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This weekend the remainder of our children will make their First Holy Communion, please keep them in your prayers

Year A : 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
6th 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 5th September	Vigil: 23rd Sunday	6pm	Dorothy Aldridge RIP (Ann)
Sunday 6th September	23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	This weekend's FHC Children
		10am	Ted Mansfield RIP (Ann)
		Noon	Iris Kraghel RIP & Valentina Visintin (Int)
Monday 7th September	Feria	9.15am	Federico Espino (Int)
Tuesday 8th September	Nativity of Mary	9.15am	Mr P.O. Ouseph RIP
Wednes. 9th September	Feria	9.15am	Jesus Pangilinan (RIP)
Thursday 10th September	Feria	9.15am	Olivia Gannon RIP
Friday 11th September	Feria	9.15am	Malachy Connolly RIP (Bday)
Saturday 12th September	Vigil: 24th Sunday	6pm	Tony Carey RIP

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

Liturgy of the Word: 6th September 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*
Responsorial Psalm: *O that today you would not listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts!*
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!*
Next week's readings: *Eccles. 27:30-28:7, Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12, resp v8, Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18, 21-35*

Fr Antonio writes: Correct One Another with Love

This Sunday's gospel is a lovely reading because Jesus asks us to be responsible for one another. This entails confronting and correcting one another with love when necessary. Not to confront is condoning the wrong and sharing the guilt. But what is the Christian way of correcting people? Jesus offers this procedure: 1) Speak privately to the person. 2) Bring two or three others to help with the situation. 3) Bring it to the Church. If this procedure fails, then Jesus says, "...treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

The first and most important point to mention in this process of reconciliation is that we should keep the sin of another quiet, between them and us, until we have tried our best to reconcile. But this is not always easy because so often it is tempting to tell others when someone hurts us. When this happens, let us remember that Jesus is telling us that the sins another commits against us are not details we have a right to tell others about, at least not at first.

The next important steps offered by Jesus do involve others and the Church but not so that we can express our anger, gossip or criticism or to bring them public humiliation. Rather, the steps of involving others are done so to assist another to repent, so that the person in error sees the gravity of the sin. This takes humility on our part. It requires a humble attempt to help them not only see their error but to also change. The final step, if they do not change, is to treat them like a Gentile or tax collector. This does not mean condemning or giving up on them but to treat them with continued respect and a desire for their conversion and, at the same time, acknowledge that we are not "on the same page."



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.



Baptisms are back! But with some restrictions.

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.**



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.



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 face-mask as their legitimate reason may not be obvious.*

Monthly Standing Orders: St T £2,634, SSJFTM £582.
Last weekend Offertory - Envelopes £ 158, Loose Plate £243.05
Last weekend Contactless donations - £135
Total weekly income for last week £3,752.05



Forthcoming Funerals:

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

8th September noon St Teresa's **Daniel "Alan" Nolan**

15th September 11am St Joseph's **Gillian Lawson**

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



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.



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 are looking for volunteer drivers and/or people with vans for transporting furniture and other big items that are desperately needed by people. Please call 07479 847 130.



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.