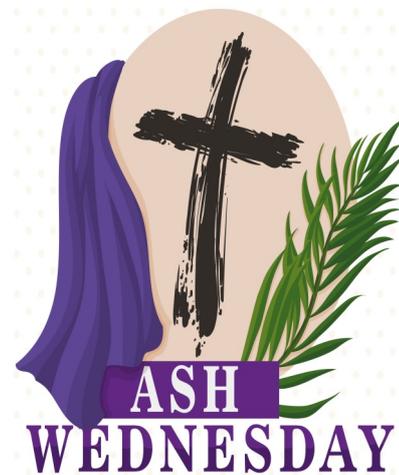


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6th Sunday of Ordinary Time : (Year B) 14th February 2021

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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 13th February	Vigil: 6th Sunday	6pm	Jorge Ong Camposano Jnr RIP
Sunday 14th February	6th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	Bridget McGowan RIP
		10am	Tom Crossan RIP (Ann)
Monday 15th February	Feria	9.15am	Anthony McCarthy (Int)
Tuesday 16th February	Feria	9.15am	Eleanor Meally RIP
Wednesday 17th Feb.	Ash Wednesday	7am (Online only)	Fr. Peter Gilbert RIP
		9.15am (Public Mass)	Eileen Duffley RIP
		7.30pm (Online only)	Paddy & Mary McKenna RIP
Thursday 18th February	Lent Feria	9.15am	Bridget Dowd RIP
Friday 19th February	Lent Feria	9.15am	Mary & Pat McHale RIP (Wann)
Saturday 20th February	Vigil: 1st Sunday	6pm	Ranuja Arumathurai 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: 14th February 2021

Entrance Antiphon: *Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.*

Responsorial Psalm: *You are me refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Genesis 9:8-15, Psalm 24:4-9, resp.cfv10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15*

Fr. Dominic writes: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving - Lent in a nutshell

The word 'Lent' comes from an Old English word for 'Springtime' - a season when new life is wrested from the clutch of winter, Lent is the time for revival and renewal - the springtime of the spirit. We have all been through enough Lents to realise that complete transformation probably will not occur. But Lent is an opportunity for repair work in a specific area of our life that might need reconstruction.

Maybe you have doubts about the faith or questions about what we do as a Church. Lent is time to resolve the doubts and get some straight answers.

Maybe you have been carrying personal wounds that have been eating away at you. Lent is a time to find ways to let the healing begin.

Maybe your spiritual life has been stuck in neutral and you want to be able to pray as easily and spontaneously as Jesus did. Lent is a time to start to experience prayer.

Maybe we have noticed that you have become selfish, or inward looking. Lent may be a time when you decide to reach out to someone or some cause and donate your time or money.

This is also the time when many people decide to spring clean their homes, so Lent can be our chance to spring clean our lives - More Prayer, some Fasting and a resolution to give more to either people or causes that are in need.

Happy Lent everyone!!

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

last two week's Offertory combined-

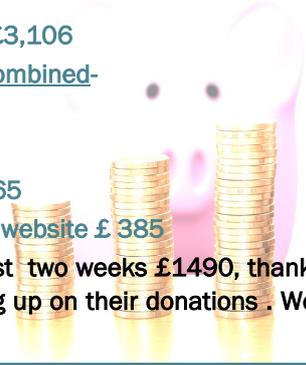
Envelopes £ 725

Loose Plate £215

Contactless donations £ 165

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 385

Total weekly income for last two weeks £1490, thank you to everyone who is catching up on their donations . We appreciate your generosity.



First Holy Communion 2021. You should all have received an email from us advising of the dates in May when we will be holding the First Holy Communions and how slots will be allocated. Please check your junk mail if you haven't received anything. Expect an email shortly with details of the zoom meetings..



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 scramble 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. 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  moneygiving "Donate" -

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

Mark Saunders 15th February 4pm, West Herts

Elcy Sagan 23rd February 1.40pm, West Herts

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

May they rest in peace & rise in glory



School Lunch Packs We will be open EVERY **Wednesday in January and February from 10.30am to 12.00 midday** 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



Abridged version of letter from Cardinal Nichols, full version on website Shortly it will be Ash Wednesday, it marks the beginning a Lent, a time for turning again to the practice of our faith, in prayer, self-denial (fasting) and practical generosity (almsgiving). Ash Wednesday is the doorway into this season of renewal. As we cross this threshold we customarily receive ashes on our foreheads, in the sign of the cross. This is a public mark of our turning again to God, seeking his mercy, forgiveness & help. This year receiving ashes in church is going to be difficult. Yes, our churches are safe if the protective measures are fulfilled. But we must all be very careful about travelling too far. Some churches will of course be open for the celebration of Mass as usual. But I have asked them not to make extra provision for Ash Wednesday. We must be so careful & cooperative in the measures we must take, to protect ourselves & to protect others. I now want to emphasise an important point. Receiving ashes is an outward sign of an inner step, a movement of the heart towards our beloved Lord. This year I invite you to concentrate much more on this inner, spiritual movement than on its outward manifestation in the imposition of ashes. My suggestion is this:

Celebrate Ash Wednesday at home, with your family, in the household or 'support bubble' of which you are a part. Gather for a while. Read the prayer which I offer (in full version of letter). Bless each other by making the sign of the cross on each other's forehead. Spent some time praying in a way that you know. But please, make this a prayer of your heart for God's mercy upon this world struggling to cope with the terrible pandemic and the devastation it is bringing. So please do not hesitate, within your household or 'bubble', to bless each other on this Ash Wednesday. If, on this day, we set aside every pretence that we can do everything of ourselves, then we create in our hearts and lives the space for God's grace and strength to find a home in us. This is the great invitation of Ash Wednesday and of the weeks of Lent which follow. Please do take up this invitation. Open your hearts to the gift of God's presence to support, comfort and strengthen you. This year, it may be best to do this, not by going to church, but by sharing the prayer, the blessing and this moment of dedication within the love of your family.

Ash Wednesday at Home.

1. Gather together and start with the Sign of the Cross
2. Read the Gospel for today. It is from St Matthew's Gospel, 6.16 and 16-18.
3. Say together the prayer given in this Pastoral Letter.
4. Make the Sign of the Cross on each other's forehead, using the words you choose.
5. Pray together: the Our Father; the Hail Mary; each one with his or her own prayer or intention .
6. Conclude with the 'Glory be to the Father...
- 7: Give each other a sign of the peace. **So Lent begins!**



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.



Confirmation 2021 :You should all have received an email from us this week, with the dates of this year's Confirmation and how slots will be allocated. Check your junk folder if you haven't received anything. We will soon be in touch with further details.



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**