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25th June 2023: 12th 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 24th June	Vigil: 12th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Mary Byrne RIP (Ann)
Sunday 25th June	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Wendy Obikure (Int) Michael Brady RIP James Quirke RIP (Bday)
Monday 26th June	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Michael & Myrtle McCarthy RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 27th June	St John Southworth	9.15am (St T)	Reynalde Macayan RIP (Ann)
Wednesday 28th June	No Mass		
Thursday 29th June	SS Peter & Paul	9.15am (St T)	Christopher Collacott RIP
Friday 30th June	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 1st July	Vigil: 13th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Obi Nwajei & Amelia Bday Thanksgiving

Mass Intentions now booked through until September 2023

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

Liturgy of the Word - 25th June 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.
Responsorial Psalm:	In your great love, answer me, O God.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave the power to become children of God. Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16, Psalm 88:2-3,16-19 rv2, Romans 6;3-4,8-11, Matthew 10:37-42

Fr Dominic writes:

Do not be afraid!

When Jesus sent the apostles out to proclaim his teaching openly and to witness to him before the world, he knew that they were fearful. And they had good reason to be fearful, knowing that they would have to face hardship and persecution. So, not once but three times he said to them "Do not be afraid."

It is normal and natural that courage will sometimes fail us and that we will be afraid. All those who have accomplished great things have known fear at one time or another. In the First Reading, Jeremiah totally scared and afraid, Martin Luther King aware that people were plotting to kill him and Jesus who in the Garden of Gethsemane openly expressed his fear.

Fear is not necessarily a bad thing. Fear sometimes has a protective function, warning us of the presence of danger. In this case fear is a grace. Nevertheless, fear can be a handicap. It can paralyse a person. It can turn a person into a coward.

Once upon a time there was a mouse that had a crippling fear of cats. A magician took pity on it and turned it into a cat. But then it became afraid of dogs. So the magician turned it into a dog. Then it became afraid of panthers. So the magician turned it into a panther. Then it became afraid of hunters. At this point the magician gave up. He turned it back into a mouse saying "Nothing I do for you is going to be of any help because you have the heart of a mouse".

Jesus knew that the apostles were afraid. He understood their fears and took them seriously. When he said to them, 'Do not be afraid', he was addressing their fears and trying to allay them. He was trying to give them courage. He was trying to move them beyond fear, knowing that fear could make them so timid as to be unable to fulfil their mission. To be a disciple of Jesus, the heart of a mouse will not suffice. One needs a brave heart. May the Lord give each of us a brave heart.

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: We welcome Grace & Lucy 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 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 :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!



BACK2 BOWLS

2023

Every Wednesday

1pm-3pm

Aberford Community Centre, Borehamwood, WD6 1PL



Come and try out our new Back2Bowls project! Free and open to all - bring a friend or make some new ones

There will be refreshments provided!

There is no need to book just drop in! For more information please email community.services@hertsmere.gov.uk, or call 0208 207 7801

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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

