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23rd October 2022: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 SS John Fisher & Thomas More. These 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.

Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 22nd October	Vigil: 30th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Bill Robertson RIP
Sunday 23rd October	30th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Special Intention
		10am (St T)	Kathleen Parsons RIP (Bday)
		Noon (St T)	Patricia "Pat" Johnson RIP
Monday 24th October	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Sr Monica Clare RIP
Tuesday 25th October	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Martin & Bridie Burke RIP (Bday)
Wednesday 26th October	<i>No Mass today</i>		
Thursday 27th October	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Michael Brady RIP
Friday 28th October	SS Simon & Jude	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 29th October	Vigil: 31st Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Rose O'Sullivan RIP (Ann)

Confessions Saturday weekly - 11am-11.40am at St Teresa's & 5pm-5.40pm at SSJFTM
Mass Intentions now booked through until 2023

Liturgy of the Word - 16th October

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm: This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2, Psalm 144:1-2,8-11,13-14 *rsp cf v1*, 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
 Luke 19:1-10

Fr Dominic writes: Am I more like a Pharisee or am I more like a Tax Collector?

The Pharisees were concerned with the correct application of the Law, they always decided on the strictest application of the Law. They tried to make themselves "pure" and formed cliques that only eat with each other and did business among themselves. Their actions were designed to make themselves different from other people, on whom they looked down with disapproval. In their own eyes, they were the only true believers. Jesus made it clear that he opposed them and called them hypocrites, white-washed tombs.

On the other hand the Tax Collectors were working for the 'enemy' the Romans. They collected their Taxes from the people and would add an amount for their wages. The ordinary Jews despised them believed that they were cheating people and getting rich of the ordinary Jewish people. (Often true - Zaccheus!) They considered them unclean as they were working for their oppressors.

With whom do we identify when we listen to Jesus' story of the two men in the temple. It really cannot be with the Pharisee! Does that mean that we would like to be the far-from-popular Tax Collector? Or would it, after all, be better to identify with the Pharisee? Are they just as bad as each other? Jesus' parables often contain this kind of teasing ambiguity. The answer is that we are neither like the Pharisee nor the Tax Collector, but if we are honest we will admit that we can see something of each of them in ourselves.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,734

Last two weekend's Offertory

Envelopes £494.40

Loose Plate £ 747.30

Contactless donations £ 600

Total for weekends 9th & 16th October £1841.70



FHC 2022-23 Programme. The deadline for applications has now been met. We have sent programmes out to all who have registered so far. Please check your junk folder. **Next meeting is for Children only and is a getting to know you session on Sunday 13th November 1.30pm-4.30pm at St Teresa's Parish Centre.**



Confirmation: 2022-23 Programme. Next meeting is a getting to know you session for the Candidates only on Sunday 30th October 2pm-5pm in the Parish centre. If you were not baptised here and you haven't yet sent us a copy of the baptism certificate, please can you do so.



Still scrabbling around for cash for the Offertory? Kerep forgetting to bring your envelopes?, **why not think about donating by Standing Order?** All you need to do is pick up a standing order mandate & complete & return to us.



Its shoebox time again! Looking for a half term project? We have empty boxes in both churches for you to pick up along with a leaflet giving ideas of things to put in. You simply decide what age & gender, fill the box with suggested presents, stick the label on the front of the box & then return it to us with a £5 administration donation before 11th November. This year in particular, they are hoping to send many shoeboxes to Ukraine. We usually send around 100 boxes - lets see if we can beat that this year!

Don't forget the Blessing of the Pets Service, St Teresa's 29th October at 2pm. Lets see how many varieties of pets we can bring into church....last time we even had a chicken!



APF Red Boxes . Red box can now be emptied. Please leave in the Sacristy from now until the end of November and collect there the following week.

This weekend is also World Mission Sunday, supporting missionaries to work alongside poor or in need communities, regardless of their religion. Envelopes are at the back of both churches.



November is the Month of Holy Souls: You find the leaflet in church for placing names on the Remembrance List for November. Please pick up and complete and return to us in the brown envelope provided, along with your Mass Offering. There is also a form online for you to complete of you cannot get into church, please make your donation online or pop it through the letter box at the St Teresa's Presbytery, please indicate what its for as we keep the donations separate.

Tuesday 1st November is ALL SAINTS DAY, with the usual Holy Day times of 7am & 9.15am Mass at St Teresa's & 7.30pm at SSJFTM.

Wednesday 2nd November: is ALL SOULS DAY, Mass at 7am, 9.15am at St Teresa's & 7.30pm at SSJFTM.

Sunday 6th November: 2pm Blessing of the Graves at Allum Lane.

Friday 11th November 7pm Annual Mass of Remembrance at ST TERESA'S

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. You will also need to attend a Baptism Preparation Course - you will be asked to book via the website when you submit your registration. *One course left this year -5th November, 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Teresa's Church. For 2023, so far its 21st January, 25th February & 25th March. All 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Teresa's Church*



Ever wanted to be Fireman Sam? Here's your chance to wear a high -vis jacket and practice using a fire extinguisher! Following our Health & Safety Inspections - we need Fire Marshalls for each Mass. We will have an evening of training to get you started. Please let the Parish Office know if you can help.



Premises Updates: Our annual Health & Safety Inspection has taken place and we got by OK. We need to beef up our Fire Wardens and make sure everyone is properly trained so if you can help, please let us know. We also need to look at emergency lighting for both churches after dark and annual services of the heating are now due. The money that you so kindly give to the Contingency Fund not only helps for unexpected repairs but also helps us make sure we keep everything properly maintained rather than wait for something to go wrong before we address it. There are 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.



LET'S GET VACCINATED

If you've not yet had your COVID-19 vaccination, here are some options locally:

Pharmacies

Med Mart, Borehamwood, WD6 1JN
Wellswood, Borehamwood, WD6 1PU

1st, 2nd and booster jobs

Check with the pharmacy for specific needs

For walk-in times and more information about the vaccine, visit <https://hertsandwestessexics.org.uk/covid-19>

Or to book an appointment, visit www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination or call 119