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**Congratulations to this year's Confirmation  
 Candidates - Be Great!**

## **Year A : 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **4th October 2020**

Fr. Dominic McKenna Parish Priest Tel: 020 8953 1294  
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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](http://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 3rd October	Parish Confirmations	Noon & 3pm	
	Vigil: 27th Sunday	6pm	Mary Langan RIP
Sunday 4th October	27th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	"Rest for the souls of the Mums Nakam"
		10am	Mary Fox (Nee Donovan) RIP
		Noon	Liz & Billy O'Brien RIP (Ann)
	Parish Confirmations	2pm	
Monday 5th October	Feria	9.15am	Federico Espino RIP
Tuesday 6th October	Feria	9.15am	Mary & Gerry Corry RIP (Ann)
Wednes. 7th October**	Our Lady of the Rosary	9.15am	Aubrey Persaud RIP (Ann)
Thursday 8th October	Feria	9.15am	Fr Dominic (Intentions)
Friday 9th October	Feria	9.15am	Leonard Traynor RIP (Ann)
Saturday 10th October	Vigil: 28th Sunday	6pm	Helen Griffin RIP

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

**\*\*There will be no more Wednesday Morning Masses after this week as Fr Antonio is away on holiday from 10th October for two weeks & leaves us shortly after his return. Wednesdays will be Fr Dominic's day off and as sole Priest here, he will not be taking Mass on his day off.**

### **Liturgy of the Word: 4th October 2020**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything that I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Next week's readings:** Isaiah 25:6-10, Psalm 22 resp v6, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14

**Fr Antonio writes:** This Sunday's parable about anger and violent rejection of Christ was originally used to illustrate Christ's rejection by the chief priests and scribes. But the parable is as valid today as it was in Jesus' time, and it can be applied to ordinary people and not just religious leaders. All too often, we see Christ's values openly rejected in our society today. Have you ever tried speaking about the sanctity of life and then get all sorts of abuse from those who advocate abortion and euthanasia? Or how about expressing the Church's views on same sex marriage only to be labelled as a bigot? There are those whose fury is ignited as soon as the Church is mentioned. They see the Church as the cause of so much pain and suffering in the world.

But this Sunday's Gospel also offers hope and comfort. "The stone rejected by the builders became the keystone," it says. Christ the reject is an icon of hope for all victims of rejection, abuse, violence or injustice. The rejected figure on the cross has become the source of risen life. This is indeed God's doing and it is wonderful to see. Jesus himself said that his followers will be rejected by others. But all we can do is carry on preaching what we know to be true. To practise what we believe. Trying to argue rationally with irrational anger is a waste of time. We should, as Jesus instructs his disciples, dust off our feet and spare the voice-box. If we never tire of being the lights of Christ in this dark world of ours, we cannot fail to draw people to us and, ultimately, to Christ.



**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](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)**

#### Catechetical Programmes update:

**2020 Confirmations** These are finally taking place this weekend - please keep our candidates in your prayers, we wish them a very special day.



**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.



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

#### The Financials....

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

**Last weekend Offertory -**

**Envelopes £462**

**Loose Plate £193.12**

**Contactless donations £ 250**

**Virgin Money Donations via website £ 91.40**

**Total weekly income for last week £996.52**

**This time last year our offertory was £ 922.70 envelopes & £356.09 plate, £1,278.79 in total**



**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.



This weekend we welcome Eleanor, Lucie, Emma & Olivia 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 now have only 6 attendees.** 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.



**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



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

8th October 11am St Teresa's **Barbara O'Brien**

12th October noon West Herts **Patricia Tyson**

May they rest in peace & rise in glory.



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**CAFOD's Family Fast Day** this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October is focusing this year on helping people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease - let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give). You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.