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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection : (Year B) 4th 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 3rd April	Easter Vigil	8pm	All 2021 Sacramental candidates
Sunday 4th April	Easter Sunday	8.30am	Deceased parishioners of the parishes
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	Resurrection	Noon	All those watching online
Monday 5th April	Easter Octave	Noon	Ruth, Miriam, Julius, Aaron & Jane Rees RIP
Tuesday 6th April	Easter Octave	9.15am	Helen Gilligan RIP (Ann)
Wednesday 7th April	No Mass		
Thursday 8th April	Easter Octave	9.15am	Kathleen Traynor RIP (Ann)
Friday 9th April	Easter Octave	9.15am	Deceased members of the Enright Family (Ann)
Saturday 10th April	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm	Kathleen Parsons RIP

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

Liturgy of the Word: 4th April 2021

Entrance Antiphon: *I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.*

Responsorial Psalm: *This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 117:2-4,15-18,22-24 resp. v1, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

Fr. John writes:

"This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad." (Psalm 118:24)

We can indeed rejoice that this Easter our churches are once again open for Mass and that we can gather together as a community around the altar of the Lord. Last year our churches were closed and little did we know the challenges that we were yet to face with the pandemic, then in its early stages. This Easter, with the vaccination programme rolling out steadily, we can all hope for an easing of many of the restrictions which have been necessary and pray that the impact of covid continues to lessen. The followers of Jesus were frightened when they saw him arrested and must have been devastated when they saw him die on the cross. Then there was the confusion of the empty tomb. Their whole world was turned upside down when, as promised, Jesus appeared to them, risen from the dead. We rejoice today in Jesus' victory over sin and death. We rejoice in the promise that just as we will all at some point share in a death like his, so too will we share in his resurrection. For many of us covid will be the defining experience of our generation. But for all generations, the resurrection of Jesus is the true turning point: the world would never be the same again, death would never again be the end. "This is the alpha and the omega. This is the beginning and the end – an indescribable beginning and an incomprehensible end. This is the Christ. This is the king. This is Jesus. This is the Lord. This is the one who rose up from the dead. This is the one who sits at the right hand of the Father." (Bishop Melito of Sardis). As the days lengthen, bringing light and new life to the earth, may the joy and hope of Easter find a place in our hearts, enabling us to spread Jesus' gospel of love in our families and communities.

The parish team wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter. Alleluia !

The Financials...

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 333

Loose Plate £220.71

Contactless donations £ 175

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 230

Total weekly income for this week £958.71.



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"**



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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

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



We are approaching the end of the 2020/2021 tax Year and a big thank you to all who Gift Aid their donations. Please can you let us know if your tax status has changed and you are no longer able to Gift Aid. You do not have to be a big UK tax payer to Gift Aid, but you only have to pay the same amount in tax as you allow the charity to claim, which is 25p for every £1. For example, if you donate £100 in total, we can claim an extra £25 and so you must pay at least £25 in tax that year. Interested? Please let us know & we can send you out a form to complete & we will do the rest!

NOW HIRING

Southwark RC Diocese is looking to recruit a Head of Communications, initially 2 yr fixed term contract, to develop & implement a communications strategy. Based in Central London you will be responsible for an audit of current communications tools & approaches, as well as ensuring all ongoing communications operations meet the highest standards possible. Ideal candidate will have thorough knowledge of the Catholic church & 10+ yrs experience in a senior communications role in a not for profit organisation. He/she will have exemplary written & verbal communication skills, proven experience in both proactive & reactive communications through all media. This is a full time role with a starting salary range of £55,000 - £60,000 per annum depending upon skills and experience. We may consider part time for the right candidate. For more information and to apply please contact sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk closing date, 6th April



Confirmation 2021 : We hope that you enjoyed your Zoom call & got the chance to meet your catechist & some other candidates. The next session, session four was sent out on last Wednesday & needs to be back by **Wednesday 7th April**. We are still waiting for a few confirmation names & details of sponsors.



First Holy Communion 2021. Next session will be a double session & will be sent out next week. Enjoy the break!



We welcome **Ryan, Alexis, Rebekah & Asher** who are 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.



Workshop online event Saturday 10 April from 11am to 12.30. 2021 is a critical year as world leaders decide how the world rebuilds from the pandemic. As Catholics we have an important role to play in calling for the world's poorest communities to be included. Join us to find out how to meet your MP as a parish group. Sat 10 April, 11am to 12.30; book at cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting

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.



Live Streaming for SS John Fisher & Thomas More. 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 SSSJFTM & 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. Thoughts please.



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.