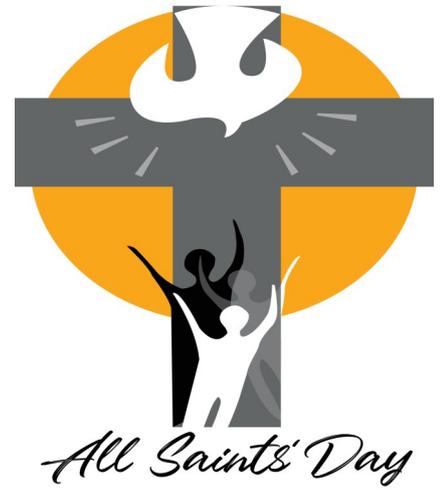


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All Saints : (Year B) 31st October 2021

Fr. Dominic McKenna Parish Priest (based at St Teresa's)	Tel: 020 8953 1294
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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 30th October	Vigil: All Saints	6pm	Patsy Hackett RIP (Ann)
Sunday 31st October	All Saints	8.30am	Tucker & Burke Families (Int)
		10am	Alvarino Mateus Afonso RIP (Ann)
Monday 1st November	Feria	9.15am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 2nd November	All Souls Day	7am	Deceased Priests of the Parish
		9.15am	Deceased Parishioners
		7.30pm	Mass of Remembrance
Wednes. 3rd November	No Mass		
Thursday 4th November	St Charles Borromeo	9.15am	Lilly Ward RIP
Friday 5th November	Feria	9.15am	Lilly Pinto RIP (Ann)
Saturday 6th November	Vigil: 32nd Sunday	6pm	Lenna Traynor RIP (Ann)

Confessions 5pm-5.40pm Saturdays in the Lady Chapel at St Teresa's - no booking necessary
Mass intentions are now booked until February 2022

Liturgy of the Word: 31st October 2021

Entrance Antiphon: *Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the son of God*

Responsorial Psalm: *Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!*

Fr. Dominic writes: *This is the Feast for all those family and friends who have gone before us. This year the Solemnity of All Saints takes precedence over the Sunday Liturgy. This celebration honours all those who have died and are now with the Lord in Heaven. Traditionally we say it honours those who have already been purified and are in the full presence of God's love. On 2nd November, All Souls Day, we shall pray for those who have died and are in need of purification.*

For most of us, there is a question about what it is to be a saint. It is a good question because often we only think of the extraordinary saints who have been proclaimed saints by the Church. We have to be honest and say that we do not know how all this works but we know one thing: God loves us and invites each one of us to be a saint. All we have to do is try to be faithful to God's will in our lives and live with God's love. Of course we will fail in these attempts but we can always get up and try again. It is this loving God of ours who can accomplish this transformation in us, but only if we keep trying to be faithful and loving.

Our joy today is about having this inner longing to be like the saints - not in some unreal way but in our desire to know and serve the living God. Each of us has his or her own way to holiness because God created each one of us as a special gift of divine love. Part of living is to discover this individual and unique gift of God's love in our life. Again, the only way to do this is to try to faithful and loving.

All of us are given people in our lives, our family, our friends, our workmates, our neighbours and we live in a wider community of individuals. As Christians our vocation is to enrich all those we come into contact with. To be loving, caring, just, forgiving, generous. In other words we strive to be saints, but fallible and always in need of mercy.



First Holy Communion - details were sent out by email this week to all registered. **FIRST MEETING TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 6.15PM PARENTS & CHILDREN IN ST TERESAS CHURCH**

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 452

Loose Plate £ 229

Contactless donations £ 367

Virgin Money Donations via website £ 0

Total weekly income for this week £ 1048



APPLICATIONS for RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2022

Date of birth for Primary Applications :1st September 2017 – 31st August 2018, **School start date:** September 2022. Applications open 1st November 2021. Application packs available from school office from Tuesday 2nd November (between 9.30am–3pm) Applications close **3pm prompt** Friday 14th January 2022. **School offers made** 19th April 2022. For any enquiries please call the school office 020 8953 3753.

Open sessions for prospective parents to visit St Teresa's Catholic Primary school and meet with the Head teacher: All visitors to complete a negative Lateral Flow Test the night before and to wear a mask. Please book with the school office .Maximum 6 parents per visit .

Tuesday 16th November at 9.15am

Thursday 18th November at 9.15am

Tuesday 23rd November at 9.15am

Wednesday 24th November at 9.15am



Building Contingency Fund - we haven't been having the usual monthly collection for this fund during the past 12 months, but the envelopes are back this weekend - the reason? Well, its been an expensive time.... The boiler at the Parish Centre broke down this month and had to be replaced, the flat roofs at

SSJFTM need to be completely replaced and as you can see, we have buckets at the back of St Teresa's and are awaiting a quote for fixing! The Romanians are kindly paying half of the bill at SSJFTM, but we are still looking at outlay of over £10,000 without the St T roof repairs factored in. We also have to get three fire doors fitted into Fr Dominic's house as the fire regulations have been changed. This at a time when, if you keep an eye on the top left box of this newsletter you will have noticed, weekly offertory has been down quite noticeably! If you can help, please pick up an envelope and donate, if you Gift Aid your donation - even better! You can also give by bank transfer (40 05 20 91095714 WRC DT St Teresa). You can also contactless a donation, just let us know if you do, to make sure that we allocate it to the correct pot! If you cannot afford to help, please say a prayer that the rest of the roofs in the parish remain in place, & in tact!!



"The SVP are distributing **11,500 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.70 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237** .

Thank you so much for your support."



BAPTISMS: We welcome Jack & Emilia who are being baptised this weekend. Our baptisms are individual baptisms and take place on a Saturday afternoon with a Rite of Welcome the week before at your usual Mass. 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.



Certificates of catholic practice Please print a certificate from the website, part complete & drop in to the parish office, along with the child's baptism certificate if they were not baptised at Borehamwood. Please allow three working days (excluding Fridays) then collect.



Confirmation - Details have been sent out this week to all registered. **FIRST MEETING TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 6.30PM CANDIDATES & PARENTS IN ST TERESA'S CHURCH**



Would you like to be received into the Catholic faith? Have you been attending church with a Catholic partner or friend and are interested in becoming a full member of the church? Or maybe you were baptised Catholic but didn't go on to have your Confirmation? We are looking to start our programmes for these, with a view to the Receptions/ Adult Confirmations taking place at the Easter Vigil next year. If you are interested give us a call or fill in the appropriate form online (under "Sacraments" tab on the website)

November is the Month of Holy Souls: You find the leaflet in church for placing names on the Remembrance List for November. Please pick up and complete and return to us in the brown envelope provided, along with your Mass Offering.

There is also a form online for you to complete if you cannot get into church, please make your donation online or pop it through the letter box at the St Teresa's Presbytery, please indicate what its for as we keep the donations separate.

Tuesday 2nd November: is ALL SOULS DAY. We will have a 7am Mass, 9.15am Mass and then at 7.30pm **Mass of Remembrance at St Teresa's** 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: 2pm Blessing of the Graves at Allum Lane. We would be grateful for people to volunteer as Stewards to help Fr Dominic & Fr Shaun. Please do not attend if you are displaying any Coronavirus symptoms, even though the event is outdoors, and please bring your face masks in case you are in close contact with anyone from other family groups.



Important news about giving online You may have already heard that Virgin Money Giving – the online donation platform – is to close in November 2021.

While the diocese is working towards alternative online donation systems, we thought it wise to make everyone aware of what this situation means. During the pandemic online giving has become increasingly important for us. We are fortunate to receive one-off donations online. Some people have also generously set up recurring monthly donations via Virgin Money Giving to support the parish during COVID-19. From 30th November these monthly donations **will be cancelled automatically by Virgin Money Giving.** The Diocese is setting up new online giving tools but this will take time to arrange. The best way to support the parish is by standing order. Regular giving is the financial bedrock, costing less to manage than online giving so your money goes further. If you would like to know more about standing orders please contact Sue and we can help. Thank you.