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Year A : The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary 16th August 2020

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First Holy Communions take place this weekend
 - congratulations to all the children!

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 15th August	Vigil: The Assumption	6pm	Patience Axhore (Speedy recovery)
Sunday 16th August	The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	8.30am	Anu Jacob (Int)
		10am	Margaret "Rita" Harding RIP
		Noon	This year's FHC Children (Int)
Monday 17th August	Feria	9.15am	Patience Axhore (Speedy recovery)
Tuesday 18th August	Feria	9.15am	PJ McCarthy RIP (Ann)
Wednes. 19th August	Feria	9.15am	John Baker RIP
Thursday 20th August	St Bernard	9.15am	Monty Saubolle RIP (Ann)
Friday 21st August	St Pius X	9.15am	Zenaida Macayan RIP (Ann)
Saturday 22nd August	Vigil: 21st Sunday	6pm	Eileen Harrington RIP

First Holy Communions at 10am, 1pm, 2pm & 4pm on Saturday 15th
 2pm & 3pm on Sunday 16th August

Liturgy of the Word: 16th August 2020

Entrance Antiphon: Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, who today were exalted above the choirs of Angels into eternal triumph with Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength..

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are those who hear the Word of God, and keep it. Alleluia!

Next week's readings: Isaiah 22:19-23, Psalm 137:1-3,6,8, resp v8, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

Fr Antonio writes: This Sunday, we celebrate a great Marian feast: the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption is the great event when Mary was taken up into heaven. In Mary, we find the quintessential model of discipleship. English theologian Caryll Houselander tells us: "The one thing that she did and does is the one thing that we all have to do, namely, to bear Christ into the world. Christ must be born from every soul, formed in every life." This means that we all must emulate Mary, the first Christian. By virtue of being a Christian, we bear the name of Christ. The question we must ask ourselves is, are we Christians in name only, or are we Christians in the way it matters: in words and in action? How do we seek to "bear Christ into the world", as Houselander exhorts us?

After the angel Gabriel spoke to her, Mary said, "May it be done to me according to your word." Mary's life illustrates how we allow God to work in us, to be open to what God asks of us in Christ. Most probably, angels will not announce God's intentions for us, but our life and surroundings, the needs of those around us and of our world, and our faithfulness to prayer will all help lead us to what will give our Christian lives meaning. Mary is a human being like us, saved by Christ, not some kind of goddess. Mary's Assumption shows us the final result of God's activity in Christ in us: the resurrection. Today's feast is a concrete picture of what we believe God intends for every faithful follower of Christ. Today, we celebrate Mary's new life with God and what God has in store for all of us.



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:

15th & 16th August: This weekend most of our young people will be making their First Holy Communions. Please remember the children in your prayers



Confirmations 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.

Confessions are now in the side chapel at St Teresa's, on a Saturday at the 5pm-5.40pm slot only. You do not need to book in advance.



Monthly Standing Orders: St T £2,634, SSJFTM £582. 8th & 9th August Offertory - Envelopes £268.29. Loose Plate £207.45. **Unsurprisingly our Offertory is down this first half year** at £38,335 compared this time last year when the figure was £47,061, which was before the Planned Giving Drive of 2019. We also are unable to make additional revenue at the moment on repository, hall hire etc. Luckily the Romanian Orthodox Church are now back renting SSJFTM. If you unable to get to Mass and wish to donate, you can do this via the website, 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. **We're are now Contactless at St Teresa's!** 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.



One Metre Plus = More People! We are now adopting the One Metre Plus social distancing policy to accommodate more people in the church. This means that everyone will be required to wear masks during the Mass. You still need to book online however, it just means that there will be more spaces available, and the same procedures and guidelines must be followed.



We are now able to carry out baptisms! 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.**



Face masks must now be worn at all times in places of worship. Care should be taken by people in removing their face covering for the reception of Holy Communion and replacing the covering afterwards. This is to prevent contamination of the covering by the hands. However, the risk is regarded as minimal providing there is no hand-to-hand contact between the minister of Communion and the communicant. If you are exempt from wearing a facemask then of course this doesn't apply to you. **Please don't judge anyone who doesn't wear a facemask as their legitimate reason may not be obvious.**



The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School is seeking Learning Support Assistants for the new term. Please refer to their website for details. <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Staff-Vacancies/>



Single wooden wardrobe available for free from the presbytery - good condition, no cost, you arrange to collect. Please call the Parish Office 02089531294 if interested.



Forthcoming Funerals:

(these are held in accordance with the government's COVID 19 guidelines and are not open to the general public)

Friday 21st August (St Joseph's)

Bridget Flynn

Tuesday 25th August (St Teresa)

Margaret "Rita" Harding

May they rest in peace & rise in glory.



If you would like, or know someone who would like, an electronic, postal or large print version of this newsletter, please call us on 0208 953 1294, or email: suepartington@rcdow.org.uk



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.