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16th April 2023: Second Sunday of Easter

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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 15th April	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm (St T)	Mgr. Joseph Patrick Branson RIP
Sunday 16th April	2nd Sunday of Easter	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Noreen O'Grady & Family (Int) Christopher Shonibare RIP (Ann) Lourda O'Leary RIP
Monday 17th April	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Patricia Handscombe (Int)
Tuesday 18th April	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Janet O'Sullivan RIP
Wednesday 19th April	No Mass		
Thursday 20th April	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Canon Frank Moran (Int)
Friday 21st April	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Laurie Symonds (Int)
Saturday 22nd April	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	George Parsons RIP (Ann)

Mass Intentions now booked through until July 2023

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

Liturgy of the Word - 16th April 2023

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me.
 Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."
 Alleluia!

Next Sunday Readings: Acts 2:14,22-33, Psalm 15:1-2,5,7-11, R.v11, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

Fr Dominic writes: The Risen Christ showed them his scars!

A striking feature about this Gospel scene is that the Risen Christ retained the scars on the passion on His body. It's quite extraordinary. Jesus had a transformed, exalted, glorious risen body that could pass through doors yet he kept the scars. Christ could have miraculously erased those scars after the Resurrection but chose not to. They were his personal "signature".

We can often recognise someone who has changed dramatically over the years by certain marks and scars. It was only when the apostles saw the scars in his hands and side that they realised that this was the Jesus of Nazareth that they knew. That's why Thomas wanted to see the scars.

Whenever we see a scar on our knee, finger or chest we remember how it got there. Maybe we have some scars from our own negligence or that of others. Some came intentionally through surgery and others through violence. Some of those scars are on the outside while others are on the inside, but each one has a story. The Risen Lord kept his scars as the evidence of his love.

They also help us keep his Passion and Death joined with his Resurrection. It can be spiritually distorting to separate them. If we emphasise the sufferings of Jesus, it is important to remember that those sufferings led to his Resurrection. If we reflect on the Resurrection of Jesus, we need to remember that the avenue to new life was through a crucifixion and death. The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ are all linked. Theologians call this fusion of the Passion, death and Resurrection of Christ the "Paschal Mystery." His scars are also a promise. The Risen Christ showed them His scars and still has them, to show us that through Him we can have healing and spiritual victory!

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 778.05

Loose Plate £ 814.84

Contactless donations £ 567

Total for weekends of 26th March & 2nd April £ 2159.89



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 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 & support the Confirmation Candidates & the Addo Project who will be the beneficiaries of the event. **JUST A FEW TICKETS LEFT**



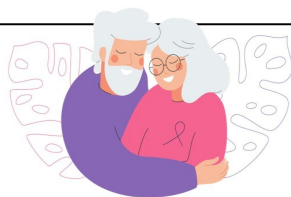
2023-24 Planned giving boxes are now in the appropriate church. We are not allowed to leave these out as per GDPR regs so please collect from the Sacristy.



Still scrabbling around for cash for the Offertory? Keep forgetting to bring your envelopes?, why not think about donating by Standing Order? All you need to do is pick up a standing order mandate & complete & return to us.

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As we start the new 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.



Fund Raising Quiz Night Borehamwood Dementia Club

Saturday 20th May
7pm for a 7.30pm start
At 96, Shenley Road, Borehamwood
Tickets £15 each—includes food but
please bring your own drinks.

Tickets available from:

Sasha Capocci 07771 862820

St Teresa's Parish Office 0208 953 1294



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**



Fr Peter Maher RIP: Fr Peter, who was Parish Priest of St Teresa's from 1985-1993 died on 6th April. Born in Blackburn in 1944 he was ordained in June 1970 as a priest of St Joseph's Missionary Society of Mill Hill by Bishop Gerald Mahon MHM. He was incardinated into the Diocese of Westminster in July 1973. Condolences are extended to Fr Peter's family, friends and colleagues and to all who knew him from his years in parish ministry in the Diocese and in the Diocese of Northampton where he lived in retirement. Will we let you know when we have Funeral details



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. 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!

