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9th April 2023: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

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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 8th April	Easter Vigil	8pm (St T)	Confirmandi & Candidates (Int)
Sunday 9th April	Easter Sunday	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Geraldine & Anne Murphy RIP (Ann)
		10am (St T)	Ann Irvine (Int)
		Noon (St T)	Nellie, Mary & Martin Burke RIP
Monday 10th April	Monday of Easter	Noon (St T)	Kathleen Reasbeck RIP
Tuesday 11th April	Tuesday of Easter	9.15am (St T)	Ndue Ndrec Perlala (Int)
Wednesday 12th April	No Mass		
Thursday 13th April	Thursday of Easter	9.15am (St T)	John Wilkinson RIP
Friday 14th April	Friday of Easter	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 15th April	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm (ST TERESA)	Mgr. Joseph Patrick Branson 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 - 9th April 2023

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia

Responsorial Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Next Sunday Readings: Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 117:2-4,13-15,220243, R.v1, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-3

Fr Dominic writes: Can we roll the stone away?

Sometimes in the Gospel, there is a single detail that tells the whole story. There is such a detail in this Gospel reading that goes to the very heart of Easter. They came to the tomb and the stone was rolled away. The stone was rolled away!

The Resurrection means that the huge stone that separated the human race from God, the stone that stood like a wall between humanity and God was rolled away and now in Jesus Christ, the way to the Father is once more wide-open. It is as though a room was shrouded in darkness and Jesus rises to pull aside the curtain and flood the room with God's light. Through the Resurrection of Jesus, God's own life floods back into the world. Now, eternal life and eternal happiness are possible for all of us.

But, there is a doubt that darkens Easter. It is not a doubt that Christ rose from the dead. There is a mountain of evidence in the life of the disciples and of the Church that Jesus indeed rose. In fact, the burden of proof is on those who would claim the opposite. We see the disciples changed, walking in newness of life as a new creation, filled with the Holy Spirit. The evidence that they were changed by the Risen Christ is huge and convincing.

The doubt that casts its shadow over Easter is the doubt that you and I can really walk in newness of life, that we can become a new creation, that we can be changed and filled with the Holy Spirit. We might feel that the stone in our life is too massive, too big. That Jesus rose to new life is easy to believe. We doubt that we rise to new life in Him. Because of the Resurrection of Jesus, we can experience the power of Genesis in our life. We can experience an Exodus from the bondage of sin in our life. The stone in our life can be rolled away.

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 and support the Confirmation Candidates & the Addo Project who will be the beneficiaries of the event.



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 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.



Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood, Lent Appeal 2023 The total of the parish Lent Appeal 2023 was **614.29kg**. Borehamwood Foodbank is extremely grateful for your kindness and generosity. This quantity of food makes a big difference, helps us to serve those in need and helps us to be here for those who are really struggling during the cost of living crisis this Easter



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.



BAPTISMS: We welcome Benjamin, Noel, Kiyana & Liliya who are all being baptised over the Easter weekend.

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**



CHANGE OF CHURCH—ONE NIGHT ONLY! NEXT SATURDAY, 15th April is the day that the Romanian Orthodox Church celebrate their Easter Saturday . Our 6pm Vigil on that day will be at St Teresa's so that SS Fisher & More can be used by the Romanians for the whole of that evening.



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



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

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!

