

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
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20th November 2022: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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 19th November	Vigil: King	6pm (SSJFTM)	Kathleen Parsons RIP
Sunday 20th November	Lord Jesus	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Lourda O'Leary RIP
	Christ, King	10am (St T)	Michael Carthy RIP
	of the Universe	Noon (St T)	Anne & Nicky Thanksgiving (50th Wed)
Monday 21st November	Presentation of Mary	9.15am (St T)	Lourda O'Leary RIP
Tuesday 22nd November	St Cecilia	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Ward RIP (Ann)
Wednesday 23rd Nov.	No Mass		
Thursday 24th November	St Andrew Dung-Lac	9.15am (St T)	James Quirke RIP (Ann)
	Requiem Mass	11am (St T)	Margaret Tucker RIP
Friday 25th November	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Eric & Mary Thompson RIP (Bday)
Saturday 26th November	Vigil: 1st Sunday Of Advent	6pm (SSJFTM)	Michael Brady RIP

Confessions Saturday weekly - 11am-11.40am at St Teresa's & 5pm-5.40pm at SSJFTM

Liturgy of the Word - 20th November

Entrance Antiphon:	How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.
Responsorial Psalm:	I rejoiced when I heard the say; "Let us go to God's house."
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!
Next week's Readings:	Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 121:1-2,4-5,6-9 <i>rsp. cfv1</i> , Romans 13;11-14, Matthew 24:37-44

Fr Dominic writes:

"Why do we call Christ the King?"

We are becoming accustomed to hearing the word "King" a lot more after the passing of Queen Elizabeth, we hear it in other contexts too, "the King of the Jungle", "the King of Swing", "the King of the silver screen". (Benny Goodman & Clark Gable— kids ask your Grandparents!), but what do we mean when we speak of Christ as the King? The Gospel tells us that when he dies, there was an inscription above Jesus' head that read "This is the King of the Jews". To the Roman Soldiers, this was just a cruel joke, perpetuated by placing a crown of thorns on his head. But there was someone there who took seriously the inscription; the dying thief said to Jesus "Remember me when you enter upon your reign." On this day around the world, we now proclaim Christ as our King.

Christ is the supreme person, the one who stands head and shoulders above all the rest. He is everything that we are not, but know that we ought to be, and wish that we were. Think of any character trait, any life quality that you admire & you will find it supremely evident in Christ the King.

The dying thief must have been impressed with the quiet courage of the man hanging beside him. Fear controlled the field that day in Jerusalem, it was everywhere; the Jewish Priests feared their authority, Pilate feared for his position, the followers of Jesus feared for their safety and fled for their lives. Fear gripped nearby everyone, except the man on the cross. There was a steadiness in him that called out the admiration of a dying thief. He watched as Jesus suffered without one hint of bitterness, he heard Jesus as he prayed for the forgiveness of his tormentors and saw him as he cared for the welfare of his mother. No wonder that he would say "Remember me when you enter upon your reign". He could not have understood the full implication of his request but he knew that here was a supreme person who would surely, somehow, somewhere, some day, wear a crown.

This is why we call him our King—It is in recognition of the supreme quality of his life.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,734

Last two weekend's Offertory

Envelopes £ 519.50

Loose Plate £ 502.81

Contactless donations £ 515

Total for weekends 23rd & 30th October £ 1537.31



FHC 2022-23 Programme. The next meeting is **Thursday 8th December at St Teresa's School** when we will review chapters 1-4. **First Reconciliations will be held at St Teresa's Church Saturday 10th December—we will be letting you know times shortly**



Confirmation: 2022-23 Programme. Next meeting is 6th December 6.30pm, at St Teresa's Church. Work on the first three sessions to be in by 28th November. Thanks to those who have already submitted.



Memories Café – bereavement and loss drop-in support sessions. Every Monday - 11am to 1pm at the Watford Hospital Chaplaincy. Memories Café offers a chance to meet with others who understand the experience of loss. It is a space to talk about the pain of bereavement and find mutual support and encouragement when you need it most. For more information please email: westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net

We are sad to announce the death of another of our long term parishioners. **Janet O'Sullivan** died on 15th November. Funeral details will be released but in the meantime please keep Janet & her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Sunday 11th December. All are welcome, please bring your friends - they don't have to be Catholic - we won't test them on the doctrine! Lists will be out soon but please put the date in your diary. As ever we will be looking for volunteers to



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.



November is the Month of Holy Souls: You can find the leaflet in church for placing names on the Remembrance List. 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 if 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.



CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.



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. **2023 courses only now, so far its 21st January, 25th February & 25th March. All 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Teresa's Church**



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



Presents for Prisoners Children: AKA —Operation Elf & Angel Tree. Thank you for everyone who has already committed to buying a present. Please can we have the presents for back for Pentonville by

tomorrow. These are the ones that are more general requests. Fr Dominic and Sue will be going there on Sunday 27th November when these will be distributed during a Prison Family Day arranged by PACT. We need to have them in advance as we need to get them to the Prison to be checked before the weekend. We know that we are asking a lot from you at the moment but if you can help, this is one of those campaigns where you are personally making a difference to someone's life. Fr Dominic looks forward to letting you know how the family day went. Thanks as ever.



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.



Thank you for supporting the shoebox appeal. We collected 80 shoeboxes & received a further 72 from one parishioner alone! What a great result.

Warm Spaces in Borehamwood

MONDAY

Chatter Tables 11:30am-3:30pm at St Michael's Church
Borehamwood Library 9am-6pm at 96 Shenley Road

TUESDAY

Welcome Café 11:30am-3:30pm at St Michael's Church
Borehamwood Library 12pm-6pm at 96 Shenley Road

WEDNESDAY

Borehamwood Library 9am-6pm at 96 Shenley Road
Back2Bowls 1-3pm at Aberford Community Centre

THURSDAY

Welcome Café 11:30am-3:30pm at St Michael's Church
Borehamwood Library 12pm-7pm at 96 Shenley Road

FRIDAY

Organ Hall Community Centre 10am-4pm

SATURDAY

Borehamwood Library 9am-4pm at 96 Shenley Road

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