

## The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood

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### 26th February 2023: 1st Sunday of Lent

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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 25th February  
Sunday 26th February

Vigil: 1st Sunday 6pm (SSJFTM)  
1st Sunday of 8.30am (SSJFTM)  
Lent 10am (St T)  
Noon (St T)  
Feria 9.15am (St T)  
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No Mass  
**Requiem Mass** 10.30am (St T)  
Lent Feria 9.15am (St T)  
Vigil: 2nd Sunday 6pm (SSJFTM)

Joan Gonsalves RIP  
Gyamfi Family Intentions  
Michael Brady RIP  
Janet O'Sullivan RIP  
Michael MacManaman RIP  
Edward & Bridget Cheevers RIP  
**Bridie Healy RIP**  
Johnny Corry RIP (Ann)  
Nonie Sexton RIP

Monday 27th February  
Tuesday 28th February  
Wednesday 1st March  
Thursday 2nd March  
**Friday 3rd March**  
Saturday 4th March

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

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

#### Liturgy of the Word - 26th February 2023

##### Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls on me, I will answer him;

I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Next week's Readings:** Genesis 12:1-4, Psalm 32:4-5,18-20,22, rsp.v22, 2 Timothy 1:8-20, Matthew 17:1-9

Fr Dominic writes: *Almsgiving led by sacrifice and prayer!*

If you are reading this on the first Sunday of Lent then you are in the fifth day of observing the Lenten Season. Did you make a resolution to fast from something?, take something on?. Did you decide to set aside a little extra time for prayer, be it a formal prayer or quiet time with the Lord? Have you chosen a charity or a cause that you want to support with tangible things?

How is it going? Have your resolutions faded already? Have you fallen or stumbled at the beginning of the Season? No problem, start again renew your resolutions and taking a deep breath forge ahead. Or, did you decide not to burden yourself with any special changes for this penitential season? If so, why not change your mind and look at ways to Fast, Pray and Give during this Lent.

I would like to give you a suggestion that may be helpful. Why not make a special effort to help the Borehamwood Foodbank based at St. Teresa's Church. At this moment there is a real stock shortage and there are more people having to access the Foodbank for food, for fuel vouchers, for winter clothes etc. We are short of many of the basics, tinned food etc.

To make it a comprehensive Lenten exercise, set aside about ten to fifteen minutes of private prayer and put yourself into the shoes of a parent with a couple of children and no money, no access to money and there is no food or heating in your home. Try to imagine what that must feel like for a parent, and then pray, asking the Lord to give this parent the strength to come and ask for help. Pray that they get the strength to care for their children and themselves. Make a decision that you are going to fast from some luxury or something else in your life and use that money to buy food for those accessing the Foodbank.

In this way your Almsgiving has led you to Pray more and altruistically, and has led you to Fast through sacrificing something to give more generously. Please enhance our world by living a fruitful Lenten Season.

# LENT

Fast  
Pray  
Give



Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 495

Loose Plate £ 532.76

Contactless donations £ 462

Total for weekends of 12th & 19th February £ 1489.76



FHC 2022-23 Programme. Next meeting is **Thursday 20th April 2023 6.15pm at St Teresa's School**.



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



**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.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

**SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 7.30pm**

**St Teresa's Parish Centre, Tickets : £12,  
Available after Mass or from the Parish  
Office**

*Includes hot food , Irish music,  
bring your own drink*



### Lent 2023 Food Drive:

Over the period of Lent please can you help with donations ,many thanks

Tins of:

- ◆ carrots, sweetcorn, peas, fruit, meat & fish.
- ◆ baked beans & soup
- ◆ cartons of UHT Milk.



**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 Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal** This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.



**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 5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup>(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.**

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



## 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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**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!

