

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood  
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### 5th March 2023: 2nd 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 4th March	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Nonie Sexton RIP
Sunday 5th March	2nd Sunday of Lent	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Anne & Geraldine Murphy RIP (Ann) Guadalupe Quesada RIP Baby Enrico Vilas RIP
Monday 6th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Margaret Tucker RIP
Tuesday 7th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Dave Ashby RIP (Ann 8yrs)
Wednesday 8th March	No Mass		
Thursday 9th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Patrick & Norah Howard RIP (Ann)
Friday 10th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 11th March	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Siobhan McErlean RIP

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

#### Liturgy of the Word - 5th March 2023

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Glory & praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Fathers voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Glory and praise to you, O Christ!"
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	Exodus 17:3-7, Psalm 94:1-2,6-9, rsp.v9, Romans 5:1-2,5-8, John 4:5-42

Fr Dominic writes:

*The first signs of spring*

*The first signs of spring can be seen outside and it feels like the Parish is springing back into action as well. Our recent Pasta & Pancake party was well attended and the children (& parents), had a great time. We now have the St Patrick's Day Party, with tickets on sale now, We have hot food, music and a display of Irish Dancing from a local group; remember you don't have to be Irish to celebrate Paddy's Day! Make sure you get your tickets before they sell out.*

*Our Catechetical Programmes are moving along nicely; the Confirmation Candidates meet next week to review their thoughts on the topics on which they have been studying and to plan for this years "Rich Man Poor Man" - (Saturday 22nd April—put the date in your diary). The First Holy Communions are scheduled for end April & May—with a gap for the King's Coronation, and the children have been working hard and are doing great.*

*Our Adult Catechetical programmes are progressing in the lead up to Easter when we have Adult Confirmations and Receptions, we are always so delighted to be able to welcome people into the Catholic Church.*

*Then there is the Foodbank Donation Drive that was launched last week; we have had so many donations already, you can drop them off at St Teresa's Presbytery or there are also boxes in the church porches with St Teresa's Church usually kept open during weekdays.*

*There is much to look forward to; a growing church that makes a positive contribution to its community, can stand in the shoes of others and can come together, celebrate and have fun.*

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 for parents & children.**



Confirmation: 2022-23 Programme. **Next meeting, 7th March 2023 6.30pm, 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.



Comboni Fathers "Sudan Mission" The wall box for the mission was emptied recently and we sent £315.60 to the Missionaries. The treasurer of the order, Fr Martin, has written to thank the parish for its long standing support and to advise that the funds will be sent without delay to Fr Angelo in Cairo.

### 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



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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
- ◆ 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 will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies. 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.



**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

**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!

