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Thinking of all our young people who have just received their public exam grades

**Year A : 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time
 23rd August 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 22nd August	Vigil: 21st Sunday	6pm	Eileen Harrington RIP
Sunday 23rd August	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	For all our A level students in the Parish
		10am	Amarda Jazaj & Adrian Gashi (Int)
		Noon	For all our GCSE students in the parish
Monday 24th August	St Bartholomew	9.15am	Mary Wilson RIP
Tuesday 25th August	Feria	9.15am	Michael Brady RIP
Wednes. 26th August	Feria	9.15am	Augusta Grillo Bday Thanksgiving
Thursday 27th August	St Monica	9.15am	Mr P.O.Ouseph RIP
Friday 28th August	St Augustine	9.15am	Guss McCarthy RIP (Bday)
Saturday 29th August	Vigil: 22nd Sunday	6pm	Angelito Nunag RIP (Ann)

Confessions are held at St Teresa's Saturdays, 5pm-5.40pm in the Lady Chapel.

Liturgy of the Word: 23rd August 2020

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

Next week's readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9, Psalm 62:2-6.8-9, resp v2, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16;21-27

Fr Dominic writes: The Apostles are given the keys to the Kingdom of God. What does that mean?

The Kingdom of God means the ruling of God in our hearts; it means those principles which separate us from the kingdom of the world and the devil; it means the gentle influence of grace to help us do better and be better persons; it means the Church as that Divine institution whereby we may make sure of attaining the spirit of Christ and so win that ultimate kingdom of God. In the Biblical era keys are hugely important. They were very, very large and worn over the shoulder. Common people didn't have keys and locks, but the king's palace did, and to one completely trusted person was the key to the palace given. It was a great honour. In today's Gospel Peter and the apostles are given the trust, the responsibility of the keys of the kingdom. Whatever doors they open, they remain open and whatever doors they lock they remain shut. It is a huge honour and also a huge responsibility. They are still men - they still make mistakes - but somehow Jesus trusts them. He does this because they answered his question "who do you say that I am?" They understood that he was the Christ, the Son of God. That is ultimately the question, each and everyone of us has to answer. Our belief in Jesus as our God, and our Saviour, our Messiah, is enough to give us the grace to be better persons, allow us to be forgiven of our sins and then this leads us to make us aware of the other people around us, our neighbours, who may need our help and consolation. Following through on that can make the kingdom of heaven a reality. Good News indeed!

Young people, and their families, who have sat A Levels, GCSE's, BTech

I cannot imagine what trouble, tension, upset that you are all experiencing. Please be assured of our prayers at this very difficult time. Please do not hesitate to come for a chat if you feel the need. I wish all of you the success you deserve. It is hard to be a pawn in a very muddled political, scientific and mathematical maelstrom.



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**



The Parish Office is closed from Friday 28th August - Monday 14th September.

Catechetical Programmes update:

2020 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.



We welcome Molly, Elliana, Adrian & Amarda who are all being baptised this weekend. Our baptism are individual baptisms taking 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 & you must fill in 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.*

Monthly Standing Orders: St T £2,634, SSJFTM £582.
Last weekend Offertory - Envelopes £281.45 Loose Plate £381.05
Last weekend Contactless donations - £ 118,
Last week Virgin Money Donations via website - £ 40.
Total weekly income for last week £820.05



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.



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)



Tuesday 25th August (St Teresa) **Margaret "Rita" Harding**
May she rest in peace & rise in glory.



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



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.