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23rd April 2023: Third 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 22nd April	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	George Parsons RIP (Ann)
Sunday 23rd April	3rd Sunday of Easter	8.30am (SSJFTM)	McGrath Family (Int)
		10am (St T)	Ann & Nicky Cownan (Int)
		Noon (St T)	Ollie Quinn RIP (Bday)
Monday 24th April	St George	9.15am (St T)	Josefino Espino RIP
Tuesday 25th April	St Mark	9.15am (St T)	Michael Brady RIP
Wednesday 26th April	No Mass		
Thursday 27th April	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Anna & Val Kalnins RIP (Ann)
	Funeral Service	11am (St T)	Joan Defanis RIP
Friday 28th April	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Matthew Brotherton (Int)
Saturday 29th April	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Wally Scott RIP

Mass Intentions now booked through until July 2023

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

Liturgy of the Word - 23rd April 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.
Responsorial Psalm:	Show us, Lord, the path of life.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	Acts 2:14,36-41, Psalm 22, R.v1, 1 Peter 1: 20-25, John 10:1-10

Fr Dominic writes: Jesus can join us anywhere and at any time on our journey!

The two people walking to Emmaus were evidently followers of Jesus. They don't appear anywhere else in the Gospel. We don't hear about them before or after this incident. We only know the name of one of them. Our lack of knowledge about them is an important detail. Here the scene shifts from the major figures in the Gospel like Peter, John, Mary Magdalene and Thomas to two ordinary people like us, and the Lord comes to them.

The first point of the Emmaus story is that the Risen Christ is near to all of us, to every single Christian, because we are all important to Him. As St. Peter says in the second reading, we were all ransomed by His very blood.

These two disciples to whom the Lord came were not in Jerusalem, not in the upper room, not near the garden tomb. They were on an ordinary road, travelling to a small village a few miles from Jerusalem. We don't even know what the village was known for back then. This teaches us that the Risen Christ can join us wherever we are. We don't have to be in the great spiritual centres of the world. The Risen Lord can be part of our life wherever we are. The "where" of the Emmaus story is a nameless road, really any road, every road where we are, any point on the road of life as a child, teenager, young adult, parent or senior citizen. It is anywhere we are personally, in doubt, in grief, in joy, in consternation, in worry, in distress. Christ is there with us. The road on which they travel is our road right now and Christ is with us as well. The message of the Emmaus Gospel is that whoever you are, wherever you are in life, the Risen Lord is near you. We come to recognise His presence in the "breaking of bread", in the Mass throughout our life.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 419.20

Loose Plate £ 1331.65

Contactless donations £ 772

Total for weekends of 9th & 16th April £ 2522.85



FHC 2022-23 Programme. Our First Holy Communions kick off next week, with services on Saturday 29th April at Noon, 2pm & 4pm and more to follow. Please pray for the children and their families at this important & exciting time.



THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY (Mill Hill Mass Centre) invites you to join them on the **4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 2pm.** VENUE: Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate (RC) Church, 2 Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2J



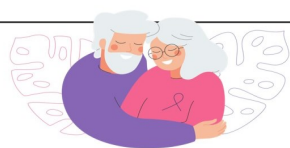
2023-24 Planned giving boxes are now in the appropriate church. We are not allowed to leave these out as per GDPR regs so please collect from the Sacristy. STILL PLENTY OF BOXES TO BE COLLECTED



The Bishops' Conference have requested that on **Friday 5th May**, a Mass should be celebrated for the intentions of King Charles on the eve of his Coronation. So we will not be having the usual 9.15am Mass On 5th May, instead it will be replaced by a **7.30pm Mass** at St Teresa's.

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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. Fr Peter's Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 10 May at 1pm at Our Lady and St Michael, Crown Rise, Garston WD25 ONE. Cremation will follow at the West Herts Crematorium, High Elms Lane, Watford WD25 OJS. May the soul of Fr Peter, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Priest Training Fund Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the priesthood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Donation envelopes available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations & for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.



A Celebration in Music

**Borehamwood Brass and Borehamwood
Community Choir**

7.30 pm, Friday 12th May at St Teresa's Church,
Tickets: £7.50 at the door—No need to reserve,
just turn up!

Helping Borehamwood Food Bank

2025 is our Centenary Year

Meeting 8pm 1st June St Teresa's Parish Centre

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? Come along to the meeting, all welcome.



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