

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood  
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29th January 2023: 4th 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](http://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 28th January	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Mary Henderson RIP (BDay)
Sunday 29th January	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Ray Bows RIP
		10am (St T)	Maria Louisa & Maria Furlan Visintin RIP
		Noon (St T)	Pete McMahon RIP
Monday 30th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Margaret Horan RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 31st January	St John Bosco	9.15am (St T)	Prisca Aseye Gikunoo RIP
Wednesday 1st February	No Mass		
Thursday 2nd February	Presentation of the Lord	9.15am (St T)	Ronan Fleming RIP
Friday 3rd February	SS Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore	9.15am (St T)	Margaret Tucker RIP
Saturday 4th February	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Nonie Sexton RIP

**Mass Intentions now booked through until May 2023**

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

**Liturgy of the Word - 29th January**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God!  
 And gather us from the nations,  
 to give thanks to your holy name,  
 and make it our glory to praise you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** How happy are the poor I spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**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:** Isaiah 58:7-10, Psalm 111:4-9, resp. v4, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

Fr Dominic writes:

*Seek out the good news*

*In the Gospel today Jesus delivers the Sermon on the Mount, beginning with the Beatitudes. Through these he is enlarging our view of the world. We live in a world captivated by bad news. Bad news travels fast. If all goes well, we have little to say, but when things go wrong, we have lots to talk about, to interpret, to speculate about, to embellish details. Whole careers are built out of scandals. There was bad news in Jesus' time too; corrupt judges, quarrels over estates, prostitution, theft, embezzlement, murders. All of these made their way into Jesus' stories.*

*Against this, Jesus climbs the mountain, takes us with him, and says that there are things going on that show God's kingdom is at work. We should look not just at the arrogant, but at those who appreciate their need of God. Don't just look at the glib, but at those who appreciate the reality of sin in our world. Don't just look at the pompous, but the humble, the realists who really know who they are. Look at those who thirst for holiness, who show compassion. Look at people who are motivated by the Gospel; look at the peacemakers among us, they are the real hope of the world. They are "instruments of the kingdom," In a world of scandals, there is good news among us.*

*From the mountain of the Beatitudes, Jesus calls us to look beyond the scandals to see that the energy, the hope, the power of the kingdom are also at work in our world; often in places and people who we don't notice. These are the remnant of whom Zephaniah speaks in the first reading; those who are doing God's will and God's work every day.*

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Last weekend's Offertory

Envelopes £ 512.11

Loose Plate £ 777.04

Contactless donations £ 444

Total for weekend of 15th & 22nd January £ 1,733.15



**FHC 2022-23 Programme.** 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.** Please note that the answers to the final sessions should be returned to Sue by **20th February**

**Funerals in the Parish; Please keep in your prayers**

2nd February **Anthony Tansey**, Hendon Crematorium, 11am

4th February **Stephen Cunningham**, West Herts Crematorium, 4pm

14th February, **Nigel Strutt**, St Teresa's, 10.30am

17th February, **Edwin Ohiozoje Ahimie**, 10am

*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!



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.



Its emptying time again for your red boxes. Please bring your red boxes in this month, leave in the Sacristy & collect the next week, many thanks.



**Premises Updates:** January has been a busy month in the premises world..... The annual heating services have taken place, our three yearly cleaning & monitoring of guttering happened this week & we have been surveyed to upgrade our emergency lighting in all the buildings across both sites. Its your contributions to the Contingency Fund that mean we are able to help keep the maintenance of the premises on track and not always wait until things go wrong !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.



**BAPTISMS: We welcome Benjamin who is 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: 25th February, 25th March, 27th May, 24th June & 29th July. All 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Teresa's Church*



**Hertsmere Forum of Faiths:** Open meeting **Thursday 16th February 7pm-9pm**, Room A Herts BC, Civic Offices. Agenda includes proposal of faith covenant for Herts, election of trustees, programme for 2023 & presentation by Housing Services on alleviating local homelessness & rough sleeping. All welcome.

**Frank Murray RIP.** We are saddened to advise you of the death of former parishioner Frank Murray, whom many will remember fondly as a regular, along with his wife Kathy, before they moved to Leighton Buzzard. Frank's Requiem Mass will be held on **21st February 10am at Sacred Heart RC Church**, 5 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard LU71HZ. It can be watched live on YouTube using sacred heart church leighton buzzard youtube. Please contact Sue if you would like Kathy's address.

## 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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**Volunteers needed - Find out more Wednesday 1st February.** CAFOD, are looking people join us as volunteers here in the Westminster diocese. Could you help us raise awareness about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out by joining our meeting this Wednesday 1st February from 2.30-4.30pm in Oakwood, North London, N14 4HE. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or 0208 449 6970



**St Margaret of Clitherow Rosary Priory, with Sr. Averil:**

11am 7th February - Household & enemies

11am 7th March - The Reckoning