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7th May 2023: Fifth 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.



May is First Holy Communions Month -
Congratulations to all the
children & their families.

Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 6th May	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Christy Looby RIP
Sunday 7th May	5th Sunday of Easter	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Aida Millar RIP Joseph Chan RIP Marie Campion RIP
Monday 8th May	Easter Feria	Noon (St T)	Alan Nolan RIP
Tuesday 9th May	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Mary McKenna RIP (Bday)
Wednesday 10th May	No Mass		
Thursday 11th May	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Frank Atkinson RIP
Friday 12th May	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 13th May	Vigil: 6th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Ivy Myers 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 - 7th May 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia..
Responsorial Psalm:	May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me." Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	Acts 8:5-8,14-17, Psalm 65:1-7,16,20, R.v1, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

Fr Dominic writes: *In My Father's House there are many rooms!*

In his commentary on this Gospel Fr. Silvester O'Flynn writes: "I have one special wish for my death-bed. I long to have somebody reading these consoling words of the farewell discourse of Jesus."

In the light of these words, death will not be a departure but a more complete coming of the fullness of life. In the writings of John, eternal life is not postponed until after death: many times he repeats that that the believer has eternal life. The resurrection of Jesus Christ means that he is alive here and now in the community of the baptised.

What is meant by the Father's house? Jesus Christ is the house of the father. He is the new temple of divine presence on earth. He is the sacred meeting place with God. In his own words: "I am in the father and the Father is in me."

Jesus says that there are many rooms in the Father's house. In one sense it suggests that there is no shortage of places for us all. In another sense it expresses room for a great diversity of people, talents and ministries. In today's second reading Christians are exhorted to become "living stones making a spiritual house." The new temple of God's presence on earth is no longer a temple of lifeless stones. Now God lives and works on earth in the living members of the community of the Lord.

The compassion of god comes to people through hearts that full of tenderness and love. The words of God are heard from mouths that proclaim in his name. The caring acts of God are performed in hands that serve. The eyes of God see through the human eyes of attention and sensitivity.

The wonderful flow of divine energy comes through these living stones which form the sacred house of God's presence. So, God's presence comes to life when we are his living stones in our family and community.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 679

Loose Plate £ 720.56

Contactless donations £ 969

Total for weekends of 23rd & 30th April £ 2368.56



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 Thank you to all who donated to the Priest Training Fund. We raised £582. You can still make your donation online - visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

great job!

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who beat all previous records and have raised £3505 for the Sisters of Mercy Addo Unofficial; Locations, This was a tremendous effort and we are very proud of you all.



Confirmation Candidates - Don't forget your retreat date is **Saturday 13th May At St Teresa's Parish Centre from 11am-2pm**. Please note that this day will also include the rehearsal for the Confirmation **so you will no longer need to come on Tuesday 6th June.**

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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

The Parish Office will be closed next week (8th-12th May). Back to normal Monday 15th!



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,



Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust), the national Catholic prisons charity has a vacancy for a part-time Volunteer Coordinator, providing support in the London courts and in the community.

Working Hours = 30 hours, Monday to Friday
Location = Home based (London area)

Contract = Part time / Permanent

Salary = £22,800 per annum (£20,400 basic + £2,400 market supplement)

If you understand working with vulnerable adults in a challenging environment, we would like to hear from you. Find out more here:

<https://bit.ly/3LLdttK> Closing date: 30/05/23



BAPTISMS: We welcome Jake who is 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 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**



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

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.

