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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 22nd 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 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.

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| Saturday 21st November | Vigil: King of the Universe | 6pm | Melrose Mortimer RIP (Ann) |
| Sunday 22nd November | King of the Universe | 10am | Deceased members Nolan & Gleeson Family RIP |
| Monday 23rd November | Feria | 9.15am | Holy Souls |
| | | 6.30pm | Holy Hour |
| Tuesday 24th November | St Andrew Dung-Lac | 9.15am | Holy Souls |
| | Church open for private prayer 3pm-4pm | | |
| Wednes. 25th November | Feria | 9.15am | Terry & Mary Persse RIP (1st Ann) |
| | Church open for private prayer 3pm-4pm | | |
| Thursday 26th November | Feria | 9.15am | Michael Brady RIP |
| | | 6.30pm | Holy Hour |
| Friday 27th November | Feria | 9.15am | Mr P.O. Ouseph RIP |
| Saturday 28th November | Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent | 6pm | Florry Darcy RIP (Ann) |

**All intentions for 2020 now taken, don't forget to get in touch for special dates in 2021
 Apologies, but under the government guidelines, we are unable to hear confessions at present**

Liturgy of the Word: 22nd November 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8, Psalm 79:2-3,15-16,18-19, resp v4, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37*

Fr Dominic writes: **Solemnity of Christ the King - Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year A.**
It seems appropriate that at the end of the Church's year we have a very challenging Gospel. The image of the whole world assembled before Jesus Christ and being divided into sheep and goats is a very powerful parable. The pastoral setting of ancient Palestine provides the context for understanding the metaphors and similes used by Matthew's Jesus to unveil the 'End Time' reign of God. Shepherds tended to the sheep and goats each day. They grazed side by side in a common pasture. At the end of the day however, the shepherds separated the sheep from the goats. The sheep were stronger than the goats and were better able to thrive and survive the cold nights. The goats needed to be sheltered. So Matthew's audience would understand the need to separate the sheep from the goats but they would be surprised by the judgemental aspect of the parable. The criterion for favourable judgement is acceptance of Jesus Christ Jesus Christ and his mission. Jesus addressed the parable to his disciples and his point is unmistakable . There will be a judgement, and those who rejected Jesus will be rejected.
To follow Jesus is to follow the path of love. The love that Jesus showed us by his life. Love for the poor, the oppressed, the refugees, those discriminated against. A love for justice, a love to establish a Kingdom based on true equality and full justice for everybody. As we come to the end of the Church's year and prepare to begin a new year we need to examine ourselves. How would we pass the sheep and goats test presented in the Gospel? Did we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, did we make strangers welcome, did we clothe the naked, did we care for the sick, visit those in prison? To honestly examine our consciences is a very salutary thing to do. New Year resolutions!!!!



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**



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 your continued amazing response - you never fail us!



<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.



Why not change the way you give your offering?

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!



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.



Thank you to everyone who got in touch to commit to buying a present for prisoners children this year. Due to the coronavirus, Pentonville prison only had a small list which we were able to fill using monetary donations that you had already sent. PACT, who work with Caritas & with whom we usually split the donations, have decided that this year they will just ask for book tokens instead. They would like you to buy a token to the value of £10 that can be sent in a Christmas Card to a Prisoner's child. Please can you get a national book token, not a token for a shop that sells books. These can be bought online at www.nationalbooktokens.com. They then need to be sent to Operation Christmas Elf, PACT, 29 Peckham Road,, London SE5 8UA. If you would like to help, please allow enough time for the charity to receive the token & get the card to the child. You can also register your support on the PACT website; www.prisonadvice.org.uk



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.



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 £350

Loose Plate £75

Contactless donations £ 0

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 150

Total weekly income for last week £575

This time last year our offertory was £ 733.50 envelopes & £600 plate, £1,333.50 in total.



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**

We have not received any guidelines yet as to what we will be allowed to have by way of services for **Christmas**. Please bear with us & we will publish details as soon as we know ourselves.