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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time : (Year B) 7th November 2021

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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 13th November	Vigil: 33rd Sunday	6pm	Richard Aldridge RIP (Ann)
Sunday 14th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am) All those who have given their lives
Monday 15th November	Feria	10am) to save others during conflict
Tuesday 16th November	St Edmund of Abingdon	9.15am	Kevin Traynor RIP (Ann)
Wednes. 17th November	No Mass	9.15am	Ruth, Miriam, Julius, Aaron & Jane Rees RIP
Thursday 18th November	Feria	9.15am	Margaret Kinney RIP
Friday 19th November	Feria	9.15am	Holy Souls
Saturday 20th November	Vigil: Christ, King of the Universe	6pm	Kathleen Parsons RIP

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

Liturgy of the Word: 14th November 2021

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm:

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Next week's readings:

Daniel 7:13-14, Psalm 92:1-2, resp v1, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

Fr. Dominic writes:

Is the end of world coming? Where is the Good News?

The Readings today are disturbing readings. They are filled with ominous language about cosmic collapse and signs about the end times. They tell of terrible events to come when the sun and moon fail to give light. Everything on which people relied will fall apart. These are troubling readings.

But this is Gospel. It is supposed to be good news. In what sense can this Gospel reading, all three of these readings in fact, be considered "good news"? The readings today about the end of the world show us the world-wide, centuries long conflict between good and evil of which each of us has a part. We all experience tension and conflict in our lives about many things. Soon, we come to realise that this conflict may be unique for us but it is not unique with us. It is a local personal battle in the larger war going on between redeemed and unredeemed, between good and evil, between sin and grace in which we are all involved. It runs through neighbourhoods, churches, politics, governments, classrooms, cultures, unions, businesses, sports, hospitals, entertainment as well as our lives. In our lives, we are experiencing everyday a piece of this larger struggle. The conflict between good and evil is a real and constant part of our lives.

We should not expect heaven any place on earth. We have to deal with the effects of sin everywhere we live and everywhere we go. We also have to be reassured that in all these conflicts God's grace will be present to bring salvation and strength to his people. Whenever and wherever we live we can draw on the power of Christ' resurrection victory into our lives here and now - the promise of the sacraments. The promise given in the scriptures is that in the end, the end of our life and at the end of our world, there will always be Christ.



First Holy Communion - details were sent out by email this week to all registered. **FIRST MEETING TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 6.15PM PARENTS & CHILDREN IN ST TERESA'S CHURCH. Note date change**

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 244

Loose Plate £ 215.59

Contactless donations £ 361

Total weekly income for this week £ 820.59



APPLICATIONS for RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2022

Date of birth for Primary Applications :1st September 2017 – 31st August 2018, School start date: September 2022. Applications now open, closing **3pm Friday 14th January 2022. Offers made 19th April 2022.** Please call the school 020 8953 3753. Please book open sessions to visit with the school office dates below:

- Tuesday 16th November at 9.15am
- Thursday 18th November at 9.15am
- Tuesday 23rd November at 9.15am
- Wednesday 24th November at 9.15am

St Teresa's Nursery 22/23: St Teresa's governors are considering the future of their Nursery class and would like to know if parents of Nursery age children for the academic year 2022/23 (date of birth 01/09/18 - 31/08/19) would be considering sending their child to St Teresa's Nursery in Sept 2022 - if this provision was to re-open. This Nursery would run from 8.45-11.45am each day. Please can parents who would consider St Teresa's Nursery for their child, contact the school office (0208 953 3753 or admin@stteresas.herts.sch.uk.) by **Monday 22nd November** to declare an interest. Please note that this Nursery will only be able to open if there will be a sufficient number of children on roll to cover the cost of staffing. Also parents will need to complete a formal application in Jan/Feb 2022, if our Nursery is to be open.

Looking for something different to give as presents this year? Please take a **CAFOD World Gifts** catalogue from the back of the church with a whole range of gifts & ideas. It's a great way to give a different gift & help someone at the same time.



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, it's 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!!



BAPTISMS: 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**



Thank you to all who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests Collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with the care that they need. There are still envelopes out if you would like to donate You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations or via the QR code on the posters. We are aware that you have many calls on your funds, so thank you for any help that you can give.

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.



We are delighted to be given the chance to support **Presents for Prisoners' children** again this year. There are two charities that we are working with; Angel Tree & Operation Elf. David Cooke from Angel Tree will be here at the 10am Mass next weekend. Because of the pandemic, you will be asked to pick a present but rather than buy this, Angel Tree would like you to send the funds and the presents will be bought centrally. Operation Elf are asking for £10 gift cards - actual cards for department stores or the One4all card. More details to follow next week, but we are happy to collate the funds & cards and them send them to the organisations.



Senior Citizens Christmas Party - we have thought long & hard about this & what we should do. Given that the Covid cases remain high, we feel that we could not in good faith have all our Senior Citizens together for the annual party this year. We know this is a disappointment but the safety of our congregation must be paramount.



New mass times: From the 27th November, we are opening up SS John Fisher & Thomas More & changing our masses. They will be as follows:
Saturdays 6pm at SSJFTM (With choir)
Sundays 8.30am at SSJFTM
Sundays 10am at St T (with choir)
Sundays Noon at St T

We have a large number of Covid tests. Please take a box from the back of the church and if you are feeling unwell, please do test yourself. As winter approaches we must remain vigilant.

