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Christmas Double Edition 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 25th December	Christmas Mass	Noon (St T)	All the Parishioners, Living & Dead, of the Borehamwood Catholic Parishes
Sunday 26th December	Holy Family	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T)	Dianne Stanton RIP Dot & Ollie Quinn RIP
Monday 27th December	St John	Noon (St T)	Joe Sullivan RIP
Tuesday 28th December	The Holy Innocents	Noon (St T)	Patrick O'Leary RIP
Wednesday 29th December	No Mass		
Thursday 30th December	6th Day Christmas Octave	9.15am (St T)	Bernadette Harkness RIP
Friday 31st December	7th Day Christmas Octave	9.15am (St T)	Jack & Nonie McCarthy RIP(Ann)
	Vigil: Solemnity of Mary	9.30pm (St T)	Gjon Ndreca RIP
Saturday 1st January	Solemnity of Mary - The Holy Mother of God	Noon (St T) 6pm (SSJFTM)	Francis & Art Wassam RIP(Bday) Philomena Colgan RIP
Sunday 2nd January	2nd Day after the Nativity	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Robena Gilbert RIP The Burke Family Intentions Maria Luisa Visintin RIP
Monday 3rd January	Christmas Feria	Noon (St T)	Frances Dunphy (Int)
Tuesday 4th January	Christmas Feria	9.15am (St T)	Jim Whelan RIP
Wednesday 5th January	No Mass		
Thursday 6th January	Epiphany of The Lord	7am (St T) 9.15am (St T) 7.30pm (SSJFTM)	Lilly Ward RIP) For all Parishioners who are) undergoing medical treatment
Friday 7th January	Christmas Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 8th January	Vigil: Baptism of the Lord	6pm (SSJFTM)	Bernadette Harkness RIP

Confessions 5pm - 5.40pm Saturdays at St Teresa's or by Appointment via the Parish Office

Entrance Antiphon: *Liturgy of the Word: 26th December 2021*
*The Shepherds went in haste,
 And found Mary & Joseph & the infant lying in a manger.*

Responsorial Psalm: *They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
 Let the message of Christ find a home with you.
 Alleluia!*

Entrance Antiphon: *Liturgy of the Word: 2nd January 2022*
*When a profound silence covered all things
 and night was in the middle of its course,
 your all-powerful Word, O Lord
 bounded from heaven's royal throne.*

Responsorial Psalm: *The Word was made flesh and lived among us.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed by the pagans,
 Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.
 Alleluia!*

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11, Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30, Rv1, Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16,21-22



First Holy Communion -NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 20TH JANUARY 6.15PM PARENTS & CHILDREN IN ST TERESAS CHURCH. FHC dates have been allocated & emailed out to everyone. **Please get in touch if you haven't received anything**



Confirmation, 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.

The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 362

Loose Plate £ 147.05

Contactless donations £ 166

Total weekly income for this week £ 675.05



The next step

Would you like to be received into the Catholic faith? Maybe you were baptised Catholic but didn't go on to have your Confirmation? Programmes starting in the New Year with 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).



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. **Please note that Fr Dominic is away in January - don't leave it to the last minute to get your certificates signed!**



The Parish Office will be closed from 23rd December to 4th January 2022 - "What again!" (Fr D)

Sue would like to thank everyone for your cards, gifts & good wishes - have a Merry Christmas!

THANK YOU

To Bishop Paul & all the Priests who have helped us out this year.

Please remember that **Face Masks must be worn** in church at all times. You also still need to book spaces for the weekend masses so that we can manage the numbers in the churches.



Borehamwood Foodbank would like to thank you all for your amazing support this year. All your donations, big & small, have made such a tremendous difference in our community. They have helped us be here for the people who have needed us during this difficult year. We are truly grateful for you standing alongside us & supporting what we do. Borehamwood Foodbank staff & volunteers would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

A Christmas Sermon written in 455AD by Theodotus, Bishop of Ancreya

The Lord of all comes in the form of a servant; and he comes as a poor man, so that he will not frighten away those souls he seeks to capture like a huntsman. He is born in an obscure town, deliberately choosing a humble dwelling-place. His mother is a simple maiden, not a great lady. And the reason for all this lowly state is so that he may gently ensnare mankind and bring us to salvation. If he had been born amid the splendour of a rich family, unbelievers would surely have said that the face of the world had been changed by the power of wealth. If he had chosen to be born in Rome, the greatest of cities, they would have ascribed the same change to the power of her citizens.

Suppose our Lord had been the son of an emperor; they would have pointed to the advantage of authority. Imagine his father a legislator, their cry would have been, "See what can be brought about by the law." But, in fact what did he do? He chose nothing but poverty and mean surroundings, everything that was plain and ordinary, and in the eyes of most people, obscure. And this so that it could be clearly seen that the Godhead alone transformed the world. That was why he chose his mother from among the poor of a very poor country, and became poor himself.

This is the lesson of the crib. Since there was no bed, our Lord was laid in a manger. This lack of necessities of life was the best way of proclaiming the will of God. He was laid in a manger to show that he was to be the food even of simple folk. We know in fact, how the divine Word, the Son of God, drew to himself both rich & poor, the eloquent and the inarticulate, as he lay in the manger surrounded by poverty.

Seen then how poverty acted as a prophecy - how his poverty showed that he who became poor for our sake was thereby made accessible to everyone. Christ made no ostentatious display of riches, which would have made people frightened to approach him; he assumed no royal state, which would have driven men away from his presence. No, he came among ordinary men as one of themselves, offering himself freely for the salvation of all."

We are made in the image and likeness of our God and so tonight we pray with Gerard Manley Hopkins:

"Make me pure, Lord; thou art holy: Make me meek Lord; thou wert lowly, Now beginning, and always; Now begin, on Christmas Day."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! O Holy Night. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.