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30th April 2023: Fourth 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 29th April	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Wally Scott RIP
Sunday 30th April	4th Sunday of Easter	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Bill May RIP Rene Kane RIP Margaret Caulfield RIP
Monday 1st May	Easter Feria	Noon (St T)	Margaret Tucker RIP
Tuesday 2nd May	St Athanasius	9.15am (St T)	Frank Murray RIP
Wednesday 3rd May	No Mass		
Thursday 4th May	The English Martyrs	9.15am (St T)	Stephen McKenna RIP
Friday 5th May	Easter Feria	7.30pm (St T)	His Majesty King Charles III (Int)
Saturday 6th May	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Christy Looby 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 - 30th April 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia..
Responsorial Psalm:	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	Acts 6:1-7, Psalm 32:1-2,4-5,18-19, R.v22, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12

Fr Dominic writes: *Good Shepherd Sunday / Vocations Sunday*

Over the next while in the Parish we will witness the great work of our parents as they guide their children and young people into the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Those with children and young people will also be guiding their offspring through revision and the emotional examination time, for SATS, GCSE's, A Levels and Degrees. They have learnt the art of gentle persuasion and sometimes even bribery to get the best for their children. They are taking on the role as Shepherds to their families.

We, sometimes, have a very romantic view of the work of a Shepherd but like the job of a parent it is a very challenging role. Parents who are trying to pass on their faith to their children have a very difficult job as our Secular world seems to have put no value on a belief in God or a life lived with basic Christian values of justice, equality, honesty and a burning desire to reach out to the poor. Catholic parents, priests and teachers are sometimes seen as an anachronism, an outdated and rather useless group looking to the past.

But, I believe, that we must really persevere at our role as Shepherds. The norms of our Secular society cannot give our children the direction, the care and comfort, or the tools to cope with our modern world. The very belief in a higher being, an eternal life, is a way and means to meditate and understand the complexities of our modern life. As Shepherds, Parents, Teachers and Priests are vital to health of our society. But we need to know what we are up against; we need to educate ourselves about the dangers

In the Gospel Jesus speaks about the Shepherd as a "gatekeeper" and once again this role of a shepherd is a very vital one. We are to put ourselves as guardians of our children's lives and protectors of their morals. We must guard them from the worst parts of the Internet, and from those peddling drugs and pornography. Being a "Gatekeeper" means we need to know what we are protecting them from. "DIFFICULT"

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

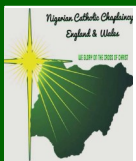
Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 419.20

Loose Plate £ 1331.65

Contactless donations £ 772

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



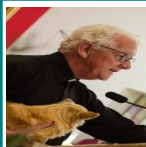
THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY (Mill Hill Mass Centre) invites you to join them on the **4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 2pm. VENUE: Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate (RC) Church, 2 Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2J**



Priest Training Fund Today is Good Shepherd Sunday & so our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.



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. The funeral will be livestreamed on <https://youtube.com/live/cPtEr25qgs8?feature=share>. The stream is set up as unlisted so that anyone with the link will be able to view without needing to log-in or have a Google or YouTube account. It will not be searchable without the link.



John Doneo Senior RIP. John's body will be brought into St Teresa's Church on Friday 19th May at 6.30pm and his Funeral will be held Saturday 20th at 10am at St Teresa's, followed by committal at West Herts at Noon

great job!

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who beat all previous records and have raised £3400 for the Sisters of Mercy Addo Unofficial Locations. This was a tremendous effort and we are very proud of you all.

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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.



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.



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,



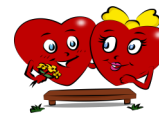
Like to get the newsletter emailed direct to you? Just drop Sue an email and we will add you to the list. You can also view it on our website, or we can print a larger print version for you if that helps.

Thinking of getting married or do you know of someone who is getting married in a Catholic church? We now have dates for our **Wedding Preparation Classes**, run by Fr Dominic:

16th & 17th June 2023

13th & 14th October 2023

If you are thinking of getting married, but think it will be problematic because your partner is a non catholic or maybe you already have kids, think again! We have the technology! Come & have a chat with Fr Dominic.



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.



The Electoral Commission

Find out more at electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID
No ID? You can apply for free voter ID

You now need photo ID to vote at a polling station