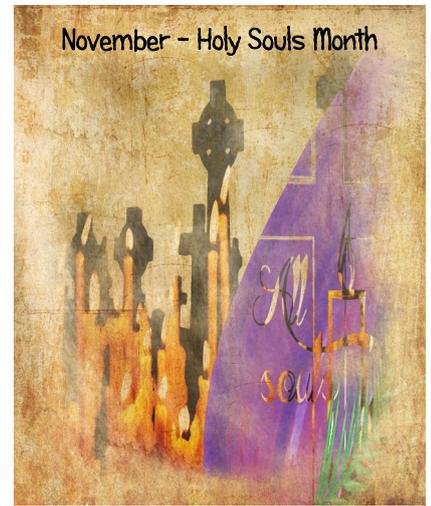


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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time : (Year B) 7th November 2021

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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 6th November	Vigil: 32nd Sunday	6pm	Lenna Traynor RIP (Ann)
Sunday 7th November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Mary Linnane RIP (Ann)
Monday 8th November	Feria	10am	Patrick O'Leary RIP
Tuesday 9th November	Dedication Lateran Basilica	9.15am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 10th November	No Mass	9.15am	Frank Atkinson RIP
Thursday 11th November	St Martin of Tours	9.15am	Mary Connaughton RIP
Friday 12th November	St Josaphat	9.15am	Mary Henderson RIP (Ann)
Saturday 13th November	Vigil: 33rd Sunday	6pm	Richard Aldridge RIP (Ann)

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: 7th November 2021

Entrance Antiphon: *Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Daniel 12:1-13, Psalm 15:5,8-11, resp v1, Hebrews 10:11-14,18, Mark: 13:24-32*

Fr. John writes:

"The Lord upholds the widow and orphan." (Psalm 145)

Our first reading today tells the story of Elijah being sent to request water and food from a poor widow who is herself in dire straits. It was a story well known enough for Jesus to have mentioned it in his teaching (in Luke chapter 4) to illustrate the fact that prophets had often been rejected by their own people. This was because Elijah, who had confronted the king of Israel and his wife for setting up a temple to worship a pagan deity, had been sent by God to take refuge outside Israel and during a drought to seek out a non-Jewish woman for help. Elijah finds this gentile woman prepared to listen to the word of God, whilst the people of Israel reject it. When Jesus mentions this story (in his home town of Galilee), his own people indeed reject him and try to throw him off a cliff!

Elijah's encounter with the widow is a story about keeping faith with God in difficult times. Elijah has found himself, in obedience to God's word, alone and starving in a foreign land. Why on earth, he must have thought, has God sent him to ask this poor widow for food? She has watched her food supplies dwindle down to the very last and she is preparing a last meal and accepting that she and her son will then die. But Elijah tells her not to be afraid and that he has received the word of the Lord that her final scraps of grain and oil will last till the end of the drought. Trusting in the word of God, she shares the food with Elijah and miraculously the food does indeed last.

Help us dear Lord to trust in you in good times and in bad. Help us always to try to share your gifts with those less fortunate than ourselves, for you O Lord love the just and protect the stranger.



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 TERESAS CHURCH. Note date change**

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 203.50

Loose Plate £ 196.51

Contactless donations £ 290

Total weekly income for this week £ 690.01



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. Applications available from school office from Tuesday 2nd November. Applications close **3pm prompt** Friday 14th January 2022. **School offers made** 19th April 2022. For any enquiries call the school office 020 8953 3753. Open sessions for prospective parents to visit the school and meet with the Head teacher: All to complete a negative Lateral Flow Test the night before and to wear a mask. Please book with the school office .

- 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 January/February 2022, if our Nursery is to be open.



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 bee 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!!



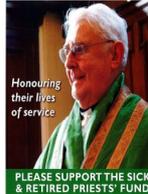
BAPTISMS: Our baptisms are individual baptisms and take place on a Saturday afternoon with a Rite of Welcome the week before at your usual Mass. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website & Sue will get in touch once she receives it.



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 & PAR- ENTS IN ST TERESA'S CHURCH**



We have a second collection today for the annual **Sick & Retired Priests' Fund**. Please donate if you can to help ensure that our sick and older priests are well supported having given a lifetime of dedicated service. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters also feature a QR Code that you can scan with your phone & donate in that way if you prefer. We are aware that you have any calls on your funds, so thank you for any help 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.

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.



Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service - London

**METHODIST CENTRAL HALL
28 NOVEMBER , 2021 AT 3.30PM**

A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE GRIEVING THAT THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CONCEIVE.

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