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Year A : 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th October 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 17th October	Vigil: 29th Sunday	6pm	Mary Fox (Nee Donovan) RIP
Sunday 18th October	29th Sunday of	8.30am	Fr Dominic (Intentions)
	Ordinary Time	10am	Daniel Alan Nolan RIP
		Noon	Bridie Duffy RIP
Monday 19th October	Feria	9.15am	For all our parishioners who are housebound or shielding
Tuesday 20th October	Feria	9.15am	Tom Corry RIP (Ann)
Wednes. 21st October	No Mass		
Thursday 22nd October	Feria	9.15am	For all our parishioners who are front line workers
Friday 23rd October	Feria	9.15am	For all those in our parish who have lost their jobs due to COVID 19
Saturday 24th October	Vigil: 30th Sunday	6pm	Fr Antonio (Intentions)

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

Liturgy of the Word: 18th October 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Give the Lord glory and power.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Exodus 22:20-26, Psalm 17:2-4,47,51 resp v2, 1 Thess. 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40*

Fr Dominic writes:

We are to be model Christians and also model Citizens.

We give to God something that we do not give to any other earthly ruler. That thing is worship. This is precisely why we gather in our churches (or at our iPad, or televisions - in these unusual times) to worship God, Creator of the universe and Lord of all.

In today's Gospel the question put to Jesus was a test question to see whether he would declare himself on the side of those who opposed the paying of taxes to the Romans (e.g. the Pharisees), or on the side of those who collaborated with the Romans (e.g. The Herodians). If he said Yes, he would lose the esteem of the people, and he would be regarded as a Traitor to the Jewish cause and the Jewish religion. If he said No, he could be denounced as fomenting rebellion against Rome. In his answer Jesus recognises that the State has a role but its power is limited and does not supplant God.

What are the implications of this Gospel for us today?

The first thing we must remember is that every Christian has dual citizenship. We are citizens of the country in which we happen to live or in which we were born. To it we owe many benefits. To its forces of law and order we owe the fact that we are able to live in peace and security. To its public services we owe transport, water, light, etc. In the welfare state we owe our education, medical care and all the attendant benefits. We are therefore under an obligation to the State and be responsible citizens. Failure to be a citizen is a failure in Christian duty.

As Christians we are also citizens of the Kingdom of God, and owe it certain other privileges, and to it we also have certain obligations. Most times they do not clash but when they do it can create a real dilemma. Our first and deepest loyalty is to God. So to God we render worship but strive to serve our State with integrity.



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**

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 are 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 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.



The Financials....

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

Last weekend Offertory -

Envelopes £154

Loose Plate £171.63

Contactless donations £ 190

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 100

Total weekly income for last week £615.63

This time last year our offertory was £ 674 envelopes & £728.74 plate, £1,402.74 in total, more than double!



TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

Fr Antonio is now away on holiday for two weeks, returning 24th October, his last mass will be **Friday 30th October** as he moves to Bishop Stortford on the 31st. If you would like to make a donation towards his farewell present, either drop the money into the Parish Office or donate via the website in the usual methods. **Please do not gift aid any online donations for Fr Antonio.** We will arrange a suitable date with Fr Antonio in November when we can have a formal goodbye mass & give him his present.



SVP NEWS: The SVP is an international Christian voluntary organisation that carries out voluntary work in your local area. If you are interested, contact us at SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com, or on 07479847130.



This Our baptisms are individual baptisms taking place on a Saturday afternoon at noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm or 4pm timeslots. **You can now have only 6 attendees which includes the parents & child being baptised.** You will need to meet with either Fr Dominic beforehand & you must fill in an online baptism registration form, We will not be having a Rite of Welcomes whilst we are restricted with numbers inside



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.**



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, We are also happy to post newsletters out to those who cannot get them online.



Given the current climate we have decided not to partake in the (Samaritan's Purse) shoebox collection this year. Instead we want to concentrate our efforts on **presents for prisoners children.** This may prove not as easy logistically as usual, but we'll try. As a start, if you are happy to commit to purchasing a present this year, please can you let Sue know. More details to follow. If you would still like to donate to the shoebox appeal, please look online at shoebonline.org.uk where you can also pack a virtual box.



November is Holy Souls Month, the time when you provide us with a list of deceased family & friends which is placed near the altar during the celebration of Holy Mass during November with Masses being offered for all deceased relatives and friends on the list. We have placed the list online for you to complete & submit if you can drop your list into the Parish Office. A donation is usually offered for this, again this can be done online or via the parish office. If donating online - we are not allowed to claim gift aid on mass offerings so please don't hit the gift aid button in this case!



Don't respond to emails from Fr Dominic or Fr Antonio that do not have the "rcdow.org.uk" ending. This is a scam, in doubt, please contact the parish office & we can tell you if it is genuine or not.



Please make sure that you book your spaces for weekend masses, before you attend. We have to keep to the maximum of 80 in the church and we can only do this if you pre-book. If you don't have access to the internet, please book through the parish office.



Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Harpenden, are looking to appoint a part-time Parish Caretaker. Responsibilities will include maintenance of the Parish hall, and other parish property. An ability to work alone is essential. For further information Please visit: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-caretaker-harpenden-our-lady-of-lourdes-parish/>