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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time : (Year B) 17th 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 16th January	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm	John Fitzpatrick RIP (Ann)
Sunday 17th January	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	Danny O'Shea
Monday 18th January	Feria	10am	Bede Amechi RIP
Tuesday 19th January	Feria	9.15am	Joan Glover RIP
Wednesday 20th January	No Mass	9.15am	Daniel O'Reardon RIP
Thursday 21st January	St Agnes	9.15am	John Walsh & family (Int)
Friday 22nd January	Feria	9.15am	Kathleen Parsons RIP
Saturday 23rd January	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm	Mgr. Peter Canon McGuire RIP

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: 17th January 2021

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!
Responsorial Psalm: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Next week's readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 24:4-9, resp v4, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

Fr. John Writes:

This week has seen us return to so called Ordinary time; we leave behind the white vestments of Christmas and turn to green. Ordinary comes from the latin word *ordinalis* meaning numbered; we are not suggesting that this is a time where the Church settles into a somewhat drab phase compared to the joys of Christmas, but rather that we will now number our weeks until the beginning of Lent. We might think of the green liturgical colour inviting us to spiritual growth as we have the opportunity to walk with Jesus as we listen to the accounts of his earthly ministry in our readings at Mass. We started with his baptism last week and this weekend hear the account of Jesus' calling of the disciples. He asked them, as he asks each one of us, "What do you want ?" and invited them to come and spend some time with him.

Ironically, we are living in times which are *extraordinary*. more than ever do we appreciate the reassuring rhythm of the Church's constant offering of prayer to God.

This Sunday is Peace Day. Pope Francis' message for this day is ' A culture of care as a path for peace'. A reminder of those many medical staff, carers, scientists and volunteers who have put themselves at the service of others – often at great risk to their own health. Sadly alongside these examples of love and caring, the world continues to be scarred by discord between and within countries, by racism and xenophobia, by violent words and actions.

The Pope calls for us all to work together towards a new horizon of love and peace, of fraternity and solidarity, of mutual support and acceptance. He asks us to strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another.

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.



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 .

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" -



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 . Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others? A good communicator who would enjoy speaking about our work? Contact westminster@cafod.org.uk or 020 8449-6970 to find out more



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 .



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.

Funerals taking place, these are subject to the government guidelines, so restricted numbers, please keep them and their families in your prayers

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

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

Richard O'Mahoney 25th January 1pm, New Southgate Crematorium

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

Samantha Abbot 29th January. 1.15pm Islington Crematorium

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**