

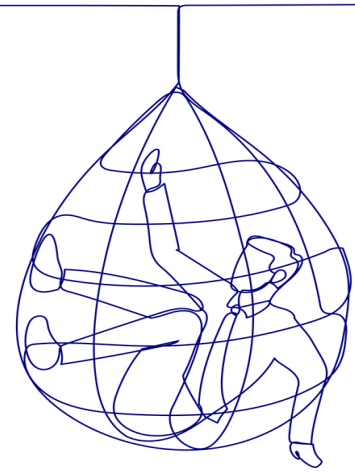
The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
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22nd January 2023: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 21st January	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Maria Mulroy RIP
Sunday 22nd January	3rd Sunday	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Lourda O'Leary RIP
	Ordinary Time	10am (St T)	Margaret Tucker RIP
		Noon (St T)	Ronan Fleming RIP
Monday 23rd January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	St Anthony
Tuesday 24th January	Requiem Mass	11am (St T)	Mary Caffrey RIP
Wednesday 25th Jan,	No Mass		
Thursday 26th January	SS Timothy & Titus	9.15am (St T)	Michael Brady RIP
Friday 27th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Rosalina Acayen RIP (2nd Ann)
Saturday 28th January	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Mary Henderson RIP (BDay)

Mass Intentions now booked through until Mid—April 2023
Confessions Saturdays 10am-10.40am St Teresa's & 5pm-5.40pm SSJFTM

Liturgy of the Word - 22nd January

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13, Psalm 145:7-10, *rsp.* Matthew 5:3, 1Corinthians 1:26-31,
Matthew 5:1-12

Fr Dominic writes: The Kingdom of God is at hand; reform your lives to enter that Kingdom.

The trouble is that we want the kingdom but not the reforming. Its like those who want the elected office, but not the campaign; who want the meal, but not the cooking; who want the grades but not the study; health but not exercise, the salary but not the work.


We want to know the rule of God in our life, forgiveness and growth in grace, the sense of belonging to a spiritual community, the peace of being united to God's will—but we don't want to give up the nets; the entanglements that trap us, that hold us back. These entanglements are not the responsibilities we have in our life because those can be ways of serving the Lord. Rather these entanglements are the people and the relationships that distance ourselves from Christ.


We don't want to give up gossiping, cutting corners, wrong relationships, immoral behaviour, habits of arrogance, rash judgement or addictions. So, we try to find methods to have it both ways and we can't. Those nets weigh us down and hold us tight. To know the kingdom of God in our life we have to be willing to leave behind those nets, the distorting entanglements of soul and heart and mind.


The Gospel shows us the ones who left their nets and followed as Jesus gave them a new mission, new seas to sail, deeper purpose for their lives. For us, to follow Jesus is not a matter of leaving family, jobs or residence. It's a matter of leaving behind a way of living, and that is far more difficult.


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 23rd February 2023 6.15pm at St Teresa's School .**

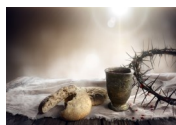
 **Confirmation: 2022-23 Programme.** Next meeting, **7th March 2023 6.30pm, at St Teresa's Church,**

Funerals in the Parish; Please keep in your prayers 
 24th January **Mary Caffrey**, St Teresa's, 11am
 26th January **Arthur Fitzsimmons**, New Southgate cemetery , 2pm
 2nd February **Anthony Tansey**, Hendon Crematorium, 11am
 4th February **Stephen Cunningham**, West Herts Crematorium , 4pm
 14th February, **Nigel Strutt**, St Teresa's , 10.30am
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

 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!


 **St Margaret of Clitherow Rosary Priory, with Sr. Averil:**
 11am 7th February - Household & enemies
 11am 7th March - The Reckoning

 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.

 **Adult Confirmation:** If you didn't quite get round to making your confirmation as a child, but feel that you are missing something special. Then we have just the thing for you! We are running a one day adult confirmation course at St Teresa's Parish Centre on **Saturday 4th March 10am-4pm.** Confirmation will take place at the Easter Vigil on 8th April. If you would like to attend please go to the Sacraments page on the website, scroll down to Adult Confirmation & you will see the link to the online form. Please complete & submit & we will get back to you.

Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
Burns Night
Saturday 28th January 7.30pm
St Teresa's Parish Centre
Tickets £12 get after Mass or call Parish Office
Includes Haggis, Neeps & Tatties



 **BAPTISMS:** We welcome **Oscar, Albi, Harrison, Charlotte, Jack, Oliver & Samuel** who are being baptised this weekend. 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 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 t: 0208 207 7801
 e: community.services@hertsmere.gov.uk

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Carers in Hertfordshire's Warm Space for anyone aged 55 and over!

At Fountain Court (Communal Room), Brook Road, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 5RH.
Thursdays and Fridays 10am - 2pm until the end of March 2023.

If you are looking for somewhere affordable, warm and safe to go this winter, where you can meet other people, this may be the place for you!

For £5 a day you can enjoy unlimited hot drinks, a soup lunch and conversation. Tabletop games are also available.

For more information or to book to attend:
 Call: 020 8905 1158 or 07466 434759
 Email: admin@carersinherts.org.uk
 Visit: www.carersinherts.org.uk

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If you are in the Borehamwood area transport may be available for a small fee. ask us about this if needed).