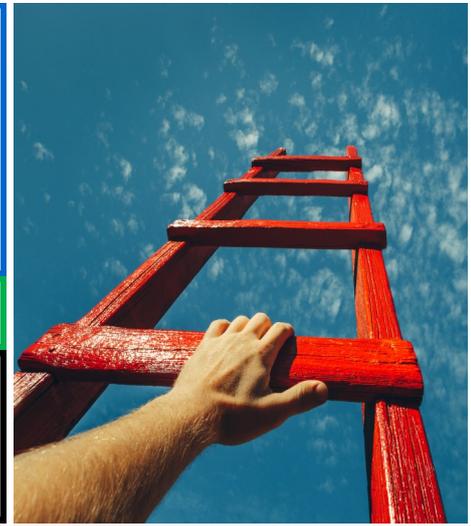


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Third Sunday of Easter : 1st May 2022 (Year C)

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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 30th April	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Sean, Aggie & Tony Aherne RIP (Ann)
Sunday 1st May	3rd Sunday of Easter	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Jo & Annie-Kate Shine RIP Lilly Pinto RIP (Ann) Kevan Pyke RIP
Monday 2nd May	St Athanasius	NOON (St T)	Catherine Leary (Int)
Tuesday 3rd May	SS Philip & James	9.15am (St T)	John Martin RIP
Wednesday 4th May	<i>No Mass Today</i>		
Thursday 5th May	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Children making their FHC this month
Friday 6th May	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Anne McCool RIP (1st Ann)
Saturday 7th May	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Kathleen Parsons RIP
Confessions Saturday weekly - 11am-11.40am at St Teresa's & 5pm-5.40pm at SSJFTM			

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
 O sing to the glory of his name.
 O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
 Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
 Alleluia.

Next week's Readings: Acts 13:14,43-52, Psalm 99;1-3,5, Rv3, Apocalypse 7:9,14-17,John 10:27-30

Fr. Dominic writes:

Don't give up on people!

The first reading today tells of the opposition the apostles encountered from the Jewish authorities. This was not a surprise and had been predicted by Jesus. The apostles refused to be silenced; always the central point of their witness is the resurrection of Jesus. Far from being demoralised, they were glad to suffer for the sake of Jesus.

The Gospel reading with the large catch of fish shows how successful the disciples can be with Jesus' help and the meal that follows symbolises the Eucharistic meal in which Jesus is present among them and feeds them. Peter, who three times denied his Master, is now given three chances to profess his love and is then given a mandate to care for the Lord's flock.

Jesus did not give up on Peter, he didn't write him off, he didn't even demote him and there were no recriminations. Jesus knew that there was another side to Peter apart from the weakness. In giving authority to the man who had denied him, Jesus wanted to show that he was establishing his church, not on human strength, but on his own love & faithfulness.

Sometimes we lose interest in people, even become blind to their strengths when we discover their limitations. During his passion, Jesus discovered the limitations of Peter, but he didn't write him off and continued to believe in him. Jesus was proved right, his trust wasn't misplaced.

Like Peter, we are all weak human beings, inconstant in our beliefs. We need someone who understands our weaknesses and realises that it may take time for us to overcome them. Someone who does not write us off because we don't produce the goods at once.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last two weekend's Offertory

Envelopes £ 923.60

Loose Plate £ 1014.03

Contactless donations £ 699.50

Total for weekends 10th & 17th April £ 2,637.13 - Thank you for your Easter Offerings which helped increase this total



The new 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

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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 are now in a new tax year, 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!



Premises Updates: 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.



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



Covid is still out there!! - 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.



For the past two Covid years, we have been holding our First Holy Communion in a different way - aside from a usual weekend Mass. This has proved to be very popular and so we are doing the same this year. These will take place at St Teresa's in slots during the afternoons of 14th & 21st May.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they begin their journey to be fully active members of our community. The services will all be Live Streamed in the usual way.



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.



Gardener needed. One of our parishioners is looking to hire someone to tend to her garden, grass cutting etc. around 2 hours a week every fortnight. If you are interested or know of someone who would be, please contact Sue at the office.



Priest Training Fund : Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.



LORETO COLLEGE (ST ALBANS) CENTENARY GARDEN PARTY Sunday 10th July 2022. 12pm to 6pm (last admission 5pm)
Admission £5.00 per person. (FREE entry for children aged 5 and under)

There will be live music by the popular local band Soulfish, BBQ, afternoon tea, bar, traditional games/stalls and much more including our Centenary Raffle. A link to the ticket page and more information can be found at www.loreto.herts.sch.uk



Confirmation: AWAY DAY Saturday 7th May. The coach will leave St Teresa's at 9am sharp so please get here by 8.45am. You should bring waterproofs and warm clothing as you will be outside some of the time & the Yurt is unheated. You will also need to bring a packed lunch. We will provide hot & cold drinks. We aim to be back at St Teresa's for 6pm. **Please make sure your parental permission form has been returned - without it you cannot go.**



Newsletter

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