

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
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15th January 2023: 2nd 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 14th January	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Vanda Gazzola RIP
Sunday 15th January	2nd Sunday	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Jerry Tynan RIP
	Ordinary Time	10am (St T)	Jose Ygnacio RIP
		Noon (St T)	Franca Lawrence (Thanksgiving)
Monday 16th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	John Fitzpatrick RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 17th January	St Anthony	9.15am (St T)	Thanksgiving to St Gerard Majella
Wednesday 18th Jan,	No Mass		
Thursday 19th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Michael Timlin RIP
Friday 20th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Mary McKenna RIP (Bday)
Saturday 21st January	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Maria Mulroy RIP

Mass Intentions now booked through until April 2023

Confessions Saturdays 10am-10.40am St Teresa's & 5pm-5.40pm SSJFTM

Liturgy of the Word - 15th January

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 8:23-9:3, Psalm 26:1,4,13-14, *rsp.v1*, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17,
Matthew 4:12-23

Fr Dominic writes: We all have a vocation on earth; everyone of us was brought into being for a reason

The vocation everyone sees is the obvious part of it. But hidden within it is a deeper purpose that is not always known to us. We cannot choose it. We cannot plan for it. It is encrypted into our life by God. We are here on this place, at this time and with these people for a reason.

The things that occurred in our lives in the past happened for a reason. The prosperity we have known and the sufferings we have endured are for a reason.

It might be that we will speak saving truth to someone, trigger soul-searching events for another, or invite another to Jesus Christ. None of us fully knows the complete purpose of our life here on earth and what use God has yet to make of it. We will know the full impact of our life at the Last Judgement when we will see the full effect of our life here on earth. For now we are called to be faithful. This is an awesome truth on which to reflect in our prayer & meditation.

Like that mysterious suffering servant of the first reading, there is a mission and significance to our lives larger than we can imagine. Our focus is local; God's purpose for us may be much larger than we think.

Like Sosthenes, our life can move along one path when suddenly a reversal, a tragedy, an eye opener dramatically reveals whole new worlds to us. It tears away our illusions and turns us more deeply toward the Lord. What was at one time an omission in our life, now becomes our mission.

Finally like John the Baptist, we can be called to point the way to Christ for others.

Our lives are surrounded by the mystery of God's will with a purpose or mission known only to him. When things occur that we don't expect, that encrypted call maybe the beginning to surface. Within our public vocation is the "call within the call" known only to God. This means that everything, everything that happens to us has moment, mystery and purpose

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Last weekend's Offertory

Envelopes £ 386

Loose Plate £ 425.44

Contactless donations £ 368

Total for weekend of 9th January £ 1,179.44



FHC 2022-23 Programme. The next meeting is **Thursday 19th January 2023 6.15pm at St Teresa's School** when we will review chapters 5 & 6.



Confirmation: 2022-23 Programme. Next meeting is **7th March 2023 6.30pm, at St Teresa's Church**, when we will review the answers to sessions 4,5,& 6 if you haven't submitted your Saints Name & Sponsor yet, please do



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. email: westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net



The wonderful upgrade to the office computer has wiped out the newsletter email distribution list. If you are wondering why you haven't received it recently, please drop Sue an email and we will add you to the list!



Still scrabbling around for cash for the Offertory? Keep 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.

New Year's resolution – Volunteering for CAFOD

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join us in our mission here in the Westminster diocese. Could you volunteer and help us raise awareness in either parishes or schools about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out more by joining one of our volunteer meetings in Lambeth London on Saturday 21st January or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1st February. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970



Spring reflections at Rosary Priory:
11am in the chapel—St Margaret of Clitherow
7th February - Household & enemies
7th March - The Reckoning



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 God-parents - 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 arranged so far: 21st January, 25th February & 25th March. All 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Teresa's Church*

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

MORE INFORMATION

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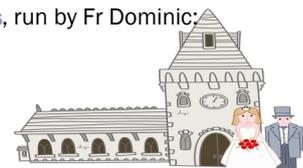
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Thinking of getting married or do you know of someone who is getting married in a Catholic church? We now have dates for our **Wedding Preparation Classes**, run by Fr Dominic:

17th & 18th February 2023

16th & 17th June 2023

13th & 14th October 2023



Visually Impaired Club Borehamwood

Are you or someone you know visual impaired?
Looking for somewhere to go for friendship and support?
Are you aware of the Borehamwood Visually Impaired Club?

This could be just the place you are looking for!

- Borehamwood Visually Impaired Club meets on Friday afternoons in an accessible community centre in Borehamwood. We are a voluntary run group and currently meet once a fortnight 1.30-4pm.
- Our programme of activities includes; Quizzes, Games, Exercise sessions for physical and mental wellbeing, Friendship, Support, and so much more.
- Why not give us a try. All ages welcome. First session is free after which there is a weekly fee payable to cover the group's running costs.

Unfortunately we are unable to provide any direct personal care but if you have a carer they are welcome to attend with you. *We follow Covid guidance for the safety of everyone*

For more information and to book your first visit please email us, or ask someone else to on your behalf;

vicclub.borehamwood21@gmail.com

Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood

Burns Night

Saturday 28th January 7.30pm

St Teresa's Parish Centre

Tickets £12

Includes Haggis, Neeps & Tatties
& a wee dram!

