

Year A : 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th October 2020

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To Fr Antonio whose last mass is 30th October then he is off to Bishop's Stortford.

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 24th October	Vigil: 30th Sunday	6pm	Fr Antonio (Intentions)
Sunday 25th October	30th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	Mrs McAuley RIP
		10am	Bridie & Martin Burke RIP (Bday)
		Noon	Fr Antonio (Intentions)
Monday 26th October	Feria	9.15am	Mr P.O.Uoseph RIP
Tuesday 27th October	Feria	9.15am	Michael Brady RIP
Wednes. 28th October	No Mass		
Thursday 29th October	Martyrs of Douai	9.15am	Margaret Atkinson (Thanksgiving for a Happy Marriage)
Friday 30th October	Feria	9.15am	Laurence & Joan McGinty RIP (Ann)
Saturday 31st October	Vigil: All Saints	6pm	Alvarino Mateus Afonso RIP (Ann)

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

Liturgy of the Word: 25th October 2020

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Next week's readings: Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14, Psalm 23:1-6 resp cfv6, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

Fr Dominic writes: The greatest commandment is to love God and the second is to love your neighbour as yourself.

In the First Reading from Exodus we have God telling Moses how his people should act. They are not to molest or oppress the stranger (the immigrant), because they were once in the same situation. They are to be kind and good to the widow and orphan (the ones with no legal rights), and he warns that if they cry to him he will hear them and his anger be roused. He says that if you lend money do not ask for interest. In these times the large cloak that most people had was also their bed and blanket and if someone takes a person's cloak he must give it back to him before night fall.

So, we find the love of neighbour firmly embedded in the Old Testament as well as the commandment to love the Lord your God. When Jesus was asked what was the greatest commandment of the Law he said "you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." He then adds "you must love your neighbour as yourself." The difference is that Jesus gives the two commandments equal weight, in essence saying that you cannot love God and not love your neighbour and visa versa.

This is always a huge challenge to many people. Some will develop a very prayerful relationship with God. They will spend much time in worship and in acts of devotion but have no real care or love for those in need or trouble around them. There is a terrible sterility about the lives of those who claim to love God, but in reality dispense themselves from all obligations to love other people. The have only got half the Gospel.

Christ showed us how to live the total Gospel, that is, how to love God and to love your neighbour as well. He didn't say they were the same thing, but that we cannot have one without the other. When Jesus was asked who is my neighbour he told the story of the Good Samaritan. This shocked his audience as at that time the Jews considered the Samaritans as unclean and treated them with contempt. So, for Jesus no other person is unclean or should be treated with contempt. That is our challenge in a world that has great problems with Race, Gender, Religious affiliation, Sexual Orientation, immigrants and strangers. Are we able to grow into mature Christians who can love God and Neighbour and enhance our world?



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



This weekend we welcome Leo & Ray who are being baptised here at Borehamwood. Our baptism 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 church.



Why not change the way you give your offertory?

In these strange times, we have a number of uncollected envelopes in the sacristy gathering dust and who knows when we will be able to have a full church again. Instead of giving by way of envelopes, have you thought about using a standing order instead? This is a much simpler way, it means you won't need that Sunday scrabble for cash, and once set up you can forget about it! All you need to do is fill in a form, return it to us & let us do the rest. Having less cash in the church is much safer for us all and as would seem to be the case, more hygienic. Contact us if you would like to make the change!!

Don't forget that we've got the contactless machine at St Teresa's. Situated at the back of the church on the Presbytery side. We have been picked to be a part of the Diocesan contactless payment trial. So please use the machine if you can.

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.



Look at the "About us" page on the website & you will see "Donate" - its all there and please call us if you need help!

The Financials....

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

Last weekend Offertory -

Envelopes £208.50

Loose Plate £252.08

Contactless donations £ 30

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 100

Total weekly income for last week £590.58

This time last year our offertory was £ 656 envelopes & £807.31 plate, £1,463.31 in total.



Don't respond to emails from Fr Dominic or Fr Antonio that do not have the "rcdow.org.uk" ending. This is a scam, if 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. **Even if you use the QR code for the Government's track & trace, you still need to pre-book your spaces.** The aim of the pre book is to make sure that we do not exceed the maximum numbers in church and we keep you all safe. If you don't have access to the internet, please book through the parish office.



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.**



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.



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 logically 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 shoeboxonline.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!

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

Fr Antonio's 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.

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

Anthony Page 6th November West Herts 11.20am

May he rest in peace & rise in glory.

