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Year A : 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th September 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 19th September	Vigil: 25th Sunday	6pm	Edelgisa Gingi Szabatura RIP
Sunday 20th September	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	Nikolin Perlala (Intentions)
		10am	Daniel Nolan RIP
		Noon	Bede Amaechi RIP
Monday 21st September	St Matthew	9.15am	Tom Sullivan & Family (Intentions)
Tuesday 22nd September	Feria	9.15am	Frank Atkinson RIP
Wednes. 23rd September	St Pious of Pietrelcina	9.15am	Gloria Cachuela (Recovery)
Thursday 24th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.15am	Olivia Gannon RIP
Friday 25th September	Feria	9.15am	Mr P.O. Ouseph RIP
Saturday 26th September	Vigil: 26th Sunday	6pm	Michael Brady RIP

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

Liturgy of the Word: 20th September 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them and I will be their Lord for ever.*

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is close to all who call him.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Ezekiel 18:25-28, Psalm 24:4-9, resp v6, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32*

Fr Antonio writes:

If given just a quick reading, this Sunday's Gospel seems very unfair. Why should those who worked for just a few hours get paid the same amount as those who had been working for so much longer? Today, many of us get paid by the hour. Imagine if you discovered that your colleague who works just part time gets the same wages as you who works full time! Quite rightly, you'd be inclined to complain!

So what is the message that we should get from this Sunday's Gospel? Well, the passage is really about the grace of God. It is nearly impossible for us to fathom the grace of God. For a start, it is free and we cannot earn it, no matter how early we show up in the vineyard. Also, it is given to all who respond to the divine invitation. And take note: the same grace is given to all. You see, we are all on different journeys. For some, the journey is short while for others, the journey is a lot longer. For some of us, the right moment has not yet come, or the right elements have not fallen into place. We stand on the edge of faith, peering in, wondering how those already giving their entire lives to God can do so. What has touched them to do so, and how can we do the same? When can we do the same?

This Sunday's Gospel tells us that we, too, will be paid in full. We, too, will be given God's complete love. Even when we come rather late to the table. There will always be plenty of food on the table waiting for 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:

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.

We have had very few applications for confirmations this year, please submit these by the end of this weekend as we need to start planning and this so need to know how many helpers we will need.



This weekend we welcome Aiden who is being baptised here. Our baptisms 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.*



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.

We have also signed up **with Virgin Money Giving**, which can be accessed via their site or by clicking on the button on our website.



Forthcoming Funerals:

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

22nd September 11.20am West Herts **Stella Ford**

23rd September 1pm St Teresa's **Cynthia Barker**

25th September 10.30am St Teresa's **Frank Atkinson**

May they rest in peace & rise in glory.



Having been held up by COVID 19, we are now collecting again & September is the emptying time for your APF red boxes. Please bring your red box to St Teresa's and ask for it to be put in the sacristy for emptying. It will be ready to collect from St Teresa's the following week. Many thanks for your continued support



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

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

Last weekend Offertory - Envelopes £242.03 Loose Plate £128.67

Last weekend Contactless donations - £ 82

Last week Virgin Money Donations via website - £ 45

Total weekly income for last week £497.70



Stewards needed for weekday masses! We have had a shortage of stewards this week to help with the COVID restrictions. If you are able to help, please let us know or make yourself know at the Mass. If we do not get enough helpers we are not allowed to have the Mass and so will have to stop some of the weekday masses.



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.