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4th Sunday of Ordinary Time : (Year B) 31st January 2021

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Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict & Cardinal Vincent have all received their COVID jabs—do your bit & get yours too!

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.*

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| Saturday 30th January | Vigil: 4th Sunday | 6pm | Margaret Horan RIP (Ann) & Anna & Witold (Int) |
| Sunday 31st January | 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 8.30am | Jim Quirke RIP |
| Monday 1st February | Feria | 10am | Philip & Sara Smith RIP & Smith Family Int |
| Tuesday 2nd February | Presentation of the Lord | 9.15am | Mary Seneviratna RIP |
| Wednesday 3rd February | No Mass | 9.15am | Ralph Basnayake RIP |
| Thursday 4th February | Feria | 9.15am | Mary McHugh RIP |
| Friday 5th February | St Agatha | 9.15am | Pat Burke RIP |
| Saturday 6th February | Vigil: 5th Sunday | 6pm | Mary Mansfield 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: 31st January 2021

Entrance Antiphon: *Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Oh that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Job 7:1-4,6-7, Psalm 146:1-6, resp.v3, 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23, Mark 1:29-39*

Fr. Dominic Writes: Holocaust Memorial Day and Burn's Night.

It might seem crass to put those two events together but this week I have been involved with both of these and because of COVID 19 both are very different from our normal way of being engaged with these events. On Wednesday 27th January I was in the privileged position to read the Holocaust Memorial Day Prayer, and then to light the sixth candle to remember the Darfur Genocide. The fact that this event is being held virtually made it very poignant for me. During WW2 the world was turned upside down and under the guise of this mayhem six million innocent people were exterminated. A dictator put forward a diabolical plan to wipe out millions of people because of their faith and many blindly followed. They suspended their consciences and killed millions in cold and calculated blood. After the war when this Holocaust was exposed they cry was "Never Again". But, sadly, since then we have had genocide in Cambodia, in Bosnia, in Rwanda, in Darfur and in many other places in the world. People of different races, religions, sexual orientation, and nationalities are being targeted and discriminated against all over the world. Why does it keep happening? On the Feast of the Epiphany, 6th January this year, we had the almost unbelievable spectacle of Far Right extremist mobs in the Capitol building in Washington searching for people to murder and lynch. When does 'Never Again' become reality. I believe that each person has to develop their conscience to deeply embed in their heads and hearts that we as human beings created by God, are brothers and sisters and we have no right to diminish, denigrate, harm or kill another person because they are different from us. Holocaust Memorial Day helps us to remember.

On a lighter note, Burn's Night was a great excuse to get together and make friends, eat, sing and dance, Mr. COVID 19 has stepped in but we will not be defeated. So on Saturday 30th January at 7.30pm we are celebrating in a virtual way. George will be there with the bagpipes, Nick Male will be there hosting the evening, the toasts will be there, the blessing will be there and plenty of music. So, join us.

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" -



Caritas Volunteer Fair "Step Forward in Love" Online event .Wednesday 10 February from 11am - 1pm. Whether you want to try volunteering for the first time or are looking for a new role, come and find out what volunteering opportunities are out there at the moment. Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caritas-volunteer-fair-tickets-135713539851>

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

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

Vincenzo Galdo 4th March, 11am St Teresa's

May they rest in peace & rise in glory



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.



School Lunch Packs We will be open EVERY Wednesday in January and February from 10.30am to 12.00 mid-day for Kids Food Bags, Hot Food to

Take Away and Activities. This is not only for pupil premium, but for any family that is stretched with the extra demands of children at home. Everyone Welcome! St Teresa's Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road O203 583 1109



Daily Walk? Something positive this Lent. Could you walk 10000 Steps in one day or everyday this Lent? It could be a sign of your solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source & who have to walk for water each day. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/walk & go the distance this Lent & help to end water poverty.



SVP NEWS : The SVP is a Christian voluntary organisation that carries out work in your local area. . If you are interested, contact us at SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com, or on 07479847130.



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**