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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time: (Year B) 3rd October 2021

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October - the month of Mary

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 2nd October Vigil: 27th Sunday 6pm Simone Cooper RIP Sunday 3rd October 27th Sunday of 8.30am Eileen Dooley RIP **Ordinary Time** 10am Rayshel Mendoza (Thanksgiving) Monday 4th October St Francis of Assisi 9.15am Margaret Tighe RIP Tuesday 5th October Feria 9.15am Kraghel, Benes, Visitin & Furlan families alive & dead, Simon Glowotz RIP

Wednes. 6th October No Mass

Thursday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary 9.15am Aubrey Persuad RIP (Ann)
Friday 8thOctober St John Henry Numan 9.15am Mary & Gerry Corry RIP (Bday)

Saturday 9th October Service of Blessing for pets 2pm

Vigil: 28th Sunday 6pm Leonard Traynor RIP (Ann)

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

Liturgy of the Word: 3rd October 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist

your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is

held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life..

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Your word is truth O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia! **Next week's readings:** Wisdom 7:7-11, Psalm 89:12-17,Resp v14, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10: 17-30

Fr. Dominic writes: Expecting too little out of life?

A student asked his teacher: "What grade do I have to make on this final exam in order to pass the course?" That question reflected a minimalist attitude towards education in general and that course in particular. The student was not concerned with what grade he could make or with what he might learn. His only concern was passing the course. The young man was doing with school what many of us do with life - expecting too little. Knowledge could be his for the taking. But he wasn't interested. All he wanted was the lowest grade that would enable him to pass the course.

Our Gospel reading includes some men who reflected a similar attitude. They were grown men dealing with the serious issue of marriage. They have discovered that it not fun and games but a very serious issue, like most people discover. When marriage is difficult we have three options; 1, they can endure it, 2, they can give up and quit or 3, they work at making their marriage something good and beautiful.

In the reading they are discussing Option 2, If it is too much hard work "give up and quit". They asked Jesus it that was permissible under the Law. Jesus agreed that Moses allowed it but only as a concession to human stubbornness. Though God's plan afforded something far better, there was an escape clause for those who insisted. To make his point Jesus went back to Genesis, God saw that it was not good for people to live in loneliness and decreed a partnership. The two became one, affording the ultimate intimacy.

All partnerships falter, and have rough periods but if the people involved are willing to acknowledge weakness and fault, practice forgiveness and start over and over again then the beauty of their love can shine out and dazzle.



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.

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 386

Loose Plate £ 94

Contactless donations £ 205

Virgin Money Donations via website £85

Total weekly income for this week £ 770.00



Dates for your diary - we hope!!

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



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School is looking for new governors to help in driving forward the continuous improvement of the school, could you help? Training and support is provided. If you are interested please contact the school office for more infor-

mation admin@stteresas.herts.sch.uk or 020 8953 3753



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 & will be based on St Joseph.

5th October : St Joseph - a human father. 2nd November: St Joseph: a perspective of Pope Francis from his apostolic letter,

30th November: St Joseph & Advent: a Season of Hope.



Borehamwood SVP would like to give our sincere thanks to all the parishioners who donated to the SVP collection last weekend. We raised £186.00. This is an amazing achievement in these difficult financial times, so a huge THANK YOU to you all. This money will help

many local people in need.

If you were unable to donate and would still like to do so our bank details are: 46076417, Sort code: 60-60-04, NatWest Bank, Name: SVP St Teresa Borehamwood. Please remember we are here to help. If you know anyone that needs support or you have an hour or two to spare and would like to help, please call Margaret: 07479 847 130 or email SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com Thank you once again for all your generosity.



BAPTISMS: . We welcome Frankie & Elkanah who are being baptised this weekend. Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registra-

tion 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.



CAFOD Family Fast Day - Climate Crisis Appeal Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common

home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/ climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/ And thank you for your generosity climate. our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies.







Protecting your privacy: Any personal details that you provide to this parties, will be dress, email, telephone number etc.) will be

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



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



Thinking about volunteering? Find out how to get ald Caritas started during a free interactive session run by Cari-Westminster tas Westminster. Know your options. Understand the process. Leave with an action plan to help you

get started Find out more at.

caritaswestminster.org.uk/introduction-to-volunteering-