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4th Sunday of Lent (Year C) 27th March 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 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 26th March	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Michael Brady RIP
Sunday 27th March	4th Sunday in Lent	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Zakai & Akira Khan (Premature twins) Reg Little RIP John Carloni, Anne & Rob Marlowe Piero Bertini & all other deceased of Marlowe, Cardoni & Donohue families RIP
Monday 28th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Thanksgiving : SS Therese, Jude & Anthony
Tuesday 29th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Robert, Sarai & Peter (Int)
Wednesday 30th March	No Mass Today		
Thursday 31st March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Bernadette & Joseph Samaranayake (Int)
Friday 1st April	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 2nd April	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Helen Gilligan RIP (Bday)

Confessions - St Teresa's 11am-11.40am & SSJFTM 5pm-5.40pm Saturdays or call for appointment

Liturgy of the Word: 27th March 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.

Be Joyful, all who were in mourning:

exult & be satisfied at her consoling breast

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Acclamation:

I will leave this place and go to my father and say:

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and you"

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Next week's Readings:

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 125 Rsp. V3, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

Fr. Dominic writes:

The Parable of the Prodigal Son - a great parable for the Season of Lent.

This parable could also be called the Parable of the Older Son or the Parable of the forgiving Father. Each of these persons speaks to us in different, but equally powerful ways. They mark out three paths to Easter. We will deal with the Prodigal Son in this short reflection. This son demands his inheritance, goes off to a distant country and loses it all. This unnamed 'Country' is more than a place. It is really a way of living, a condition of the heart. Maybe we have known the "distant country" where we leave Church and Gospel to follow our own way.

We are lured to a place where "sin" is made to look like fun. But sin is not fun for long. Sin is fun until a person becomes addicted to drugs. Sin is fun until drinking harms or hurts another or ourselves. Sin is fun until infidelity destroys a marriage and a family. Sin is fun until greed, arrogance or deception distort our lives out of shape and leave us isolated from God and from others, morally ruined. This the "distant country" we all have known in some way.

When the prodigal son comes to his senses, we have the moment of recognition: "I have sinned." It is the moment when he no longer blamed his father, for being too indulgent, when he no longer blamed society for being too immoral, when he no longer blamed his employer for being unfair, when he no longer blamed his own immaturity for being unwise, when he no longer blamed his genetic makeup or birth order for making him rebellious. "I have sinned!" That moment is the key to a different future for him and the Key to the rest of his life.

It is a sign of moral awakening and spiritual maturity to be able to say, "I have sinned". The path to Easter for the prodigal son and for us lies in the crucial importance of being able to say, "I have sinned."

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last two weekend's Offertory

Envelopes £ 563.21

Loose Plate £ 571.98

Contactless donations £ 483.00

Total for weekends 13th March & 20th March £ 1618.19



The new tax year's planned giving envelopes are in the sacristy of each church, we cannot leave them on display for GDPR reasons so please ask someone to retrieve your box. If you would like to donate by Standing Order, please pick up a standing order mandate & complete & return to the Parish Office. Also, a reminder as we approach the end of the tax year, that if your Tax status has changed in the last twelve months, and you need to advise us, please do so. If you are now in a position to Gift Aid going forward we can make it easy for you, just let us know!

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The Repository is back at St Teresa's with a selection of cards & gifts. We are just seeing how it works out at the moment so get them while you can!



Looking for Garden improvements in the New Year? The Garden Enterprise at Caritas St Joseph's, facilitates the employment of young adults with learning disabilities by engaging them in all aspects of garden maintenance. In addition, the Garden Enterprise can provide garden design services, and supply garden furniture, made out of recycled wood by adults with learning disabilities, at Caritas St Joseph's. To discuss your garden maintenance and design requirements, please contact Gail Williams, the Centre Manager, at: gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk

Holy Week & Easter Triduum



After the last two years of reduced services, we are pleased to announce that we will be able to have the full range of Easter Services this year.

14th April: 8pm SSJFTM: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of the feet & then watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

15th April: EBCC Good Friday Walk of Witness. 11am at Baptist Church finishing at St Teresa's with hot cross buns & refreshments.

15th April: 3pm St T The celebration of the Lord's Passion

16th April Midday St T: Polish Blessing of the Easter Food

16th April 8pm St T Easter Vigil

17th April - usual Sunday Masses



Confirmation, We are pleased to announce that after a two year absence, our Confirmation Candidates are once again holding a **Rich Man Poor Man meal in aid of Addo. This year it will be in Saturday 30th April.** The candidates will be explaining more in Masses but please keep that date free & buy a ticket



First Holy Communion -NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 6.15PM PARENTS & CHILDREN IN ST TERESAS CHURCH. Please bring your child's "I Belong" book with you so that the Catechists can go through the chapters completed with the children.



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.

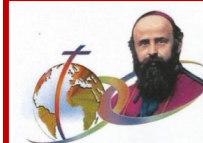
They are individual ceremonies. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website (under Sacraments) & Sue will get in touch once she receives it. You can have up to four Godparents - no more as we don't have space in the register! - one of whom must 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.



News from St Teresa's School:

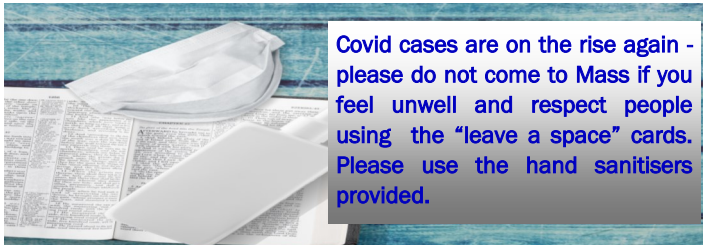
St Teresa's School are in need of foundation governors to join their governing body to support the Senior Leadership Team in driving forward the continuous improvement of our school Can you help, or do you know anyone, extended family members or friends who could help us? Training and support is provided and you can learn useful skills to support career development. Please do share this with anyone you think could help our school in this way. Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop and are required to be practising Catholics. Please contact the school office for further info admin@stteresas.herts.sch.uk 020 8953 3753

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 closes **Wednesday 30th March 2022, 12:00pm**, shortlisting: Friday 1st April 2022, interviews: Wednesday 20th April 2022. Tours are warmly welcomed, to arrange / request an application pack, please email Katrina Bradley at katrina.bradley@stteresas.herts.sch.uk or visit teachin-herts.com. Please note applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis & selected candidates will be contacted for an interview so early application is encouraged.



The Sudan Mission Wall box was emptied recently and we were able to send £489.73 to the Comboni Missionaries where it will be sent direct to the mission in Cairo. We have received a letter from the Combonis thanking us for the donation and assuring us of "a continuing remembrance for all your parishioners, past and present in the prayers and the Masses of our community, for benefactors such as your good selves retain a special and abiding place in our thoughts and prayers.

With every good wish & blessing in the Lord of light & life."



Covid cases are on the rise again - please do not come to Mass if you feel unwell and respect people using the "leave a space" cards. Please use the hand sanitisers provided.