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**12th Sunday of Ordinary Time : (Year B) 20th 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](http://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 19th June	Vigil: 12th Sunday	6pm	Philomena Leary RIP (Ann)
Sunday 20th June	12th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	Fathers of the Parish
Monday 21st June	St Aloysius Gonzaga	10am	Anne Veronica Frazer RIP
Tuesday 22nd June	SS John Fisher & Thomas More	9.15am	Sr Monica Clare (Int)
<b>Wednesday 23rd June</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thursday 24th June	The Nativity Of St John The Baptist	9.15am	Fabien Lazim RIP
Friday 25th June	Feria	9.15am	Nanette Aguila (Thanksgiving)
Saturday 26th June	Vigil: 13th Sunday	6pm	Lily Pinto RIP
			Michael Brady RIP

**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: 20th June 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!  
**Next week:** Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24, Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, rv2, 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15, Mark 5:21-43

**Fr. John writes:**

**A Day for Life**

This Sunday the church worldwide keeps its annual Day for Life. We give thanks for the gift of life and pray that the dignity of every human life be respected from conception to natural death. We are asked this year to pray in particular for the protection of those approaching the end of life from the very real prospect of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide'. There is a private members Bill currently in the House of Lords calling for this and it seems likely that the issue will in time be considered by the House of Commons. No-one likes to see a fellow human being suffer and support for assisted suicide appeals to this instinct. But created in the image and likeness of God, we are called to value every life until its last breath. The heroic efforts of so many in healthcare during the covid pandemic to preserve life, (in some cases people have been unconscious for long periods and patiently supported back to health) have been an inspiration and remind us that Jesus' earthly ministry was marked by his concern to heal the sick and alleviate their suffering. Any change to the law to introduce assisted suicide would signal a radical shift in healthcare from sustaining life, to putting it to an end. In an already overlaid health system, the removal of the right to life for certain categories of people, or the pressure that some patients might feel to end their lives and not be a burden, raises hugely troubling questions.

We pray today for those who are nearing death and those who accompany them. We pray for all who support the dying with love, upholding their dignity. We pray for all those who minister to the dying, to those who counsel and provide palliative care, to those who work and prescribe medication to relieve suffering. In his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, which instituted the annual day for life, Pope St John Paul prayed to Mary, Mother of the living:

"Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty & love to the people of our time."

### The Financials....

**Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106**

**Last week's Offertory**

**Envelopes £ 186**

**Loose Plate £ 127.61**

**Contactless donations £ 140**

**Virgin Money Donations via website £ 0**

**Total weekly income for this week £453.61**



**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](mailto: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](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)**



**BAPTISMS: We welcome Iris who is baptised this weekend.** 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 don't expect this to lift until after 19th July at least.



### 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, submit it, & it will make its way to us.



### Deadline for EU Citizens settled status 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.