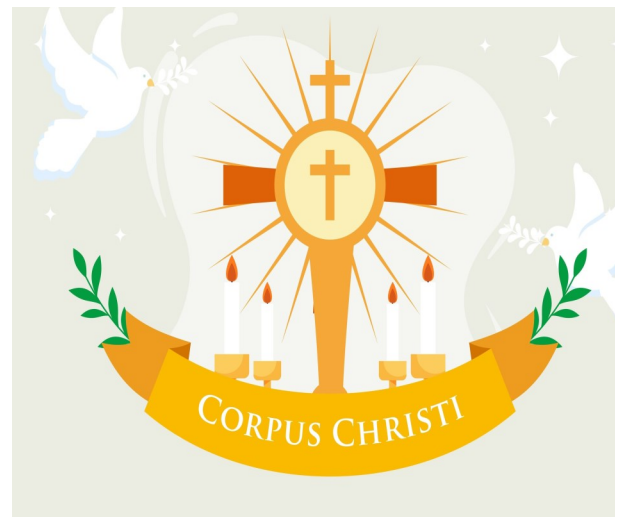


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11th June 2023: Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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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 10th June	Vigil: Corpus Christi	6pm (SSJFTM)	Dianne Stanton RIP (Ann)
Sunday 11th June	Corpus Christi	8.30am (SSJFTM)	St Anthony
		10am (St T)	Tomas Arpon RIP
		Noon (St T)	Sr Margaret Jones (Int) (Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving)
Monday 12th June	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Gertrude Hollersberger RIP
Tuesday 13th June	St Anthony of Padua	9.15am (St T)	Susan O'Donnell RIP
Wednesday 14th June	No Mass		
Thursday 15th June	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Ann McHale RIP
Friday 16th June	Sacred Heart	9.15am (St T)	Kathleen Reasbeck & Kevin Traynor RIP
Saturday 17th June	Vigil: 11th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Kathleen & George Parsons RIP

Mass Intentions now booked through until End August 2023
Confessions Saturdays 10am-10.40am St Teresa's & 5pm-5.40pm SSJFTM

Liturgy of the Word - 11th June 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
Responsorial Psalm:	O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	Exodus 19:2-6, Psalm 99:1-3, R.v3, Romans 5:6-11, Matthew 9:36-10:8

Fr Dominic writes:

Not on bread alone.

Cardinal Hume recalled a incident that happened when he visited Ethiopia during the 1984-85 famine. He was taken to a settlement in the hills where people were waiting for food that was unlively to arrive. As he got out of the helicopter, a small boy, dressed in just a loincloth, came up and took his hand. The whole time that the cardinal was there, the little child wouldn't let go of his hand.

As they went around, the boy made two gestures: with one hand he pointed to his mouth, and with the other he took the cardinal's hand and rubbed it against his cheek.

The Cardinal said later, " Here was an orphan boy who was lost & starving. Yet by two simple gestures he indicated our two fundamental needs or hungers. With one gesture he showed me his hunger for food, and with the other, his hunger for love. I have never forgotten that incident and to this day, I wonder whether that child is still alive. I remember that as I boarded the helicopter, he stood at looked at me reproachfully".

Today's first reading says " A human being doesn't live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. " We need ordinary bread, our most basic necessity. But bread only nourishes half of us; we have a spiritual side too that needs nourishment, Even the little starving child realised that.

In the Eucharist we are nourished with the food of God's word, and in Holy Communion we are nourished with the food of eternal life. In the Eucharistic banquet we have nourishment for our minds, hearts and spirits and we experience the abiding presence of Christ with us. Not as a vague memory of a person who lived long ago, but as a real, life-giving presence that transforms us.

By eating the food of the Eucharist, we are nourished, and like Christ are able to nourish others.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 901

Loose Plate £ 732.62

Contactless donations £ 745

Total for weekends of 21st & 28th May £ 2378.62



The Foodbank are running short on supplies: Please can you help as they are in desperate need of the following :

Tins of : Vegetables, Meat & Fish, Fruit, Soup & Beans

& packets of rice.

Thank you in advance of all the support that you give to the Foodbank.



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.**



A big thank you to all who came to our first meeting last week, it was great to see so many people. Our first decision was to have four areas that we need to focus on and to have teams of people for each. Its still not too late to get involved!

The four areas are:

Fund Raising,

The celebrations themselves,

Premises

Archives - display & centenary brochure

There are slips in all the churches for you to complete if you would like to help, the more the merrier! We really want this to be all about the parish and we would love to have all our different nationalities & age groups included.

For the moment, the dates that you need to know are:

Celebration Mass Sunday 22nd June 2025

Celebration weekend—Parish Party 30th August 2025 & Mass 31st August 2025

Even if you don't want to volunteer but you have some ideas for the celebrations , just let us know!



BAPTISMS: We welcome Jack 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 : 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.



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.

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!



Join us at our Compassionate Café

An open invitation for anyone who has been affected by bereavement or any type of loss to have a friendly chat and a chance to meet others.

2 - 4pm

1st & 3rd Thursday of every month

96 Shenley Road Community Hub, Borehamwood WD6 1EB

✉ compassion@peacehospicecare.org.uk

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This café is run in partnership with Inspire All
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to book your appointment. Alternatively visit www.hertsdirect.org/fire



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