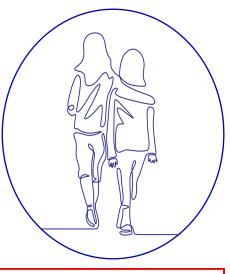
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19th Sunday of Ordinary Time: (Year B) 8th August 2021

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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 7th August Vigil: 19th Sunday 6pm Tom Corry RIP (Bday) Sunday 8th August 19th Sunday of 8.30am Philip & Lucy Pereira RIP **Ordinary Time** 10am Nora Fitzgerald RIP Mike O'Mara RIP Monday 9th August St Teresa Benedicta 9.15am Tuesday 10th August St Lawrence 9.15am Claire Knowles RIP

Wednesday 11th August No Mass

Thursday 12th August Feria 9.15am Ricardo Cachuela (Thanksgiving)

Friday 13th August Feria 9.15am Patrick Fleming RIP Saturday 14th August Vigil: The Assumption 6pm Felix Costa (Int)

Intentions are now booked until 2022- 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: 8th August 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love

him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Next week: Apocalypse 11:19;12:1-6,10, Psalm 44:10-12,16, resp v10, 1 Corinthians15:20-26

Luke 1:39-56

Fr. Dominic writes:

When we get discouraged

In our First reading from the first book of Kings we find that Elijah was an utterly discouraged man. He sat down under the shade of a tree, took stock of his life and concluded that it was a wasted effort. He even prayed to die. But apparently, he wasn't too serious about that. If he had really wanted to die, Queen Jezebel would have been more that happy to accommodate him. In fact, she vowed to do that very thing.

The story begins in the previous chapter. Elijah had his famous victory over the prophets of Baal. In a head to head contest with the prophets he proved the superiority of Israel's God. Then he personally killed all four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, a resounding victory. Elijah thought that this would end his Nation turning to false gods. Sadly, the struggle was not over, he had miscalculated the resolve of Queen Jezebel and she issued a death sentence on him and he had to flee. It was a hard blow for him and he was totally discouraged.

In this, Elijah is very like us who when we are trying to be faithful to God sometimes find ourselves disappointed. We expect one thing and get another. We struggle to do the right thing and God rewards us by leaving us vulnerable to some Jezebel. Where is the justice in that? Elijah felt the same way, he was discouraged and all of us find ourselves in that same circumstance. It is a common malady of the human family.

We are not alone with this feeling, even Jesus anguished when he proclaimed "O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I be with you? How long must I endure you? When we are discouraged we are in good company, Elijah and even Jesus. As the angel came to Elijah we also can expect some help as many angels come with human faces. Elijah's angel instructed him to get up and get on with his life, that is our instruction also.

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 340.90

Loose Plate £ 316.65

Contactless donations £ 166

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 0

Total weekly income for this week £ 823.55



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



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!)

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



APF Red Boxes are back! - To all our red box holders in both churches, please bring your boxes to St Teresa's during July & August. If you

leave them in the sacristy, they will be emptied & ready for collection from the same spot the following week. If you are now contributing by direct debit and no longer want the box. Please put a note on it The APF Misso booklet will be attached to the emptied box and contains details on the back page of how to give by DDR

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



A big thank you to **Mgr Harry Turner** who is helping us out when Fr Dominic is away or covering for Carpenders Park whilst Fr John is on holiday.



BAPTISMS: . Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon. 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. You will need to take a short online

preparation course as we are currently not running any classes.



First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programmes for 2021-2022 - registrations live on the website now!! We hope to start these pro-

grammes 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.



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.



Fit, Fed and Read is a free high-quality holiday activity programme, for children aged 8-11, who are eligible for free school meals. More details and the booking form can be found on

the following link: https://bit.ly/3exK9pk

HAPpy – Hertfordshire's Holiday Activity
Programme - is offering a wide range of
free opportunities this summer for 5-16
year olds, eligible for free school meals.
More info can be found on the following
link https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking/



