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Happy St Georges Day

3rd Sunday of Easter : (Year B) 18th April 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 17th April	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm	Kathleen Parsons RIP
Sunday 18th April	3rd Sunday	8.30am	Intentions (Private)
	of Easter	10am	Patrick Cooney RIP & Tommy Graven RIP
Monday 19th April	St Alphege	9.15am	Liz Johnson RIP
Tuesday 20th April	Easter Feria	9.15am	Avis Lavinia O'Brien RIP (Ann)
	Requiem Mass	10.30am	Marion Brennan RIP
Wednesday 21st April	No Mass		
Thursday 22nd April	Easter Feria	9.15am	Elsie Phillips RIP (Ann)
Friday 23rd April	St George	9.15am	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 24th April	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm	George Parsons RIP (Ann)

Intentions are now booked until August - please leave plenty of time if you want a special date
Confessions 5pm-5.40pm Saturdays in the Lady Chapel at St Teresa's - no booking necessary

Liturgy of the Word: 18th April 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Next week's readings: Acts 4:8-12, Psalm 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29, resp. v22, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18

Fr. John writes: "Look at my hands and my feet; yes it is I indeed." (Luke 24:39)

Last week's in John's Gospel we heard the risen Jesus invite Thomas to look at his hands, because Thomas had said that he would not believe that the Lord had risen from the dead unless he could see the holes the nails had made in them. In the account of Jesus' appearance to the disciples in today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus again shows them his hands and feet as evidence that it is truly he. The marks of the nails of the crucifixion are still with the risen Jesus. Perhaps we might have expected a resurrected body, (as suggested by the dazzling light of Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain) to be pure and spotless. However it seems clear from the Gospels that the Lord's risen body included the scars from his suffering on the cross. The scars are not a defect but a glory. When we suffer on earth, the scars of Jesus tell us that he was fully human and that he knows about our pain and suffering. Suffering and pain are integral to the human condition. Our physical scars may remind us of the original cause though the wound is healed; other wounds, for example bereavement, are invisible but still cause great pain. God cherishes and loves us like the parent who when we fell over as children asked to see our bruise or bump, gave it a loving touch, us a big hug and sent us off reassured and no longer upset. Some wounds take longer to heal, some we have to live with - just as the scars remained on Jesus' risen body - but he is always there to support and to love us.

"On the body of the risen Christ the wounds never pass away; they remain, for those wounds are the enduring sign of God's love for us". (Pope Francis)

The Financials...

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 202

Loose Plate £120.49

Contactless donations £ 175

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 90.48

Total weekly income for this week £587.97



PLEASE COLLECT YOUR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW TAX YEAR from the Sacristy at St Teresa's. Please ask a Steward for yours or call in at the Parish Office. For GDPR reasons, we are not allowed to leave these out in the church.



Why not change the way you donate?

Ever 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 - you have to be here in person! 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"**



2021

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Dates for your diary - Oh yes! Blow off the cobwebs from the calendar that you bought in a burst of optimism last year, we are arranging events again (& saying a lot of prayers!)

Sunday 11th July: 2pm Cemetery Mass at Allum Lane.

Saturday 2nd October: The return of the Russian Choir.

Sunday 3rd October: Our International Lunch returns.

Saturday 9th October: 2pm Service for the blessing of pets

Tuesday 2nd November: 7.30pm Mass of Remembrance for all those Parishioners who have died over the past 2 years, especially those during lockdown for whom we could not have a proper memorial at the time.

Sunday 7th November: Blessing of the Graves at Allum Lane



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. **You may have seen on the news, the Police are keeping a careful eye on social distancing in church and have the power to close the mass down.** Even if you use the QR code for the Government's track & trace, you still need to pre book your spaces. If you don't have access to the internet, please book through the parish office. We still have people who just turn up without booking which is unfair to those who go to the trouble of pre booking and could be put at risk by overcrowding & extremely unfair to the volunteers who steward the Masses. Please don't be selfish and keep safe.



Fr Dominic will be celebrating Mass at St Albans Abbey Noon, 23rd April 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.



Confirmation 2021 : Session 6 was sent out this week & needs to be back by **Wednesday 21st April.**

We are still waiting for a few confirmation names & details of sponsors. & some photo permissions



First Holy Communion 2021. Session 9 was sent out this week, to be completed by **Wednesday 21st April.**

We are still waiting for some photo permissions. Emails have been sent out confirming FHC dates.



We welcome **AJ Zion** who is being baptised this weekend. At the moment, baptisms 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. Separate Saturday baptisms should be able to restart from 17th May onwards, assuming the government keeps to the roadmap.

We are sad to announce the death of long standing parishioner **Mary Anne "Marion" Brennan.** Marion's **Funeral will take place at St Teresa's on 20th April at 10.30am please note change in time.** Government restrictions will still be in place. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. The service will be Live Streamed.



Live Streaming for SS John Fisher & Thomas More. FUNDS RECEIVED SO FAR £4,270, WE ARE ALMOST THERE AFTER JUST TWO WEEKS!

Thank you! We know that a lot of you have been missing Borehamwood North; when Covid struck we decided to move all the masses to St Teresa's because that was where we have the Live Streaming, we will open up Fisher & More once we are able and have Live Streaming in place. However, we have no reserves in the pot to meet this additional expense - especially as our Diocesan Assessment has been increased by a third this year! We have had a quote and expect the installation to cost in the region of £5,000. So we are hoping to do an appeal especially for this. We have put envelopes in the church, please complete & Gift Aid if you are able. You can also donate by Virgin Money or by contactless as usual. If you use any method other than the envelopes, please let Sue know so that we can correctly categorise the donation. **We are also reviewing our mass times and which churches we use and when.** It will of course depend on how many parishioners return to church once restrictions are over, but we are thinking of having the Saturday 6pm & Sunday 8.30am at SSJFTM & the Sunday 10am & Noon at St Teresa's. This would also mean that Fr Dominic would not have to rush between churches on a Sunday, so would have plenty of time to chat to people. Thoughts please.



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**