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5th Sunday of Lent (Year C) 3rd April 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.

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| Saturday 2nd April | Vigil: 5th Sunday | 6pm (SSJFTM) | Helen Gilligan RIP (Bday) |
| Sunday 3rd April | 5th Sunday in Lent | 8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T) | Barbara Wojciechowska RIP Leonard Traynor RIP Millie Baas RIP (Ann) |
| Monday 4th April | Lent Feria | 9.15am (St T) | Kathleen Reasbeck & Kevin Traynor RIP (Ann) |
| Tuesday 5th April | Lent Feria | 9.15am (St T) | Sheila & Leslie Pyke RIP (Wedding Ann) |
| Wednesday 6th April | No Mass Today | | |
| Thursday 7th April | Lent Feria | 9.15am (St T) | Helen Gilligan RIP (Ann) |
| Friday 8th April | Lent Feria | 9.15am (St T) | Enright Family RIP (Ann) |
| Saturday 9th April | Vigil: Palm Sunday | 6pm (SSJFTM) | Kathleen Parsons RIP |

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

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| Entrance Antiphon: | Liturgy of the Word: 3rd April 2022 <i>Give me justice, O God and plead my cash against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.</i> |
| Responsorial Psalm: | <i>What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we were glad.</i> |
| Gospel Acclamation: | <i>Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</i> |
| Next week's Readings: | Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24, Rv2, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56 |

Fr. John writes: "I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ" (Philippians 3:9).

For anyone who has been struggling through Lent to give something up, or to take up some new devotion of prayer or charitable work, it might appear that St Paul is calling those endeavours into question. Paul's letter to his beloved Philippians begins with his joyful prayers for them and ends by calling on them to "rejoice in the Lord always" (4:4). Chapter 3 however strikes a sombre note of warning against "evil workers". Paul is probably targeting here opponents sometimes called "Judaizers" – formerly Jewish Christians who believed that Jewish customs and practices enshrined in the Law of Moses needed to be observed by converts. In particular they believed that gentile converts to Christianity should first of all be circumcised. This dispute came to a head at the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15), which after much debate agreed that circumcision did not need to be mandatory. Paul, apostle to the gentiles, reminds the Philippians of his own faith journey. He was a circumcised Jew himself, of the tribe of Benjamin and as a Pharisee, an expert in the Law. But all this Paul regards as "so much rubbish" compared to "knowing Christ Jesus my Lord". External observances alone can take us only so far. Every Lenten offering we make in faith through Jesus. Just as acts of kindness to those dear to us make us happy because we love them and want the best for them, so our efforts in Lent spring from that personal relationship with Christ which should be the inspiration of everything we do.

"Let Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life. If up till now you have kept him at a distance, stop forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed."

(Pope Francis)

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

PEACE HOSPICE CARE SUPPORT HUB



Every two weeks
on Tuesdays

10.30am
-11.30am

Your Community Hub
5 Leeming Road,
Borehamwood, WD6 4EB



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 also provide large print copies.



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.