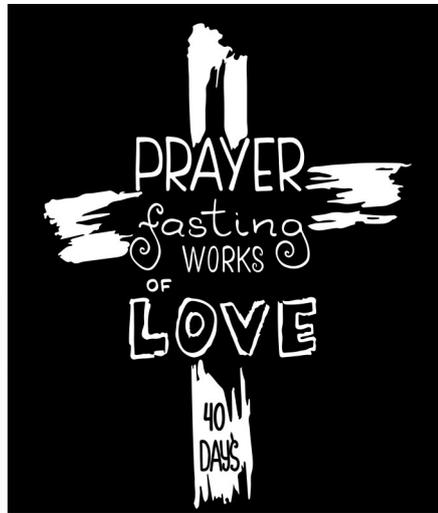


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1st Sunday of Lent : (Year B) 21st February 2021

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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 20th February	Vigil: 1st Sunday	6pm	Ranuja Arumathurai RIP (Ann)
Sunday 21st February	1st Sunday of Lent	8.30am 10am	Mark Dowd RIP Ann Coogan RIP (Ann)
Monday 22nd February	The Chair of St Peter	9.15am	Irene de Silva RIP
Tuesday 23rd February	Lent Feria	9.15am	Ollie Quinn RIP (Ann)
Wednesday 24th Feb.	No Mass		
Thursday 25th February	Lent Feria	9.15am	Mark Dowd RIP
Friday 26th February	Lent Feria	9.15am	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 27th February	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm	Michael Brady RIP

Liturgy of the Word: 21st February 2021

Entrance Antiphon: *When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Next week's readings: *Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18, Psalm 115:10,15-19 resp. Psalm 114:9, Romans 8:31-34, Mark 9:2-10*

Fr. John writes: *"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness, and he remained there for forty days." (Mark 1)*

There are forty days between today, the first Sunday of Lent, and Good Friday. This Lenten season reminds us of the forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness at the beginning of his public ministry during which he was tempted by the devil. Jesus is united with us in our struggles against sin: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." (Hebrews 4:15).

Lent gives us an opportunity to turn again to the Lord and to become more like him. It is an opportunity to open our hearts to God; to close our hearts to temptations to indifference and self-sufficiency and open them to love God and those around us.

The Church recommends prayer, fasting and almsgiving as things to be embraced in the Lenten season.

Prayer allows us to make a special effort to talk to God and to listen to his call at this time. We don't have to be in Church to pray – we can raise our hearts to God anywhere – at home, or perhaps as Spring begins to take hold, as we enjoy the outdoors.

Fasting or acts of self-denial or abstinence, challenge our desire for self-gratification; allowing us not to take for granted the gifts that we have received and to realise that we don't have to buy or consume things to find happiness.

Almsgiving provides an opportunity for us to share from the abundance of our resources with those who are less fortunate. It reminds us that we show our love for God in how we care for others. We might find time to make a special effort to help someone we know personally by some act of charity or service.

May this Lent be for us a journey of true conversion, standing beside our brothers and sisters in need, embracing Christ's victory over sin and death in our own lives.

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

last two week's Offertory combined-

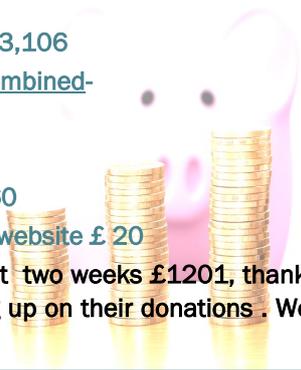
Envelopes £ 555

Loose Plate £266

Contactless donations £ 360

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 20

Total weekly income for last two weeks £1201, thank you to everyone who is catching up on their donations . We appreciate your generosity.



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

Elcy Sagan 23rd February 1.40pm, West Herts

Giovanna Diaferia 3rd March, 11am St Teresa's

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

We do not have any details yet for the Funeral of **Veronica Mascharenhas**

May they rest in peace & rise in glory



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



Please make sure that you book your spaces for weekend masses, before you attend. We have to keep to the maximum of 80 in the church & we can only do this if you pre-book. **Even if you use the QR code for the Government's track & trace, you still need to pre book your spaces** . The pre book is to make sure that we do not exceed the maximum numbers in church & we keep you all safe. If you don't have access to the internet, please book through the parish office. **A large number of people just turned up to the 10am mass last week and we exceeded the capacity. If this happens again we will have no option but to cancel the Mass, we have to play by the rules.** Just turning up without booking is unfair to those who go to the trouble of pre booking and could be put at risk by overcrowding & unfair to the volunteers who steward the Masses. Please don't be selfish



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.



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.



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 .



First Holy Communion 2021. You should all have received an email from us containing the link to your first online session. We have not had many safe receipt responses so please check your emails & Spam/Junk filters. We also need your confirmation that the session has been completed, this must be by 23rd February, your child will only be allowed to proceed on the programme if we receive these responses from you.



Confirmation 2021. You should all have received an email from us this week, containing a request from Fr Dominic . We would like a letter from you all explaining why you want to do Confirmation this year and to let us know if you have decided on your Sponsor & your confirmation name. We need these back by 22nd Feb.



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

To help people like Abdella
Text LENT to 70460
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