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**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 30th January 2022**

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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](http://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 29th January	Vigil: 4th Sunday Ord	6pm (SSJFTM)	John McHugh RIP
Sunday 30th January	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Andrzej Novak RIP (Ann) Margaret Horan RIP Reg Luff RIP
Monday 31st January	St John Bosco	9.15am (St T)	Amina Karmi Brooks RIP
Tuesday 1st February	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Noreen O'Grady 90th Birthday (Int)
Wednesday 2nd February	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thursday 3rd February	SS Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore	9.15am (St T)	Rosalina Acayen RIP (first Ann)
Friday 4th February	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Mgr Harry Turner (Int)
Saturday 5th February	Vigil: 5th Sunday Ord	6pm (SSJFTM)	Tom O'Sullivan RIP

**Intentions are fully booked until April, please allow lots of time if you have a specific Mass Confessions - St Teresa's 11am-11.40am & SSJFTM 5pm-5.40pm Saturdays or call for appointment**

**Liturgy of the Word: 30th January 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

*Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*My lips will tell of your help.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
No one can come to the Father except through me  
Alleluia!*

**Next week's Readings:**

Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 137:1-5,7-8, Rv1,1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

Fr Dominic writes:

When the truth hurts!

There is an old adage that says: "If you don't like the message, kill the messenger." That seems like a ridiculous thing to do, but it has happened time and time again through history. Some of us can remember April 4th 1968. On that day in Memphis Tennessee, Martin Luther King Jr was shot to death. He was the unofficial spokesperson for racial equality in the United States. He kept telling the American Nation that there could never be peace until all its citizens were given equal rights. Many people did not like that message. And so one of them killed the messenger.

The same thing nearly happened in Today's Gospel reading. On this occasion, the messenger was Jesus. He was teaching in the synagogue of his home town. At first, the people were deeply touched and favourably impressed by his message. Luke said: "They marveled at the appealing discourse which came from his lips ." But the happy atmosphere did not last long. It fell apart when Jesus told them something they did not want to hear.

We guess that in the first part he reminded them of God's love and care for the nation of Israel. And they, of course, loved that, because Israel was their nation. It felt good to be reminded that they were God's chosen people and that his gracious hand had been upon them across the centuries.

But, Jesus did not end his message there. He went on to remind them that God's loving care was not, and never had been, their exclusive right. Using two examples from the Book of Kings, the first a foreign widow in Zaraphath and then a foreign Leper called Naaman. Both were favoured by God over Israelites. He was saying that God does not have favourites.

This really enraged them and they tried to kill him. What about us, are there any group of people we think are beneath us? Any group that we treat less equally than others, Jesus's message means that all are equal and equally loved by God.

### The Financials....

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last week's Offertory

Envelopes £ 387

Loose Plate £ 310.51

Contactless donations £ 277

Total weekly income for weekend 22nd & 23rd January  
£ 974.51



**Confirmation, NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 8th MARCH 6.30PM CANDIDATES & PARENTS IN ST TERESA'S CHURCH** Please make sure that you have returned your answers to final three sessions **by end Feb** to allow plenty of time for the Catechists to review and plan their session.



**First Holy Communion -NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 24th FEBRUARY 6.15PM PARENTS & CHILDREN IN ST TERESA'S CHURCH.** Please bring your child's "I Belong" book with you so that the Catechists can go through the chapters completed with the children.



**New Year's Resolution – Volunteer for CAFOD** A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy.

Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as: **In the parish** - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty. **In local schools** - where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. DBS Check & references part of application. **Coordinating volunteers** to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers. If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Tony [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk)



**BAPTISMS:** Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon, at either Noon, 1pm or 2pm, with a Rite of Welcome at your usual Mass the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website (under Sacraments) & Sue will get in touch once she receives it. You can have up to four Godparents - no more as we don't have space in the register! - one of whom must be a practising Catholic We are not holding preparation courses for Baptisms at the moment but we will send you a link to a short video course for you to watch instead.

### Newsletter



If you know of someone who would like a copy of this newsletter posting / emailing out to them weekly, just let us know. We can also provide large print copies.



**Change to Confessions** : 11am-11.40am at St Teresa's Church & 5pm-5.40pm at SS Fisher & More Church. They can also be arranged via appointment with the Parish office.



**The Governing Body of St Teresa's Catholic Primary School wish to appoint an enthusiastic, inspirational and committed individual to the post of Head Teacher from 1st September 2022 following the retirement of Ms McBride at the end of the Autumn term.** Advert closing: Friday 18th February 2022, 17:00pm. Shortlisting: Wednesday 23rd February 2022. Interviews: Monday 28th February - Tuesday 1st March 2022. For an application pack, please email Katrina Bradley, our School Business Manager at [katri-na.bradley@stteresas.herts.sch.uk](mailto:katri-na.bradley@stteresas.herts.sch.uk) or visit [teachinherts.com](http://teachinherts.com).



**FEBRUARY: APF RED BOX EMPTYING TIME** Please bring in your Red Box to the Sacristy for emptying from now to the end of February. The emptied box will be available.



There will now be a **Syro Malabar Catholic Mass** held at St Teresa's on the 2nd Saturday of each month at St Teresa's Church from 4.30pm-6.30pm.



Following the relaxing of pandemic rules, you no longer need to book a Mass space, however we feel that it is still appropriate for masks to be worn in church and if you feel uncomfortable - please do take a "Leave a space" sign & put it next to you. Please be aware and respectful that many people will still be nervous.



**Premises Updates:** Huge thanks the Romanian Orthodox Church who are redecorating part of SSJFTM, now that the leaks there have been fixed. Thank you for your kind donations to the Building Contingency Fund, it really makes a difference as I'm sure you realise how much upkeep is needed in maintaining the church sites. Ever hopeful, we have left envelopes for the fund in both churches, if you are able, please do 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! We know that times are tough so if you can't help, please don't worry.



**Adult Confirmation - would you like to get confirmed at the Easter Vigil this year?** We are holding an adult confirmation course **Saturday 26th March 10am-3pm** in the Parish Centre.

Please complete the online form (under sacraments) if interested or speak to Fr Dominic



**Petition to Install a Pedestrian Crossing at Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School** - We need your support! We are petitioning the County Council to urgently install a pedestrian crossing and other traffic calming measures outside our school - we need your help. Please sign the e-petition on the Herts BC Website



**St Michael's Catholic Grammar School - Applications for Sixth Form Entry in September 2022 open until 28 February.** St Michael's has a large, vibrant Sixth Form which welcomes significant numbers of new students who have studied their GCSEs elsewhere. If you are interested in applying for a Sixth Form place, please take a look at the virtual open evening on our website <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/new-sixth-form-page/virtual-sixth-form-open-evening/>. Applications can be made online through the Apply NOW button.