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5th Sunday of Easter : (Year B) 2nd May 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 1st May	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm	Lilly Pinto RIP (Ann)
Sunday 2nd May	5th Sunday of Easter	8.30am 10am	Catherine Leary (Bday Thanksgiving) Sean, Aggie & Anthony Aherne RIP (Ann)
Monday 3rd May	SS Philip & James	Noon	Nikolin Perlala Family (Int)
Tuesday 4th May	The English Martyrs	9.15am	Napoleon Lacaba RIP (Ann)
Wednesday 5th May	No Mass		
Thursday 6th May	Easter Feria	9.15am	Nikolin Perlala (Int)
Friday 7th May	Easter Feria	9.15am	Kathleen Parsons RIP
Saturday 8th May	Vigil: 6th Sunday	6pm	Dorothy Aldridge RIP (Bday)

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: 2nd May 2021

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Next week's readings: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48,Psalm 97;1-4 respcfv2, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

Fr. Dominic writes:

We cannot survive without each other!

Is there anyone you know who has not got a belly button? Your navel reminds you that you are not a self made person. Your very life was the gift of your mother and father. You were once physically attached to your mother, utterly dependent on her for your blood supply, protection, and nurture. Are we self sufficient after birth, after the umbilical cord is cut? No really, we are all born without teeth, without the ability to walk, or talk, or fend for ourselves.

Jesus made this point in the Gospel today. How can the branches of a vine survive without the roots connecting them to the soil? How can the roots survive without the leaves soaking up the sun? How can the plant survive without the fruit producing seeds for the future of the species? How can the fruit survive without the branches holding them to the plant? In the same way the Christian community is interdependent on each other. Paul used the metaphor of the body with its various organs to illustrate the same truth. Jesus is the presence of life throughout the entire plant. He is the vine itself, of which we are the various parts. We derive our Christian existence from Christ, the Vine: and we sustain our lives through our connections with each other. We cannot survive without each other.

There are some who believe they are self made, self sufficient loners. Even some in the Christian Faith believe they serve God but do not need the Church. Their theme song might be Paul Simon's "I am a Rock". I am a rock, I am an island. I need no one, and no one needs me. I am a Rock and a Rock feels no pain. But God did not create humankind as islands. To be healthy we must be in community. As members of our family, our local community, our church, our town, our country, our world we need each other. We need to enhance and enrich our world.

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 281

Loose Plate £ 210.06

Contactless donations £ 125

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 35

Total weekly income for this week £651.06



LOTS OF NEW YEAR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES STILL TO BE COLLECTED PLEASE! 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 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. 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**



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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**



If you would like, or know someone who would like, an electronic, postal or large print version of this newsletter, please call us on 0208 953 1294, or email: suepartington@rcdow.org.uk

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**



Confirmation 2021 :Zoom call to be Thursday 20th May 6.30pm when Fr Dominic will go through your submissions and answer any queries you may have.



First Holy Communion 2021. Last two sessions have now been sent out! Please can we have them back by next Wednesday, 5th May. **We will be sending out a Zoom invite for parents for Thursday 6th May at 6.30pm**



BAPTISMS: Separate Saturday baptisms should be able to restart from 17th May onwards, assuming we keep to the roadmap. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website & Sue will get in touch once she receives it. There are currently restrictions on 30 people maximum attending after 17th May, then from 21st June, there are no restrictions on numbers, assuming that everything goes to plan!



May Devotion to Our Lady will take place on Sunday 9th May at 3.30pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden., including Holy Rosary & Benediction, with music from the Shrine Singers. Due to Covid Restrictions only a limited number of seats will be available for reservation, but will be livestreamed. For a link to the livestream and booking of available seats, please visit parish.rcdow.org.uk/Willesden



Live Streaming for SS John Fisher & Thomas More. WE DID IT! Thank you to all who donated. We will get this in place as soon as we can, watch this space and thank you again for your amazing generosity.



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.



Do you know someone of whom we are not reaching? Someone who doesn't have the internet whom we can call to keep in touch? Someone who is simply struggling with the current situation? Please do get in touch with us if you, or someone you know needs a bit of help.



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.



Mass at St Albans Abbey Noon, every Friday 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.