

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood  
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12th March 2023: 3rd 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.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

### Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 11th March	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Siobhan McErlean RIP
Sunday 12th March	3rd Sunday of Lent	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Brendan Cheevers RIP Benjamin Watiwat RIP Caroline Pittrakov (Int)
Monday 13th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	PJ McCarthy RIP (Bday)
Tuesday 14th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	John Traynor RIP (Ann)
Wednesday 15th March	No Mass		
Thursday 16th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lawrence Harper RIP (Ann)
Friday 17th March	St Patrick	9.15am (St T)	Jack & Nonie McCarthy RIP (Bday)
Saturday 18th March	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	James McErlean RIP

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

### Liturgy of the Word - 12th March 2023

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone & poor.
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	O that today you would listen to his voice: "Harden not your hearts."
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13, Psalm 22, rsp.v1, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

Fr Dominic writes: We need a living flowing spiritual refreshment—the grace of the Holy Spirit

In the Gospel reading Jesus and the Samaritan seem to be talking about drinking water but it is more than that. The conversation we overhear is not just about her but very much about you and me.

We never learn the woman's name, maybe because she stands for all of us in some way. She had several strikes against her. First, she was a Samaritan and there was a deep-seated resentment between the Jewish people and the Samaritans that was already centuries old in Jesus' time. Secondly, she was a woman and women were to be silent in the presence of a Rabbi. Finally, she was known as a sinner. Because of her many marriages she was probably shunned by the neighbourhood which may explain her solitary trip to the well alone at noontime, the hottest time of the day when no one was around. She was a person on the margins of the society in which she lived. Jesus reaches out to her as he does to us. Jesus knows our past as he knows her's. What interests Him now is our future.

The well was the place where people gathered. In a sense, the church is our well. Here we gather with other Christians and here too we can meet the Lord. Through the Liturgy, the Lord speaks the truth of who we are, what we have done with our lives and what we can become if we follow him.

Finally, there is the water. We all need water. Water is necessary for human survival. But, Jesus knew she needed something more than drinking water in her life. He gradually leads her from her need of drinking water to show her the need that she has for a living, flowing, spiritual refreshment which we know as grace or the Holy Spirit. By pursuing the needs of the body, we can forget the very real needs of our soul. Like the Samaritan woman we too must face the truth about ourselves in an encounter with Jesus Christ, confess our sins and come to know Jesus as Saviour in our lives.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885  
 Offertory for the last fortnight  
 Envelopes £ 536  
 Loose Plate £ 665.64  
 Contactless donations £ 580  
**Total for weekends of 26th February & 5th March £ 1781.64**



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

**Confirmation: 2022-23 Programme. ITS RICH MAN POOR MAN TIME AGAIN.** The Confirmation candidates will be speaking at all masses and there will be an opportunity to buy tickets or sponsor an item on the menu. The date is **Saturday 22nd April, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, tickets still £10 each.** Come along and support the Confirmation Candidates & the Addo Project to which all the funds raised will be sent.

St Teresa's school is looking for a Class Teacher to join from September 2023. Applications are welcome from both ECTs and experienced teachers please see [www.stteresas.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stteresas.herts.sch.uk) or contact [Katrina.Bradley@stteresas.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Katrina.Bradley@stteresas.herts.sch.uk).



**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,



*giftaid* As we are nearing the end of the Tax year, don't forget to let us know if your tax circumstances have changed & you need to amend your Gift Aid Status. If you don't already give by Gift Aid and you find that you could, please pick up a Gift Aid declaration today. It doesn't cost you anything and means we can claim an extra 25p from the government for every £1 that you donate. You just have to be a UK taxpayer who pays enough tax to cover the amount of gift aid that is claimed back.

**Lent 2023 Food Drive:** Over the period of Lent please can you help with donations of tins of:

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



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

**Margaret Atkinson's Funeral** will take place on Friday 31st March, noon at St Teresa's followed by burial at Allum Lane. There will be refreshments after Mass at St Teresa's Parish Centre, all are warmly invited.



**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.**



**2023-24 Planned giving boxes are now in the appropriate church.** We are not allowed to leave these out as per GDPR regs so please collect from the Sacristy.



**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

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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!

