

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
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19th February 2023: 7th 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

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| Saturday 18th February | Vigil: 7th Sunday | 6pm (SSJFTM) | Mary Byrne RIP |
| Sunday 19th February | 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T) | Gyamfi Family Intentions Margaret Tucker RIP James Quirke RIP |
| Monday 20th February | Feria | 9.15am (St T) | Gloria Francis Thanksgiving |
| Tuesday 21st February | Feria | 9.15am (St T) | Patrick Murphy RIP |
| Wednesday 22nd February | Ash Wednesday | 7am (St T) 9.15am (St T) 7.30pm (SSJFTM) | John Cororan RIP Nonie Sexton RIP Thanksgiving Mass for Joseph |
| Thursday 23rd February | Lent Feria | 9.15am (St T) | Ollie Quinn RIP (Ann) |
| Friday 24th February | Requiem Mass | 2pm (St T) | Ivy Julie Myers RIP |
| Saturday 25th February | Lent Feria | 9.15am (St T) | Margaret Tucker RIP |
| | Vigil: 1st Sunday | 6pm (SSJFTM) | John Gonsalves RIP |

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

Liturgy of the Word - 19th February 2023

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| Entrance Antiphon: | O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me. |
| Responsorial Psalm: | The Lord is compassion and love. |
| Gospel Acclamation: | Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we shall come to him. Alleluia! |
| Next week's Readings: | Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7, Psalm 50:3-6,12-14, rsp.cfv3, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4: 1-11 |

Fr Dominic writes:

Getting Stung!

The story is told of a Holy old man who used to meditate every morning under a large tree on the banks of the river Ganges in northern India. The place he chose was near a site of pilgrimage where Hindus came to wash in the sacred river and cleanse themselves of their sins. One morning, after he had finished his meditation, the old man noticed a large scorpion floating helplessly on the strong current of the river. The scorpion became entangled in the tree's long roots that extended into the river bed. The more it struggled to free itself, the more entangled it became in the twining roots. The old man reached out to free the captive animal and, as soon as he touched it, the scorpion lifted its tail and stung him wildly. But the old man reached out again to free it.

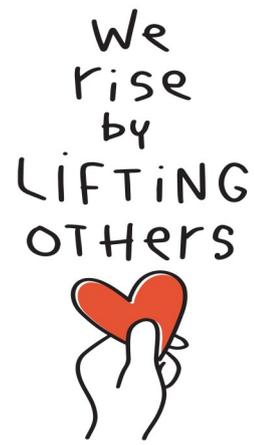
A young man was passing and saw what was happening. He shouted out: "Old man what's wrong with you? You must be mad! Why bother risking your life to save such an ugly useless creature?"

The old man turned to the onlooker, and in his pain there was a question: "Friend," he said, "because it is in the nature of the scorpion to sting, why should I give up my own nature to save?"

The story of the old man and the scorpion raises a problem that we all face: do we take our cue for action from the treatment we receive from others, or do we continue in the way of graciousness even when we get stung ourselves?

Do we live in a way of graciousness, a Christian way of loving God through our neighbour? Or do we listen to the voices looking for revenge or retaliation?

Being a Christian is a difficult and all consuming way to live our lives and to enhance our world with the grace of Jesus Christ. Lent seems a good time to reassert our efforts to live according to our Christian principles.



Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885
 Offertory for the last fortnight
 Envelopes £ 702
 Loose Plate £ 837.12
 Contactless donations £ 515
Total for weekend of 29th January & 5th February £ 2,054.12



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

Frank Murray 21st February 10am, Sacred Heart, Leighton Buzzard LU71HZ

Ivy Julie Myers 23rd February 2pm St Teresa's

Roger Dennis 28th February 2pm West Herts Crematorium

Bridie Healy 2nd March 10.30am St Teresa's

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



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.



Margaret Atkinson RIP. We are sad to announce the death of Margaret, one of our long serving parishioners and baker of the most amazing Christmas cakes! You will remember Margaret, who along with Margery Creaton, used to do the flowers at St Teresa's, No details as yet for the funeral, we will let you know, but please keep Margaret & her family in your prayers.



Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating such an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). **Before 27th March please, thanks.**



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

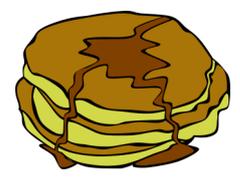


CAFOD *Just one world* **CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal** CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

PASTA & PANCAKE PARTY: TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 5.30PM-7.30PM. IT'S BACK!!

St Teresa's Parish Centre -
 Tickets : £3 Adult /£2 Child.

Includes disco and food. Tickets must be pre purchased & are available after Mass or from the Parish Office



Lent resources for children: we have Lent Calendars and "My day by day" booklets for children at the back of both churches, please help yourself. Please do not take if you go to St Teresa's School; they will give these to you direct.



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
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2025 is our Centenary Year Our plan is to have the churches redecorated by then and looking their best. We are looking at improving the lighting and have already made a start with replacing St Teresa's inner doors to make funerals easier. Is there anything that you think we should be doing or do we just concentrate on marking the occasion?

We will also need to set up a Fund Raising Committee and want volunteers.

Can you help? What do you think?

Let us know!

