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**3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time : (Year B) 24th 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](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.*

Saturday 23rd January	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm	Mgr. Peter Canon McGuire RIP
Sunday 24th January	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	Lilly Ward RIP (Bday)
		10am	Liz Hackett RIP
Monday 25th January	Conversion of St Paul	9.15am	Selestina & Nicholas Perera RIP RIP
Tuesday 26th January	SS Timothy & Titus	9.15am	Michael Brady RIP
Wednesday 27th January	No Mass		
Thursday 28th January	St Thomas Aquinas	9.15am	Mary Henderson RIP (Bday)
Friday 29th January	Feria	9.15am	Jacqueline De Silva RIP
Saturday 30th January	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm	Margaret Horan RIP (Ann)

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

**Liturgy of the Word: 24th January 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon:** *O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Lord, make me know your ways.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! The Kingdom of God is close at hand, believe the Good News. Alleluia!*

**Next week's readings:** *Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 94:-2,6-9, rv9, 1 Corinthians 7:32-35, Mark 1:21-28*

**Fr. Dominic Writes:**

The book of Jonah addresses two major issues: the relation of Israel and Yahweh to other nations and the meaning of divine justice. The reluctant prophet Jonah was sent to proclaim God's universal salvific will to all nations. In the process human beings were taught a powerful lesson. God's mercy far surpasses God's judgments, "and his plan will not be thwarted even by the negative 'righteousness' of his prophet."

The great issue here is that Jonah was really a racist. He did not believe that the people of Nineveh were good enough for the Yahweh's salvific mercy. They were not Jewish and therefore should not be saved. So, he ran away in the opposite direction and boarded a ship to Tarshish. Yahweh unleashed a great storm and the all the sailors were praying to their gods to save their lives. They found Jonah asleep down below and were really angry with him and then when they realized he was a Hebrew they wanted to know what he had done to anger Yahweh. He then asked them to throw him into the sea. The sea calmed down as soon as they threw him in. They then were overawed by Yahweh and made vows and offered sacrifices to Him. Yahweh had arranged for a large fish to swallow Jonah. He was in there for three days and sang hymns and songs of praise to God. He was then vomited up on the shore beside Nineveh.

Yahweh then spoke to him a second time and ordered him to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh. Only forty more days and Nineveh will be destroyed. Like a miracle all the people repented and put on sackcloth and ashes and fasted. God relented and saved them. Sadly Jonah was really annoyed because God showed mercy and tenderness to foreigners. In a strop Jonah went off to the desert to die. God then said to him, "I am right to have mercy on 120,000 whom I created" Jonah still disagreed.

### The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

last week's Offertory -

Envelopes £ 177.22

Loose Plate £140.18

Contactless donations £ 100

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 20

Total weekly income for last weeks £437.40

*This time last year our offertory was £ 1279.50 envelopes & £631.14 plate, £1,910.64 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" -



Join CAFOD online this coming Saturday 30th January from 1030am to 1230 and listen to CAFOD's representative live from Ethiopia talking about how your support is enabling communities gain access to clean water.

Contact westminster@cafod.org.uk for registration link and further information.



**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

**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

**Thomas O'Reilly** 9th February, 11am St Teresa's.

*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](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)**