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4th Sunday of Lent : (Year B) 14th March 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 March	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm	Lenna Traynor RIP (Ann)
Sunday 14th March	4th Sunday of Lent	8.30am 10am	Mothers of the Parish Dave Tucker RIP (Ann)
Monday 15th March	Lent Feria	9.15am	Moira O'Rourke (Bday Int)
Tuesday 16th March	Lent Feria	9.15am	Pat Burke RIP (Ann)
Wednesday 17th March	St Patrick	9.15am	All those watching online
Thursday 18th March	Lent Feria	9.15am	Laurence Harper RIP (Ann)
Friday 19th March	St Joseph	9.15am	Rosalina Acayen RIP
Saturday 20th March	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm	Alvarino & Joao Mateus Afonso RIP (Bday)

Confessions 5pm-5.40pm Saturdays in the Lady Chapel at St Teresa's - no booking necessary

Liturgy of the Word: 14th March 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Next week's readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15. v12, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-30

Fr. Dominic writes:

God loved the world so much!

The First Reading shows how God remained faithful to his people in spite of their infidelities. God's promises were not nullified by the sins of his people. It was because of their sins that God allowed his people to be exiled to Babylon. But his mercy is seen in their home-coming.

This leads into the Gospel. God's love and mercy are seen in the fact that he sent his Son to save us. Jesus came into the world as a light. Sadly, some preferred darkness to the light, thus sealing their own condemnation. Judgement is not passed by God; people judge themselves by their response to the light.

That God took the initiative and gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life, These words are a good summary of the Good News. God chose the way of love, he acts, not for his own sake but for our sake. God is the father who is not happy or satisfied until all his wandering children have come home. His love is all inclusive, It is not directed towards one nation nor is it only for the good. It is directed at all nations, to the children of light and to the children of darkness.

But the passage also talks about judgement and condemnation. If God's approach is so loving how can it include judgement and condemnation? How can condemnation be reconciled with love? Condemnation does not follow from God's action but from people's response. God condemns no one. People condemn themselves by adopting a negative attitude. God sent us the light. If people get lost it is because they haven't accepted the light. The fault is not God's but ours. Evil people hate the light because it reveals themselves to themselves. They hate goodness because it reveals their badness; they hate industry because it reveals their laziness. They will destroy the light, the goodness, the love, in order to escape the pain of self-discovery. It is terrible to reject the light, to reject God's offer of love. Our part in the process of redemption is to accept the gift in all humility and try to respond in kind. We are able to love God because he loved us first.

The Financials...

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

last two week's Offertory combined-

Envelopes £ 509.00

Loose Plate £322.33

Contactless donations £ 260.00

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 50.00

Total weekly income for last two weeks £1141.33 thank you to everyone who is catching up on their donations . We appreciate your generosity.



The funeral for **Veronica Mascarenhas** will take place 18th March 11am at St Paul's Wood Green, then onto Islington & St Pancras Cemetery. The funeral will be live streamed on www.churchservices.tv/woodgreen. *May she 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 "Donate" -



Extra Mass will be held on St Patrick's Day - this Wednesday at 9.15am. This is open to the public or can be Live Streamed in the usual way.



It May not feel like it at the moment but we are starting to try and get things in the diary for the rest of the year. **The Russian Choir will be revisiting us on 2nd & 3rd October this year. The 3rd October** will also be our International Lunch. So get the date in your diary and cross your fingers!



Lent Resources. Please visit our website to view resources that we have gathered together that may be of help to you this year. These include a Stations of the Cross, Faith sharing & a Lent Calendar. If you are unable to visit the website, we can send the links across to you.



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Confirmation 2021 : Confirmation dates have now been emailed to all candidates, please confirm safe receipt if you haven't already. The link to **session 3** was emailed on Thursday to those who have submitted their previous answers. Fr Dominic will send details soon of a Zoom call when you will be able to discuss the first three sessions with him.



First Holy Communion 2021. Emails containing the link to the **fourth session** have now been sent out. **First Reconciliations will be Saturday 20th March** - the email sent with the fourth session link gives you details of how to book your slot. Only children who have completed all four sessions will be able to have their first confession as otherwise they will not be sufficiently prepared.

Virtual St Patricks Day! The Studio Rotary Club in collaboration with the Catholic Parishes of Elstree and Borehamwood are to present a virtual event on **Saturday 20th March 2021. at 7.30pm** & features Piper George MacGregor, & Roswitha Lamb. Comper for the evening will be Nick Male. Readings from William Yeats will be included in the evenings programme, read by people from within the community of Elstree and Borehamwood. **Live Event Feed:** <https://youtu.be/vxN8pbF2zek>



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. We are waiting for guidelines as to when we can go back to separate baptisms on a Saturday. Based on current guidelines, and hoping everything goes to plan, we expect to be able to do these from the 21st June. We are already taking bookings so please get in touch.

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