

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
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18th June 2023: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 17th June	Vigil: 11th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Kathleen & George Parsons RIP
Sunday 18th June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	John & Joan Kelleher RIP Ana Cristina Trindade RIP (Ann) Jack Byrne RIP (Ann)
Monday 19th June	Feria	9.15am (St T)	PJ McCarthy RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 20th June	St Alban	9.15am (St T)	Philomena Leary RIP (Ann)
Wednesday 21st June	No Mass		
Thursday 22nd June	SS John Fisher & Thomas More	9.15am (St T)	Nick Male (Int)
Friday 23rd June	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Margaret Caulfield RIP
Saturday 24th June	Vigil: 12th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Mary Byrne RIP (Ann)

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 - 18th June 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!
Responsorial Psalm:	We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	Jeremiah 20:10-13, Psalm 68:8-10,14,17,33-35 rv14, Romans 5:12-15, Matthew 10:26-33

Fr Dominic writes: Jesus as the God of Compassion.

The Gospel shows us the character of Jesus. As he looks around at the harassed crowd, he feels compassion and pity. He sees a leaderless people, lost and unsure. They need help, so he gives them twelve leaders. And, to those twelve, his instructions are simple. To continue looking after as he had done—cure, exorcise, proclaim the Kingdom. To those who have been given the Faith freely, he expects it to be passed on freely. To all, for all, and to become one in Him.

The great message of our calling is that we need not fear. Everything is in the hands of God. This is the God who rescued his people from slavery through Moses. He has rescued us from the slavery of sin through Jesus. Having been saved we must now go out and save others. We must take the Good News of salvation to the world.

God has given us a deal. If we keep Faith with Him, then we will be a special people. Through us and our descendants the world will be saved. He has put us first; we are asked to put Him first. Jesus did not need to come and save us. He did not have to do it. Is there anyone who is worth saving? Has there ever been anyone worth saving?

Yet, God loves us so much that, despite our behaviour, he still sent Jesus to bring Salvation. If God has done that for us worthless people, then we should celebrate our good fortune. We have done nothing to deserve such treatment. What a free and undeserved gift we have been given! We should be able to believe our good fortune. What joy should we show! To such a father we should place all our trust in him absolutely. We cannot thank him enough. All we can do is to respond to His call. We have been made a consecrated people. We are his. Let us try to become a little more worthy of that love.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 656

Loose Plate £ 611.51

Contactless donations £ 778

Total for weekends of 4th & 11th June £ 2045.51



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 , 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.

FUND RAISING MEETING WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 8PM IN ST TERESA'S CHURCH—ALL VERY WELCOME. If you cannot make it but would like to be included, please let us know.

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: . 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**

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 provide a larger print version for you if that helps.



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!



FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT



FREE FOOTBALL, NETBALL, RUGBY, BASKETBALL AND DANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11+

SNACKS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

WHEN: FRIDAYS 5:30PM-8:30PM

LOCATION: HERTSWOOD ACADEMY, BOREHAMWOOD, WD6 5LG PLEASE USE POTTERS LANE ENTRANCE

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT US AT COMMUNITY.SERVICES@HERTSMERE.GOV.UK OR CALL 07852 767357



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES FOR 2023-24

ONLINE APPLICATIONS NOW FOR FHC & CONFIRMATION VIA WEBSITE ONLY UNDER "SACRAMENTS" TAB.



CLOSING DATE: 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

FULL PROGRAMME DETAILS TO FOLLOW