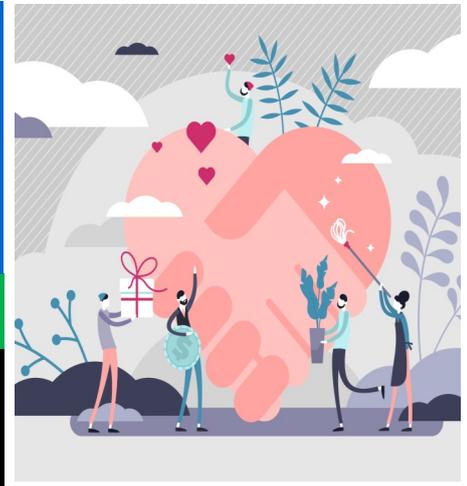


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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time : (Year B) 19th September 2021

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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.

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| Saturday 18th September | Vigil: 25th Sunday | 6pm | Keiran & Mary Shine (Int) |
| Sunday 19th September | 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 8.30am | Joe Starr RIP |
| Monday 20th September | St Andrew | 10am | Andrej Nowak RIP |
| Tuesday 21st September | St Matthew | 9.15am | Ruth Partington RIP |
| Wednes. 22nd September | No Mass | | |
| Thursday 23rd September | St Pius | 9.15am | Michael & Myrtle McCarthy RIP |
| Friday 24th September | Our Lady of Walsingham | 9.15am | Jean McCartney-McKinnon RIP |
| Saturday 25th September | Vigil: 26th Sunday | 9.15am | Mary Connaughton RIP |
| | | 6pm | Kathleen Parsons RIP |

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: 19th September 2021

Entrance Antiphon: *I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord upholds my life.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world says the Lord, Anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Numbers 11:25-29, Psalm 18:8,10,12-14 , Resp v9, James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48*

Fr. Dominic writes:

"The last and servant of all"

In today's gospel, the disciples are arguing over honour in their ranks - "I'm the greatest," "No I'm the greatest". Jesus tackled the programme head on, " if anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all". But he didn't stop there, he went further, he told the disciples to welcome children, then the lowest creatures in the culture. Children could not be counted on to reciprocate, nor were they likely to broadcast the magnanimous charity shown to them to a wide audience.

Are we guilty of this too? When we reflect on every "Little child" in our community - we need to reflect on all the silent, marginalised, insignificant persons who are nameless faces; do we give them the same consideration we would give to a visible, active ,perhaps powerful and influential member of our community?

You have probably seen that the Russian Choir have cancelled their concert tour and we are not yet hiring out the parish centre, SS John Fisher & Thomas More remains shut. We are being cautious, we will wait for a further few weeks then make our decisions as to reopening, paramount will be keeping people safe. If you are still to complete your vaccinations, please do so, if you are asked to wear a mask in a public place, please do so .

You may not feel that you are in danger of falling ill but as "the last and servant of all", we should do all we can to minimise risk to others.



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. If you no longer wish to give by envelope, please let us know & we will amend our records.



BAPTISMS: We welcome Ella, Alex & Isiah who are being baptised this week. 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 face to face classes.

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 208

Loose Plate £ 169.68

Contactless donations £ 230

Virgin Money Donations via website £ NIL

Total weekly income for this week £ 607.68



First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programmes for 2021-2022 - REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED FOR THESE WE WILL BE IN TOUCH AT THE END OF THIS MONTH WITH DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME.



Parish Centre Update - We have decided that the Parish Centre will not be available for one off hires (Birthday parties etc.) until next year.

We want to see how the pandemic plays out over the Autumn and then decide. The Food Bank & our regular club hires will still take place and if you are having a baptism/wedding or funeral at St Teresa's you will still be able to hire the hall for a small gathering, but we are leaving it at that for the moment.

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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!)

Saturday 2nd October: Russian Choir CANCELLED

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

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 **contactless machines** at St Teresa's but - you have to be here in person! . **Look at the "About us" page on the website & you will see "Donate"**



Certificates of catholic practice As the Sunday Obligation is suspended until Advent, we will be using the online process for certificates again this year. Please submit via the website but drop in your child's baptism certificate to the parish office if they were not baptised at Borehamwood. Please allow three working days (excluding Fridays) then collect from the office.



Reflections with Sr Avril: These will be held at **11am at St Teresa's on 5th October, 2nd November & 30th November.** The reflection for October will be: "St Joseph - earthly father of Our Lord & husband of Mary - based on Patris Corde, the apostolic letter by Pope Francis on St Joseph"



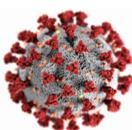
Protecting your privacy: Any personal details that you provide to this parish, (name, address, email, telephone number etc.) will be held on file & stored on the parish computer securely. If applicable, your details will also be entered into the appropriate Sacramental Register. For Volunteers groups, 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**



"What's going on?"

Service of blessing for pets - 2pm Saturday 9th October. At St Teresa's Church. All pets welcome - the owners can come too!

Please don't forget that you still need to pre book the weekend masses and we need you to wear your facemasks whilst in church still, please make use of the sanitising stations- and if you would like a space left next to you - please pick up a "leave a space" card when you come in and place it beside you on the pews. Many thanks!



News on SSJFTM - we haven't opened Rosington Avenue up yet as we are waiting a steer from the Diocese with regards to Covid requirements and guidelines. As with our decision over the parish centre hires, we are being extremely cautious and wait to see what happens to the virus rates with the return to schools & offices over the next few weeks. We will keep you posted as soon as we hear.