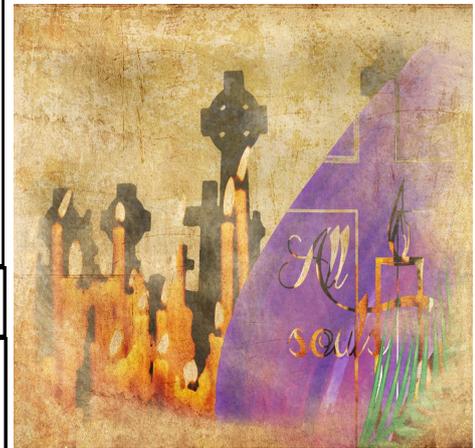


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**Year A: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th November 2020**

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**St Teresa's church is 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.**

Saturday 14th November	Vigil: 33rd Sunday	6pm	Richard Aldridge RIP (Ann) & Bridget Joyce RIP
Sunday 15th November	33rd Sunday	10am	Michael Neeson RIP (Ann) & Eileen Theobald (Int)
Monday 16th November	St Edmund of Abingdon	9.15am	Holy Souls
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>
Tuesday 17th November	Feria	9.15am	Frank Atkinson RIP
			<b>Church open for private prayer 3pm-4pm</b>
Wednes. 18th November	Feria	9.15am	Viktor & Gjela Perlala RIP
			<b>Church open for private prayer 3pm-4pm</b>
Thursday 19th November	Feria	9.15am	Holy Souls
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>
Friday 20th November	Feria	9.15am	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 21st November	Vigil: King of the Universe	6pm	Melrose Mortimer RIP (Ann)

**Apologies, but under the government guidelines, we are unable to hear confessions at present**

**Liturgy of the Word: 15th November 2020**

**Entrance Antiphon:** *The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me & I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place..*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *O blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!*

**Next week's readings:** *Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17, Psalm 22:1-3,5-6, resp v1, 1 Corinthians 15;20-26,28 Matthew 25: 31-46*

**Fr Dominic writes:**    *How are we using the gifts and talents that we given by God?*  
*This Sunday we have another very sobering parable from the Lord about judgement and accountability. As we come to the end of the Church year, our Gospel readings are parables about preparing to meet the Lord with our stories of how we have lived and loved.*

*Last week, the parable was about the ten bridesmaids of whom five were prepared for the wedding and five weren't. This week the Gospel is about the "talents" and what three individuals did with them. Next week, the Gospel is about the separation of the sheep and the goats.*

*The emphasis in all these parables is not so much about the timing of end of the world. Rather these parables teach us to live in a responsible and faithful manner right now because there is an accounting each one of us will have to give personally to the Lord and the end of our time here. What did we do with our talents? In today's parable, three individuals are given a different number of talents. Two of them increased what they had. One did nothing with it and was condemned. This parable acknowledges that we are not born equally talented. Yet we often look at other people and see them as more talented than us and either envy them or feel inadequate. A big lesson to learn from this parable is to acknowledge that we have talents and that it our duty to use those talent to build up the Kingdom of God in our world. We each have a responsibility to use whatever talents we have to make our world a better place. The talents we have are gifts. When we use them in the service of the Lord, they become blessings.*



**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)**



### 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!!

Of course we have our new contactless machine at St Teresa's but there's only so much it can do - you have to be here in person! So please don't forget to use our **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!



We are sad to report the death in Canada of **Alish Doyle**, wife of the late Bill Doyle. After Bill's death earlier this year, Alish moved to be with her family in Canada and sadly died last week. May she rest in peace.



**First Holy Communion 2021.** You should have received an email advising you that the course will start in the new year. We will be in touch after 2nd December to let you know how we plan to carry out the teaching. In the meantime we have the "I belong" books in for you to collect either from St Teresa's school, if your child attends there, or from the parish office.



**Confirmation 2021:** The deadlines have now been reached for these & you should have received an email confirming registration. The programme will start in 2021 and we will be in touch before Christmas to give further details on how the course will be run next year.

### The Financials....

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

**Last weekend Offertory -**

Envelopes £0

Loose Plate £0

Contactless donations £ 0

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 93.50

**Total weekly income for last week £93.50**

**This time last year our offertory was £ 772.98 envelopes & £671.91 plate, £1,444.89 in total.**



If you can help the Foodbank, here is a list of essentials that they never seem to have enough of! Jam, tinned carrots, tinned potatoes or packets of mash powder, cereals, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit & tinned hot dogs, tinned meat pies, tinned custard or custard powder and crisps.

Thank you for last week's amazing response - you never fail us!



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<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/christmas-shop>. Last year, sales of our Christmas cards and gift cards helped us to feed more than 3,500 hungry children with Mary's Meals. You can order [online](#) or by calling 0800 698 1212.



Baptisms have had to be suspended as we are not able to perform these during the current lockdown. If you would like to get your child baptised once we are able, please complete & submit the online baptism registration form, (found under sacraments on the website)



**Do you know someone of whom we are not reaching?** Maybe an elderly person who doesn't have the internet, or email? Someone who we can 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 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 at the Parish Office. You can simply donate the cash (£20) and will we buy a present on your behalf or you can buy the present yourself. [Please let us know as numbers are still low at the moment.](#)



**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!



**School Reception Admissions for 2021/22 open 2/11/20 until 15/1/21 - signing of the Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP).**

Fr Dominic will be signing the certificates but you will not need to see him in person, please follow the following procedures: [Download](#) and print the Certificate of Catholic Practice from the website (look on Home page or News) Fill in the required information and then send the completed certificate to the Parish Office, with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Fr Dominic may not sign the certificate if the baptismal certificate is missing. If you have lost your child's baptismal certificate and your child was baptised at St Teresa's, we will have a record of it and we can issue a replacement baptismal certificate. If your child was baptised somewhere else, you will need to acquire a copy from that parish. Once you have submitted the certificate and supporting documentation, please allow three days to turn it around then you can pick up from the Parish Office. **Fr Dominic may ask you to call in to see him if he doesn't recall your family from Mass attendance.**