend Mass if you are well and 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 to capacity.**



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