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11th Sunday of Ordinary Time : (Year B) 13th June 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 12th June	Vigil: 11th Sunday	6pm	Veronica Mascarenhas RIP
Sunday 13th June	11th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	Fabien Lazim RIP
		10am	Sean Ryan & Bill McDonagh RIP (1st Ann)
Monday 14th June	Feria	9.15am	Mary & Eric Thompson RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 15th June	Feria	9.15am	Kathleen Reasbeck & Kevin Traynor RIP (Bday)
Wednesday 16th June	No Mass		
Thursday 17th June	Feria	9.15am	Anthony McCarthy (Thanksgiving for safe op)
Friday 18th June	Feria	9.15am	Hugo Lazim RIP
Saturday 19th June	Vigil: 12th Sunday	6pm	Philomena Leary RIP (Ann)

Intentions are now booked until mid- October - allow 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: 13th June 2021

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Next week: Job 38:1,8-11, Psalm 106:23-26,28-31, rv1, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41

Fr. Dominic writes:

Small is beautiful!

Two common phrases we hear today are, "the bigger, the better!" And "the more the merrier!". People want to live in the biggest house, drive the biggest car and belong to the biggest church. But Today's Gospel reading presents a contrast to that in two brief parables. They both compare the reign of God to seeds. In the first one the seed grows mysteriously day by day. The second is about the mustard seeds that are very small but grow large enough to give shelter and shade. Big results from small beginnings.

In human terms a majority does not necessarily decide what is right. More often than not minorities have been the great "change agents" and carriers of truth for the rest of society. Renewal and revival have come through minorities. The abolition of slavery, the securing of Civil Rights, respect for human life, care for the environment, political reform and much more have come through small, dynamic and committed minorities.

Therefore, it is not the number of people who claim the name "Christian" that will change to world but the intensity with which they live their faith. The faith that makes a difference is not the one that grows outward but the one that grows within.

When we look at the beautiful world around us this Summer, we should call to mind the magnificent truth that the growth we see began with small seeds that grew slowly over the years. The same is true in our Church and in our spiritual life. Our spiritual vitality begins with a trickle of water at Baptism. It grows with a wafer of bread in Holy Communion and a smudge of Oil of Chrism at Confirmation. Slowly the graces planted through those sacraments can grow into an heroic and life-changing holiness that profoundly affects others. We sow the seeds and God will give the growth. Let us focus on faithful seeding, generous planting and leave the rest to God.

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 412

Loose Plate £ 46.90

Contactless donations £ 193

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 50

Total weekly income for this week £701.90



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**



BAPTISMS: We can now resume our separate Saturday afternoon baptisms. 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, we are awaiting instructions for when this will lift.



First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programmes for 2021-2022 - registrations live on the website now!!

We hope to start these programmes in the autumn through until May 2022 when we are aiming to have the services. As ever, things may change but please get your child registered so that we can include you in any correspondence from the start. Go to "Sacraments" tab on the website and then scroll down to the one you want - then complete the online form, sub-



Deadline for EU Citizens settled status 30th June 2021 (The following has been developed by the Roma Support Group, a Caritas Westminster partner:)

The deadline is approaching for EU Citizens to secure their immigration status. EU citizens living in the UK have until 30 June 2021 to ensure their immigration status is secured. This can be done through the EU Settlement Scheme. So far over 4.3 million people have been granted status through the scheme. This includes over 700k applications received from children. According to the Migration Observatory, there are over 900k EU children living in the UK. With one month left to go until the deadline we need to make sure that parents are aware of the need for their children to make applications as well. Parents are advised that it is worth checking if children qualify for British citizenship before attempting to make EUSS applications. Those who have British citizenship and those with Indefinite Leave to Remain do not have to apply. Further information on EU Settlement Scheme is available, in all EU languages, here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/settled-status-for-eu-citizens-and-their-families-translations> Children friendly EUSS materials are available here: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/european-childrens-rights-unit/campaigns/eu-settlement-scheme/> EUSS support is available through the Home Office postcode checker tool here: <https://www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme>



Sunday 15th August - Friday 20th August 2021. This summer of 2021 give your kids aged 6 to 11 years old a week-long, overnight camping experience they'll treasure for the rest of their lives....Send them camping for a week with Camp Unity in Borehamwood! 5 minutes from

the centre of Borehamwood, the campsite is a haven of greenery with its own little forest, wild rabbits, birds, space for crackly bonfires and also plenty of activities to keep our young campers busy. Under the auspices of Camp Unity, a fun, safe, educational and very local camping experience with practiced and qualified leaders. To book please speak with Father Dominic on 0208 953 1294 to get the booking forms, further details and information. Our email address for contact is below: campunityborehamwood@gmail.com. Vegetarian-Strictly-Nut Free - Only £25 per week per child! Places are limited - book now! Camp Unity is a Borehamwood based organisation that provides children and their families with opportunities to meet other cultures and foster friendships, leading to greater community cohesion and the celebration of diversity. Winner of Hertsmere Borough Council Civic Award 2019/2020. Winner of The High Sheriff of Hertfordshire Award of 2020.