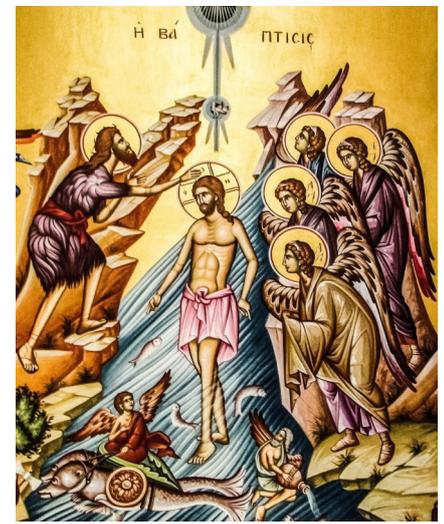


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The Baptism of the Lord: (Year B) 10th January 2021

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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.

Saturday 9th January	Vigil: Baptism	6pm	Elliott & Lina Francis RIP
Sunday 10th January	The Baptism of The Lord	8.30am	Brendan Killiam RIP
		10am	Ana Cristina Trindade RIP (Bday)
Monday 11th January	Feria	9.15am	Mary McKenna RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 12th January	Feria	9.15am	Malcom Creaton RIP
Wednesday 13th January	No Mass		
Thursday 14th January	Feria	9.15am	Anna Mae & family (Int)
Friday 15th January	Feria	9.15am	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 16th January	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm	John Fitzpatrick RIP (Ann)

Don't forget to give us your anniversary lists for 2021 so that we can get the right dates for your intentions

Liturgy of the Word: 10th January 2021

Entrance Antiphon: *After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened and the holy spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered; This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord will bless his people with peace..*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: " This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him". Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *1 Samuel 3:3-10.19, Psalm 39:2,4,7-10, resp vv8,9, 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20, John 1:35-42*

Fr. Dominic Writes:

On Monday 11th January we move into Ordinary Time and we put on the green vestments. I would normally speak about not being able to sustain feasts and festivals for a long period of time and it is good to get back to "ordinary time". Sadly we will not be going back to normality and after a year of unprecedented upheaval we are not near to a settled time in the near future. Sadly for some this Pandemic has taken family members, jobs, education, peace of mind and physical and mental health. We are desperately seeking reassurance, hope and some form of certainty but this seems to elude us. After some of the news programmes I find myself with my head in my hands thinking of the more fragile members of the parish and the town. We finish the Christmas Season with the Baptism of Jesus, the start of his adult journey to the Cross and, of course, his Resurrection. We are part of that journey too and he is our brother and we follow him. Let us pray to receive his grace and strength so that we can be beacons of light in this dark time. Let us reach out to all those students whose exams are in turmoil, to all those whose jobs have disappeared, to those who are grieving for lost loved ones, for those whom lock down means awful loneliness, or an increase in domestic violence. Pray to God.

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Christmas & last week's Offertory -

Envelopes £ 881.58

Loose Plate £932.35

Contactless donations £ 315

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 230

Total weekly income for last 2 weeks £2358.93

This time last year our offertory was £ 828.50 envelopes & £839.33 plate, £1,667.83 in total.



First Holy Communion 2021. Following previous emails, we had worked out what how to run the programme this year, but of course, all plans are on hold again. We will get in touch as soon as we can. There are still a couple of "I belong" books awaiting collection in the Parish Office.



Is your child due to start in Reception in September 2021?

Admissions close Fri 15th January and parents need to have completed and returned the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to St Teresa's school by 3pm. They have received a large number of applicants online but the number of accompanying SIFs is lower than expected - please make sure that you have done all that you need to! Unfortunately, if you submit the SIF late, you will risk that their child will not get a place. If in doubt, please call the school.

Why not change the way you donate?

Thank you for all those of you who pay by envelopes and have been making up for weeks that they have missed. 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!



New year's resolution: Make a difference with CAFOD as a volunteer. CAFOD Westminster is looking for volunteers, who care about global poverty, to help

us inspire others to act here, so we can tackle poverty and injustice across the developing world. Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others? Are you a good communicator who would enjoy speaking about our work in a Parish or School? Please get in touch with us on westminster@cafod.org.uk or 020 8449-6970 to find out more and book a place on one of our CAFOD online information sessions.



We have been advised that we can hold baptisms again but not as a separate stand alone service, they must be part of a public Mass. We have decided that these can place during the Sunday 10am Mass. Our restrictions on capacity in the church mean that you cannot have a large amount of guests so please speak to Sue in the office to confirm numbers you would like to attend. Also, none of the people attending should have travelled to get to the church - they must all be local and you must keep to the current guidelines. If we already have you on our system then you should have received an email from us this week. If we haven't heard from you yet, 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 to sort out dates & arrange for you to have a Baptism Preparation chat with Fr Dominic.



We may be in lockdown but we are pleased to advise that Public Masses can continue 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 :You should have received an email from us before Christmas sketching out how we planned to carry out this programme this year. With the new lockdown we cannot firm up any dates but will be in touch to give further details as soon as we are able.



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 .

Funerals taking place, these are subject to the government guidelines, so restricted numbers, please contact the families.

Lidia Nunes 19th January, St Teresa's 11am

Laurence Considine 21st January, St Teresa's 11am

Michael Hewetson 28th January, Hendon Crematorium, South Chapel 1pm

May they rest in peace & rise in glory



The Mass on Fridays at 12.00noon St. Albans Abbey will resume again on Friday 8th January. The Mass is celebrated in the Nave, which accommodates 150 people socially distanced,

so no need to pre-book to attend, just wear a face covering. The Mass has been celebrated at the Abbey now for 37 years, so why not give it a try. You enter by the Welcome Centre.



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**