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3rd Sunday of Advent: (Year B) 13th December 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.

Saturday 12th December	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent	6pm	Richard Aldridge RIP (Bday)
Sunday 13th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	8.30am	Nicholas Salazar RIP (Ann)
		10am	Ana Cristina Trindade RIP (Ann) & Malcolm Creaton RIP
Monday 14th December	St John of the Cross	9.15am	Malcolm Creaton RIP
Tuesday 15th December	Advent Feria	9.15am	Mary Byrne RIP & Gloria Theophile (Bday Int)
Wednesday 16th December	No Mass		
Thursday 17th December	Advent Feria	9.15am	Diane Stanton RIP
Friday 18th December	Advent Feria	9.15am	Jack & Nonie McCarthy RIP (Ann)
Saturday 19th December	Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent	6pm	Florrie D'Arcy RIP (Ann)

All intentions for 2020 now taken, don't forget to get in touch for special dates in 2021
Confessions now - Saturdays 5pm-5.40pm St Teresa's Church in the Lady Chapel
Extended Confessions on Christmas Eve - 10am -1pm

Liturgy of the Word: 13th December 2020

Entrance Antiphon: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.*
Responsorial Psalm: *My soul rejoices in my God.*
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor Alleluia!*
Next week's readings: *2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14-16, Psalm 88:2-5,27,29, resp v2, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38*

Fr Dominic writes:

COVID-19 and Vaccination

When I was growing up in Dublin in the 1950's there was, in nearly every class in the schools that I went to, at least one child with Polio. It was a devastating disease and for the children a very blighted childhood and severe restrictions on their choice of career as an adult. I remember the great relief and gladness when the vaccination programme was set up and then declared that Ireland was free from the dreaded disease. I have watched with interest as the vaccination programmes went across the world with the help of many Governments and key individuals, reached the poorest parts of our continents and the declaration that Polio had been eliminated.

The development of a vaccine against COVID-19 presents an important breakthrough in protecting others as well as oneself from the virus; a virus which has not only caused a global pandemic and led to a huge loss of life but has also placed a great burden on healthcare workers and systems.

Each of us has a duty to protect others from infection with its danger of serious illness, and for some, death. A vaccine is the most effective way to achieve this unless one decides to self-isolate.

Each Catholic must educate his or her conscience on the matter and decide what to do, also bearing in mind that a vaccine must be safe, effective, and universally available, especially to the poor of the world.

Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves. In good conscience, one may refuse a particular vaccine but continues to have a duty to protect others from infection.

These are crazy and unsettling times but we must do all that we can to rid the world of this virus and vaccination is a very solid way to achieve this. Whilst waiting we must keep ourselves safe and take care of our most vulnerable.



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 always need. 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!



Our restrictions for Baptisms depend on what tier we fall into. The lowest tier allows Baptisms with up to 6 people, the highest allows up to 6 all of whom must be in the same household. If you would like to get your child baptised as a starting point, please complete & submit the online baptism registration form, (found under sacraments on the website), we will then get in touch with you & arrange for you to see Fr Dominic and decide what you would like to do around dates.



Why not change the way you donate?



In these strange times, with half empty churches, not seeing familiar faces, not being able to hire out the parish centre or sell repository, run classes, our revenue, like everyone's, has taken a hit. One of the main drops being in loose plate & envelopes. We are grateful for any donations that you make but were wondering if you had thought about donating regularly by way of a standing order. You won't need that Sunday scrabble for cash for the plate or for the fiddly envelopes 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!



As we come out of Lockdown we are pleased to advise that **Public Masses can resume but subject to the same restrictions as before**, namely you must follow the stringent guidelines, you must pre book your attendance, (if your name's not on the list, you're not coming in!) and face masks must be worn at all times, unless you are medically exempt. You may remember that we had a problem with people not booking & just turning up, please do book as we cannot exceed the limit of people allowed in the church under the regulations, no one wants to be the one to turn people away, which is also unfair on our dedicated Stewards. Weekday masses are less well attended and so you do not need to book. If you have problems, please call us & we can book from this end. Communion will be given at the end of Mass and in the hand only. All masses will continue to be at St Teresa's to allow everything to be Live Streamed.



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.



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 very soon to let you know how we plan to carry out the teaching. Don't forget to collect your child's "I belong" book if you haven't already.

The Financials...

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

Last weekend Offertory -

Envelopes £ 672 - thank you for bringing them up to date!

Loose Plate £195.90

Contactless donations £ 148.75

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 70

Total weekly income for last week **£1,086.65**

This time last year our offertory was £ 704.07 envelopes & £454.19 plate, £1,158.26 in total.



School Reception Admissions for 2021/22 - 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. 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 is away from the Parish in January so you will need to submit before then, as the admission process closes on 15th January 2021.**



The Sisters of Mercy Addo project have a new website that really is worth a look: www.placeofmercyandhope.com



Do you know someone of whom we are not reaching? Someone who doesn't have the internet whom we can call to keep in touch? Someone who is simply struggling with the current situation? Please do get in touch with us if you, or someone you know needs a bit of



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.

The school is unable to offer prospective parents a tour this year, so have put a short video on the Admissions page of their website, to show you their Early Years environment. www.stteresas.herts.sch.uk/about-st-teresas/admissions Please also take time to look at the Pupils' Learning pages on the website as this will give you a further taste of the school. If you have any questions regarding the admissions process, please either ring the school office (020 8953 3753) or send an email to admissions@stteresas.herts.sch.uk

