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1st Sunday of Advent : (Year C) 28th 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 27th November	Vigil: 1st Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Dr Pierre Yves Castelain RIP
Sunday 28th November	1st Sunday	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Holy Souls
	Of Advent	10am (St T)	Fergus McGrath RIP (Ann)
		Noon (St T)	Jose Dias RIP (Ann)
Monday 29th November	Advent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Eric & Mary Thompson RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 30th November	St Andrew	9.15am (St T)	Maria Luisa Visintin RIP
	Funeral Service	11am (St T)	Patricia Taylor RIP
Wednes. 1st December	No Mass		
Thursday 2nd December	Advent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Michael O'Leary RIP (Ann)
	Funeral Service	10am (St T)	Deborah Monaghan RIP
Friday 3rd December	St Francis Xavier	9.15am (St T)	Gussie McCarthy RIP (Ann) RIP
Saturday 4th December	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Margaret Kinney RIP

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

Liturgy of the Word: 28th November 2021

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted: let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

and give us your saving help Alleluia!

Next week's readings:

Baruch 5:1-9, Psalm 125 resp v3, Philipians 1:4-6,8-11, Luke 3:1-6

Fr. Dominic writes:

Advent - a Wake up call to the world?

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent which ends before the first evening prayer of Christmas. It is a time of preparation for Christmas when the first coming of God's son to earth is recalled, but also a season when minds are directed to Christ's second coming at the end of time. It is officially "a time of joyful and spiritual expectation". It quite often doesn't seem like that; its more like "Do we go to your Mother's or mine?", "Can we afford to get that present?", "I'm running out of time", "real tree or artificial?", you get the drift. It is important - but not easy - to take a moment and remember "the reason for the season" that is, the coming of Jesus, the Saviour. But what do we need saving from? Maybe we should see Advent as a wake up call to the world, or at least a wake up call to ourselves to remember what Advent is really all about.

The events of the past 18 months or so have shown us that we cannot take anything for granted, life is a privilege and we should live it well, whilst remembering why Jesus was sent to earth. We need to increase our strength of will for doing good and be an advocate against injustice. The coming of Jesus signalled a new age in which justice, mercy and God's saving reign will flourish. It may not feel like this on earth at times, but when you remember that Advent is concerned with not just Jesus' birth, but his second coming, trying to be that little bit better as a person, gets a little bit easier.



First Holy Communion - NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 6.15PM PARENTS & CHILDREN IN ST TERESAS CHURCH. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR FHC DATE BY NOW. CONTACT THE OFFICE IF NOT

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 289.41

Loose Plate £ 322.10

Contactless donations £ 172

Total weekly income for this week £ 783.51



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**

- Open sessions: 9.15am Tue 30th Nov, Wed 1st Dec, Tue 7th Dec and Wed 8th Dec; please call school to book.

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 consider 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 this contact the school office (0208 953 3753 or admin@stteresas.herts.sch.uk.) by **Monday 22nd November** The Nursery will only be able to open if there will be a sufficient number of children on roll to cover the costs. Parents will need to complete a formal application in Jan/Feb 2022, if matters proceed.



Thoughts from above... AKA the roofs, an ongoing saga.

As you know, the flat roof at St T over the Sacristy is to be replaced at a cost of £654, now the scaffolding is in place at St Teresa's, we have been able to ascertain that the problem is the absence of lead flashing in the various joins - not that its been stolen, but at some point its been mas-sticked instead! We await the quote to fix & will let you know. Also the roof is leaking in the St T Presbytery in one of the attic rooms, at least discovering it now means that once the St T church leak is fixed, the scaffolding can be taken down & moved to the side of the house to look at this! The flat roof repairs at SSJFTM are going well so far. Thank you to all who have contributed to the Contingency Fund so far, if you haven't yet, but 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 WRCDT 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, don't worry, please say a prayer that the rest of the roofs in the parish remain in place, & in tact!!



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.

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.



BAPTISMS: We welcome **Finnley** who is being baptised here this weekend. 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 - Thank you to all who attended the meeting on Tuesday, NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 25TH JANUARY 6.30PM CANDIDATES & PARENTS IN ST TERESA'S CHURCH Please make sure that your work is returned to us by **16th January** to allow plenty of time for the Catechists to review and plan their session.



Please remember to wear your face masks when in church, especially during the singing & responses.

If you would like to be part of the choir at the 6pm Mass which is going to be held at **SSJFTM from now on**, please turn up at 5.30pm on the day to run through the evening's Liturgy.



Presents for Prisoners' children Thank you to all who took a name for Angel Tree last weekend, please can we have your details & donations back to us before tomorrow (29th) If you missed out on the chance to donate then Operation Elf are asking for £10 gift cards - actual cards for department stores / One4all card to be sent to Operation Elf, PACT, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA by **30th November**



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).



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Sue is on holiday from 2nd-13th December. Fr Dominic is around, but not able to do much whilst his back is so painful. If it can wait until Sue's return, that would be much appreciated.



Can you help us return to normal? With the return of four masses a weekend, the Sunday obligation and the shake up of what masses we have and where, we need to get a handle on what Readers / Eucharistic Ministers / Helpers / Choir members that we will have at what masses. If you are one of our kind volunteers and you wish to continue, please can you let us know what Mass you will be attending so that we can make sure we are fully covered - the rotas are proving a challenge! Of course if you would like to start volunteering in any way - please let us know for what Mass & what you would like to do.