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**2nd Sunday of Advent: (Year B) 6th 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](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 5th December	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent	6pm	John O'Donnell RIP (Ann)
Sunday 6th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	8.30am	Viktor & Gjela Perlala RIP
		10am	June & George Wolstencroft RIP & Jose Dias RIP (Ann)
Monday 7th December	St Ambrose	9.15am	Malcolm Creaton RIP
Tuesday 8th December	Immaculate Conception Of Blessed Virgin Mary	9.15am	"Happy Birthday my son, God's blessings & favours always" Mum
Wednes. 9th December	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thursday 10th December	Advent Feria	9.15am	Frank Atkinson RIP
Friday 11th December	Advent Feria	9.15am	Thanksgiving for Maria San Juan & Bernadette Rabuya
Saturday 12th December	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent	6pm	Richard Aldridge RIP (Bday)

**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**

**Liturgy of the Word: 6th December 2020**

**Entrance Antiphon:** *O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

**Next week's readings:** *Isaiah 61;1-2,10-11 Psalm Luke 1:46-50,53-54 resp Isaiah 61:10, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8,19-28*

**Fr Dominic writes:** [A huge big thank you from the Mercy Sisters in Addo in South Africa](#)

*On Tuesday this week I received a phone call from Sr. Martha and Sr. Breda in Addo. They were very excited and very, very, happy as they just received our donation from the 'Rich Man Poor Man Meal' and other donations. We sent them £2,253 and it came out at over 44,000 Rand. They were so thankful. As you are aware how hard the Pandemic and the lockdown has affected us here in Britain and how our Borehamwood Foodbank had to contend with triple the amount of clients since March. Well, in the 'Unofficial Locations' where the Sisters work the effect was totally devastating. They had to try and source food for all the four locations and for the four schools.*

*When they rang, they had just received our donation and were getting ready to purchase food make up three hundred food parcels, for this weekend and to purchase 1,000 presents for the children for Christmas. They wanted to thank the Confirmation Candidates for all their great efforts in planning, cooking and serving the 'Rich Man Poor Man Meal'. They also thanked the Parishioners who made the event such a success. Every year I am so proud of our Confirmation groups as they really do manage to spread the word about the Meal during the weekend Masses (speaking publicly is never easy), making great efforts to sell the tickets after the Masses and then preparing all the food and the tables and hall the day before the Meal and then cooking and serving, and cleaning up after the event. There are hundreds of families and thousands of children in Addo who will have much needed food and presents this Christmas thanks to them. Parents, I know that you very proud of them, and thanks to you for helping them to be such fine young adults. A credit to you and to the Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood.*



**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)**



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 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!**



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**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.



**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. We have made some changes however; - **we will no longer have a Sunday Mid-day Mass - we will only have the 8.30am & 10am.** Also as we come out of lockdown, the Wednesday Morning Masses & Holy Hours will stop. **Christmas Masses now finalised, details on the website, facebook and in church.**



A formal goodbye to Fr Antonio will take place during the 10am Mass, next week, 13th December. We will be able to wish him well and hand him the collection to which you all so generously donated.

### The Financials....

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

**Last weekend Offertory -**

**Envelopes £**

**Loose Plate £365**

**Contactless donations £ 0**

**Virgin Money Donations via website £ 77.75**

**Total weekly income for last week £442.75**

**This time last year our offertory was £ 680.70 envelopes & £625.03 plate, £1,305.73 in total.**



Following from Fr Dominic's message overleaf, the Sisters of Mercy Addo project have a new website that really is worth a look: [www.placeofmercyandhope.com](http://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 help.



**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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The school have also asked that we advise you that if you wish for your child to be considered for a Reception place at St Teresa's next year, please ensure you have completed and returned the school's Supplementary Information Form as well as completing your online application with Herts Admissions. 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](http://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](mailto:admissions@stteresas.herts.sch.uk)

