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Happy Feast Day St Teresa!

Year A : 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th 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 26th September	Vigil: 26th Sunday	6pm	Michael Brady RIP
Sunday 27th September	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	Frank Atkinson RIP
		10am	Eileen Geohegan RIP
		Noon	Enrico Vilas RIP (Ann)
Monday 28th September	Feria	9.15am	Jacky Flood RIP
Tuesday 29th September	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	9.15am	C Franco (Intentions)
		9.15am	Kevin Traynor RIP (Ann)
Wednes. 30th September	St Jerome	9.15am	Mr P.O. Ouseph RIP (1st Ann)
Thursday 1st October	St Teresa of the child Jesus	9.15am	Theresa Creighton RIP
Friday 2nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels	9.15am	Mary Langam RIP
Saturday 3rd October	Vigil: 27th Sunday	6pm	

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

Liturgy of the Word: 27th September 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy*

Responsorial Psalm: *Remember your mercy, Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loved me he will keep my word and my father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 79:9,12-16,19-20, resp Isaiah 5:7, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43*

Fr Dominic writes: *Slowly creeping back into the life of the parish.*

Since the 27th September and my very sudden departure from the parishes I have been trying to come to terms with the serious deterioration in my health. I understood from the symptoms that there has been a recurrence of the Pancreatitis that I had suffered some years before, but now was confirmed as acute necrotising pancreatitis but I was unaware that this had led to my liver blood tests becoming deranged and the development of biliary sepsis. While I was septic I went into arterial fibrillation. On discharge I had returned to sinus rhythm.

On admission I was treated for pneumonia. I then suffered from an episode of gout which took me off my feet. I must admit that I have been poring over the dictionary but am, very slowly, beginning to feel somewhat better. Please excuse me for not rushing back into the fray but I am just not able. My huge thanks go to Fr. Antonio and Sue Partington my secretary for stepping in and taking all the weight.

In the Hospital I was so grateful to the nurses and doctors and all the staff for the personal and dedicated care I received. Not being allowed visitors was a big blow to me and my fellow patients. It led to many of the elderly being very distressed. This in turn led to some of the wards being unhappy places. Some of the parishioners sent cards and letters and some of the online parishioners also communicated this way and I found it very comforting and I found myself rereading the cards and letters for consolation. So, if a member of your family or one of your friends is in hospital send them a letter, a card and something just to let them know that they are remembered and missed. Thanks you for all your love and attention, you are remembered in my prayers. God Bless.



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 pleased to announce that these will now be taking place next weekend. All candidates should have received contact from us by now.

2021 FHC & Confirmations: The deadlines have now been reached for these & you should have received an email confirming registration. We do not expect these programmes to start until later in the year but given the amount of planning & logistics involved we are no longer able to accept applications for these programmes.



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.



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

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106 (£2,973 monthly last year)

Last weekend Offertory -

Envelopes £183.90

Loose Plate £310.98

Contactless donations £ 140

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 200

Total weekly income for last week £834.88



This time last year our offertory was £ 896.37 envelopes &



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 known 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.



This weekend we welcome Ruby, Shay & Jack who are being baptised here 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.*

NICHOLAS BREAKSPEAR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING
Thursday 8th October 2020
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SECONDARY TRANSFER 2021

This year it is not possible to hold our usual Open Evening. **However from Monday 21st September the school website will showcase a variety of materials, including our 'Open Day Film', to help families learn more about us.** Please visit our website at www.loreto.herts.sch.uk to access this information.



Do you know of someone who we are not reaching? Maybe an elderly person who doesn't have the internet, or email? Someone who is shielding & 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.



Get your garden ready for next year! We have been offered some clematis, pruned and ready for planting, if you are interested, please call the parish office, we are just asking for a donation if you are able.