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May is First Holy Communion Month - congratulations to all !

**Fifth Sunday of Easter : 15th May 2022 (Year C)**

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**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 14th May	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Eda Bell RIP
Sunday 15th May	5th Sunday of Easter	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Jonas Snieska RIP Margaret Theodore (Int) Fr Steve Labat RIP
Monday 16th May	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Rozy D'Souza RIP
Tuesday 17th May	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Eileen Harrington RIP (Bday)
Wednesday 18th May	<i>No Mass Today</i>		
Thursday 19th May	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Sr Monica Clare RIP
Friday 20th May	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Leigh Coker RIP
Saturday 21st May	Vigil: 6th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Velga & Harry Birrell RIP (Ann)
<b>Confessions <u>Saturday weekly</u> - 11am-11.40am at St Teresa's &amp; 5pm-5.40pm at SSJFTM</b>			

**Liturgy of the Word**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
 for he has worked wonders;  
 in the sight of the nations  
 he has shown deliverance, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment:  
 Love one another, just as I have loved you." Alleluia.

**Next week's Readings:**

Acts 15;1-2,22-29, Psalm 66:2-3.5-6,8, R v4, Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23,  
 John 14;23-29

Fr Dominic writes:

If we say we are Christians what should that indicate to the people we meet?

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel reading are very familiar. We have heard them hundreds of times. "Love one another. That is how people will know you are my disciples." Let us reflect on these well known words of Christ from the last supper.

Names or titles can trigger certain reactions, certain feelings and expectations are evoked about what that individual will be like. What do people today think when they hear the word "Christian"? What should "Christian" mean to people? When someone says to us "Here is John, Fred, Mary, Tom or Betty and by the way he or she is a Christian," what do people expect? Today the reaction may be different from years ago.

In some circles the name "Christian" evokes impressions of intolerance, politicised and power-hungry religion, oppressive proselytising, an absence of respect for non-Christians and perhaps an anti intellectualism. In other circles, the name "Christian" will indicate someone on whom we can rely to tell the truth, who treats all people with respect, whose word we can trust, who is concerned with fairness in our world, who lives not by majority opinion but by God's law, who knows that he or she has a purpose wider than this world. To everyone, the name "Christian" should mean someone who is trying to follow the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. All of these latter characteristics should define us as His disciples.

The life of Jesus, the magnificent moment when he walked the earth 2,000 years ago, died and rose from the dead, wasn't meant to be just an inspiring memory. It was a way of life that was to continue in His followers so that His love would continue to touch and heal the world. To love as Christ did is impossible for any human being by himself or herself. It requires the very presence of Christ within. If anything brings people to Jesus it will be us Christians. The shadow side to this truth is that if anything keeps people away from Jesus, it will be us Christians as well.

*DO WE DRAW PEOPLE TO JESUS OR DO WE TURN THEM AWAY?*

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last two weekend's Offertory

Envelopes £ 521

Loose Plate £ 669.16

Contactless donations £ 592.75

**Total for weekends 24th April & 1st May £ 1,782.91**



Some Planned Giving envelopes are still in St Teresa's awaiting collection. If you would like to regularly donate but don't want that last minute scramble for cash, why not think about donating by Standing Order? All you need to do is pick up a standing order mandate & complete & return to the Parish Office, we'll do the rest for you!



**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.

**Parish Sunday Lunches are back - the first one in over two years!! Keep the 12th June free - lists will be in the church shortly.**



**CAFOD**  
Just one world

People go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.



**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 currently holding preparation courses but we will send you a link to a short video course.



**Confirmation:** The Rich Man, Poor Man was a huge success! It was great to see the hall full of people again & the candidates were great, working hard to ensure that the night was a success. All the donations have been counted now & **We made a profit of £2,760.85** to send to the project in Addo. This is a marvellous amount and will make a real difference to people's lives. Thanks to all who worked so hard behind the scenes, as well as the Candidates and to all who supported this great cause.



**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 WRCD 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.



**Missio APF** Please bring your **Red Boxes** to the Sacristy for emptying. Your box will be ready for collection from the Sacristy the following Sunday.



**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony:** Congratulations to our couples, **Gerry & Una, Antoinette & Christopher, Bernadette & Joseph, Bernadette & John, Pepito & Leticia, Dan & Cristilyn** who are attending the Cardinal's Mass at Westminster Cathedral this weekend to celebrate their "big" wedding anniversaries!

Here's to many more!



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**Thursday 2 June**  
Beacon Lighting  
8pm to 9.45pm  
(Beacon Lighting at 9.35pm)

Woodcock Hill Village Green  
Carrington Avenue,  
Borehamwood, WD6 2HA  
Entertainment from Borehamwood B&C  
and a specially commissioned piece  
performed by George McGregor.

**Sunday 5 June**  
Party in the Park  
12pm to 5pm

Meadow Park, Meadow Road  
Borehamwood, Hertfordshire,  
WD6 1TL  
Free Live Music, Free Kids Rides, Free  
Tea, Coffee, and Cold Drinks.  
Bring Your Own Picnic Chairs and  
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