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## 28th May 2023: Pentecost Sunday

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**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 27th May	Vigil: Pentecost	6pm (SSJFTM)	Gunther Apsitis & Alan Thompson RIP(Ann)
Sunday 28th May	Pentecost	8.30am (SSJFTM)	John Mangan RIP (Ann)
		10am (St T)	Tessie Martin RIP
		Noon (St T)	Patrick Hennessy RIP
Monday 29th May	Mary, Mother of		
	The Church	9.15am (St T)	Deceased friends of Noreen O'Grady, RIP
Tuesday 30th May	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Ann McHale RIP
Wednesday 31st May	No Mass		
Thursday 1st June	Jesus, the Eternal		
	High Priest	9.15am (St T)	Deceased family of Noreen O'Grady, RIP
Friday 2nd June	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Walter Scott RIP
Saturday 3rd June	Vigil: Holy Trinity	6pm (SSJFTM)	Maureen Congerton RIP

**Mass Intentions now booked through until August 2023**

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

### Liturgy of the Word - 28th May 2023

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!
<b>Next Sunday Readings:</b>	Exodus 34:4-6,8-9, Psalm Daniel 3:52-56, R.v52, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, John 3:16-18

Fr Dominic writes: Pentecost and Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Pentecost is a great day in the Church's life. It is a celebration of Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church and to each of the baptised. Today we recall the powerful events in Jerusalem on that first Pentecost Sunday. Before then, the disciples were frightened behind locked doors. On Pentecost, the doors were opened as they received the Holy Spirit in a drama of wind and flame and are suddenly unified by mission and purpose. They become confident and courageous. That Holy Spirit has remained within the church.

Frequently, when we think of the work of the Holy Spirit, we select the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit such as people speaking in tongues and being gifted with healing or grand inspirations. But there are also the ordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit that we can easily overlook. These are the gifts that bring healing to the broken soul, the gifts of the Holy Spirit that enable us to forgive, to have the power to be faithful to our promises and vows, the Spirit that can bring us back to a living faith, a renewed trust in God, the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to pray sincerely, honestly, powerfully.

The Holy Spirit is present whenever we manifest courage in living the Gospel, when we open our heart in prayer, when we reach out to one another, when we make wise choices, when we appreciate the magnificence of God's presence, when we deepen our knowledge of God. The fruits of the Spirit can be manifested when Love, Joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are present in our lives and we bring these fruits into our families, our communities and to the strangers we meet.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 546.10

Loose Plate £ 587.52

Contactless donations £ 764.50

**Total for weekends of 7th & 14th May £ 1898.12**



**Premises Updates:** We are currently awaiting quotes to install emergency lighting and linked smoke alarms in both churches. Looking at ways to improve car parking at SSJFTM is also on our list of ways to make all our sites that bit safer & compliant with the regulations. Once we get the quotes we will look at prioritising. It is your contributions to the Contingency Fund that mean we are able to help keep and improve the maintenance of the premises on track and not always wait until things go wrong! There are envelopes for the fund in both churches, if you are able, please do pick up an envelope and donate, if you Gift Aid your donation - even better! You can also give by bank transfer (40 05 20 91095714 WRCDT St Teresa). You can also contactless a donation, just let us know if you do, to make sure that we allocate it to the correct pot! We know that times are tough so if you can't help, please don't worry.



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. **Some planned giving envelopes still to be collected.**



#### **First Holy Communions 22-23 programme.**

We may have now finished our services but we still have one celebration left. **On Sunday 11th June (Corpus Christi)** we will make the 10am Mass a celebration especially for the FHC children for this year. We would like you to wear your FHC outfits and after the Mass we will have a small procession around to St Teresa's school, followed by benediction there. If the weather is OK, St Teresa's have kindly agreed to let us use the playing field for a picnic. Please can you put the date in your diary.



**This year's Confirmation will take place on Saturday 10th June at Midday at St Teresa's.** Bishop Paul McAleenan will preside over what promises to be a very special day for the candidates. Please keep them in your prayers.



The Parish & Town Council of Elstree & Borehamwood invite you all to a Festival Service; "A celebration of service", on Sunday 11th June at 3pm at Holy Cross Church, Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood.



#### **Volunteering opportunities with Hertsmeremencap:**

Can you spare 2 hours a week to make a difference? Are you friendly, patient & like to have fun? Do you want to have meaningful & rewarding experiences? **Hertsmeremencap** is a charity supporting 250 children and adults with learning disabilities. We help our members to feel valued, listened to and included. We are looking for volunteers to help run our activities sessions. Our sessions run on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning and a Tuesday and Thursday evening in Borehamwood. You will join a lovely team of volunteers and will help us to run our activities successfully. You will make a real difference to our members who hugely enjoy our sessions. For more information please contact Karen on 07938 722619 or [hdcomm@hertsmeremencap.org.uk](mailto:hdcomm@hertsmeremencap.org.uk)



**BAPTISMS: We welcome Colby-James & Lara who are being baptised this 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 God-parents - 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: 24th June, 29th July, 23rd September, 28th October & 25th November. All 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Teresa's Church**

**Can you help? One of elderly parishioners is looking for help with her garden, probably just one hour a fortnight to keep the grass mowed and the garden looking tidy. Please call the parish office if you can help & we will put you in touch to discuss, times and rates.**

#### **2025 is our Centenary Year Meeting**

**8pm 1st June St Teresa's Parish Centre ALL**

**WELCOME.** 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.



**Our next Parish Sunday Lunch is on Sunday 4th June at 2pm in St Teresa's Parish Centre.** All our very welcome with lists in both churches, please sign your names so that we can have an idea of numbers for catering.



**This year, the dates for Camp Unity are Sunday 30th July to Friday 4th August 2023.**

They are currently in the process of getting the forms ready, but can be contacted direct by email on [campunityborehamwood@gmail.com](mailto:campunityborehamwood@gmail.com). If you are not familiar with the Camp; it is a week-long, overnight camping experience for children based five minutes from the centre of Borehamwood at Well End Scout Campsite and Activity Centre. Children can have a fun, safe, educational and very local camping experience run by practiced and qualified leaders. Their Mission Statement is "CAMP UNITY is a Borehamwood based organisation that provides children and their families with opportunities to meet other cultures and foster friendships, leading to greater community cohesion and the celebration of diversity." Children may camp without parental supervision if they are 6 years of age or over. The parish have sleeping bags and tents available for use by the children, so do not worry if you haven't got them; let us know & you can use ours!