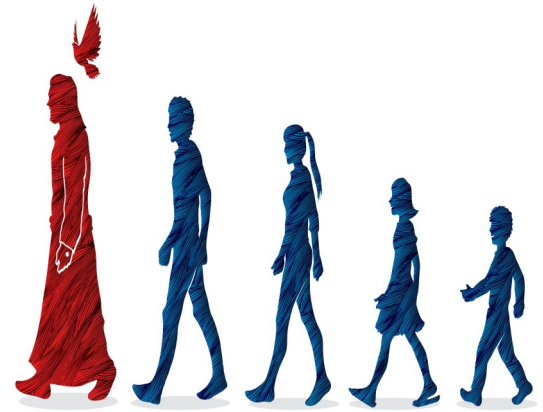


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26th March 2023: 5th Sunday of Lent

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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 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 March	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Amalia Costache RIP
Sunday 26th March	5th Sunday of	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Anthony & Angeline Coughlan (Int)
	Lent	10am (St T)	Mick Brady RIP
		Noon (St T)	Kathleen & George Parsons RIP
Monday 27th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Pat Burke RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 28th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Seline Devine RIP
Wednesday 29th March	No Mass		
Thursday 30th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Hugh Feelily RIP
Friday 31st March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Sean Ryan RIP (Ann)
	Requiem Mass	Midday (St T)	Margaret Atkinson
Saturday 1st April	Vigil: Palm Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Edelgisa Szabatura RIP (Ann)

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 - 26th March 2023

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God,
 and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
 From the deceitful and cunning rescue me.
 For you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
 I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
 whoever believes in me will never die.
 Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R.v2, Philippians 26-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

Fr Dominic writes: How do we believe in Jesus?

It is much more than an intellectual acceptance. Jesus said, "Not everybody who says to me 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven. Only those who do the will of God". In other words follow the way of God. That's how you believe in Jesus, you follow him and then you come to new life. A life that begins to enable you to be all that you can be.

Like the Jewish people who felt dead from their captivity, we too live in a world that has been caught up in death for a long time. We have our dry bones as well. We kill each other in acts of murder, abortion, euthanasia, execution, war, terrorist activities, and through drunk and reckless driving. We kill ourselves through suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, smoking, overwork, stress, bad eating habits, and physical neglect.

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We watch calmly as others die from poverty, hunger and malnutrition, homelessness, unemployment, poor education, disease, lack of health coverage, child abuse, arms proliferation, discrimination, pollution, destruction of the environment, unsafe working conditions, and all the laws, policies, practices and attitudes which contribute to these conditions.

When we believe in Jesus, we discover Jesus in a whole variety of places. When I was hungry, you gave me food to eat. When I was thirsty you gave me water to drink. That's how we enter into the fullness of life, finding Jesus in others, seeing Jesus in the poor, the oppressed, those who are treated badly in this world. We see Jesus in them and believe in Jesus, reach out to Jesus and follow him. We become alive.

We must heed his command: "Don't just love those who love you. Love your enemies."

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!

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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



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,**



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!

