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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time : (Year B) 5th 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.

Saturday 4th September	Vigil: 23rd Sunday	6pm	Dorothy Aldridge RIP (Ann)
Sunday 5th September	23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	Baby Enrico Vilas RIP (Ann)
Monday 6th September	Feria	10am	Martin Burke RIP
Tuesday 7th September	Feria	9.15am	Frank Atkinson RIP (1st Ann)
Wednesday 8th September No Mass		9.15am	Ferderico Espino RIP (Ann)
Thursday 9th September	Feria	9.15am	Jean McCartney-McKinnon RIP
Friday 10th September	Feria	9.15am	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 11th September	Vigil: 24th Sunday	6pm	Malachy Connolly RIP (Bday)

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: 5th September 2021

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat you servant in accord with your merciful love

Responsorial Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Next week's readings: Isaiah 50:5-9, Psalm 114:1-6,8-9, Resp v9, James 2: 14-18, Mark 8:27-35

Fr. Dominic writes: *Is prejudice a problem in our lives, our homes, our church, our society? Our Reading from the pen of James puts the problem of prejudice very pointedly. "My brothers, your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ must not allow for favouritism." Then he paints a word picture of two men coming into the assembly of Christians. One of them is obviously wealthy, and the other is obviously poor. James insists that they both must be treated alike. In the fellowship of the church, there is no allowable place for social discrimination or class or race distinction of any kind. To prefer one person above another because of wealth, race or sex is to deny the central theme of the Gospel and rob it of all its vitality.*

The church was the only place in the ancient world where discrimination between people was not the accepted policy and practice. The temple in Jerusalem had a court for Jewish men, a court for Jewish women, and another court for Gentiles. The women could not enter the court of the men, and the gentiles were forbidden entry into either Jewish courts. Roman society was equally as structured with nobility at the top, then ordinary Roman citizens, then foreigners, and finally slaves.

Into that divided and divisive social order came Christ, teaching that God is Father and all people are brothers and sisters. It became a really difficult task. Everything in society screamed against it. The Jewish Christians found it very painful to mingle with gentile Christians. Slaves and slave owners were terribly uncomfortable seated side by side in worship. But for the church to draw lines of distinction would be a denial of the very message that it proclaimed. We still face the same dilemma today. The message of Christ has not changed. Society has changed but the old policies of discrimination persist. If the church is to be true to the One that it represents we must find practical ways to deal with the problem of prejudice.



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: 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 £ 161.15

Loose Plate £ 127.74

Contactless donations £ 140

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 152

Total weekly income for this week £ 580.89



First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programmes for 2021-2022 - DEADLINE APPROACHING! THESE MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY

17TH SEPTEMBER !! 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.

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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: 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



A big thank you to the Priests from Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate

who are helping us out this weekend; Fr Dominic is struggling with his back and is unable to celebrate Mass this weekend.

The funeral of long standing parishioner, Tom O'Sullivan will take place on 7th September at St Teresa's at 10am followed by committal at West Herts.

May he rest in peace & rise in glory.



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! 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 "Donate"**



Fire Marshalls Needed! Can you help? As part of our getting back to full capacity, we need to set up our volunteers for Fire Safety. Our Health & Safety Specialists, Precision, have arranged an evening, for the training of Fire Marshalls in the parishes. This will take place on Wednesday 15th September, 7pm at SS Albans and Stephens Parish Centre, St Albans.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to volunteer and if you are able to attend the training. Many thanks.



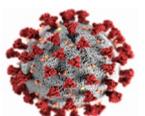
Can you help with Reading at St Teresa's School?

We are looking for volunteers to help with reading at the school. The school will be holding a training session next week, 8th September 9.30-10.30am. Please can you get in touch if you would like to volunteer & if you can attend the session, the school will then arrange the DBS & a weekly timetable.



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**

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 - many thanks!



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Diversity Festival

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