

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
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2nd April 2023: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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 1st April	Vigil: Palm Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Edelgisa Szabatura RIP (Ann)
Sunday 2nd April	Palm Sunday	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Helen Gilligan RIP (Bday)
		10am (St T)	Margaret Tucker RIP
		Noon (St T)	Bridie Madden RIP
Monday 3rd April	Monday of Holy Week	9.15am (St T)	Leonard Traynor RIP (Bday)
Tuesday 4th April	Tuesday of Holy Week	9.15am (St T)	Mick Rooney RIP (Bday)
Wednesday 5th April	No Mass		
Thursday 6th April	The Lord's Supper	8pm (SSJFTM)	Helen Gilligan RIP (Ann)
Friday 7th April	Solemn Commemoration Of the Lords Passion	3pm (St T)	
Saturday 8th April	Easter Vigil	8pm (St T)	Confirmandi & Candidates (Int)

EXTENDED EASTER RECONCILIATIONS Holy Saturday 9.30am-11.30am St Teresa's

Liturgy of the Word - 2nd April 2023

Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Easter Sunday Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43, Psalm 117:1-2,16-17,22-23, R.v24, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

Fr Dominic writes: How do we witness to our faith in our lives?

Very often when we are asked about our beliefs, our faith, our religion we can happily answer that we believe in God, we are Christian and we are Catholic. This seems straightforward but it actually hides so many things. If we believe in God do we believe that he created us and that we are created in His image? This belief should elicit some real response from us, it should inform how we act and react to other people, to our world and to the circumstances that we find ourselves in every day of our lives. Because if believe we are created in the image of God, so is every other person and how we interact with them should be affected by that belief.

If we are Christian and believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God and we follow his teachings from the Gospels then we are tasked with living a life in according to his teachings. Loving our neighbour as ourselves, loving or enemies, offering the other cheek in an argument. We are to look out and care for the poor, the weak, the marginalised, the refugee and the outcast. Our loved ones should experience unconditional love from us and be enhanced by our relationship with them.

If we are Catholic we must display all those qualities above in our belief in God and in his Son Jesus Christ. But, we must also be an active member of our Faith Community, our Parish. We must make use of the special helps that are there for us; the Sacraments, the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Jesus Christ and the aids to prayer that the Saints give to us.

As we approach Easter we come to an intense period in our Catholic Liturgical Season. We start with Palm Sunday, then Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Be with us for these Celebrations.

GOOD FRIDAY—WALK OF WITNESS 11AM BAPTIST CHURCH TO ST. TERESA'S

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885
Offertory for the last fortnight
Envelopes £ 709
Loose Plate £ 665.64
Contactless donations £ 641
Total for weekends of 12th & 19th March £ 2015.64



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.

Easter Service cards are now in both churches with details of all the Easter services, please help yourself

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.

Good Friday Walk of Witness—Friday 7th April starting at 11am at the Baptist Church Furzehill & ending at St Teresa's for refreshments. Please come & wear red if you can!

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 and cartons of UHT Milk.

The Parish contribution since Lent has begun: 402.10Kg.



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

CHANGE OF CHURCH—ONE NIGHT ONLY! Saturday 15th April is the Romanian Orthodox's Easter Saturday. Our 6pm Vigil on that day will be at St Teresa's so that SS Fisher & More can be used by the Romanians that evening.

Święcenie pokarmów
 Po angielsku, ale według polskiej tradycji
 Odbędzie się w Kościele
 St Teresa of the Child Jesus
 291 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1TG
 W Wielką Sobotę (8 tego kwietnia) o godzinie 12.00

Thank you to all who supported the appeal by Nicholas Breakspear to help fund this year's trip to Lourdes. They would like to take any petitions to Lourdes on tour behalf. If you would like to do this, please hand in to us **before Easter** in a sealed envelope. Total £1,058.40 collected.

St Teresa's school is looking for 3 new foundation governors to work in partnership with the governing body and head teacher to promote the continuous improvement in the performance of our school. They will ensure the Church's mission is upheld, have oversight of the curriculum and the appointment of staff and be accountable for the school's performance. They will have a strategic role to play as well as acting as a critical friend to the head teacher. Training and support is provided to help governors develop skills to fulfil their very important role. They are looking for self-motivated and enthusiastic individuals who are willing to learn, the rest can be taught through the training programme on offer to help build your understanding and support your development as a governor. The school is keen to hear from people with experience in education or financial oversight, but these are in no way mandatory requirements. Please contact the school office for further information and an application form admin@stteresas.herts.sch.uk or 020 8953 3753

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!

