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**4th June 2023: The Most Holy Trinity**

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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](http://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 3rd June	Vigil: Holy Trinity	6pm (SSJFTM)	Maureen Congerton RIP
Sunday 4th June	The Most Holy Trinity	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Maureen McKeown RIP Roger Dennis RIP Bridie Maloney RIP
Monday 5th June	St Boniface	9.15am (St T)	Kevin & Donna Horan RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 6th June	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Ann McHale RIP
Wednesday 7th June	No Mass		
Thursday 8th June	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Teresa Harrington (Int)
Friday 9th June	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 10th June	Vigil: Corpus Christi	6pm (SSJFTM)	Dianne Stanton RIP (Ann)

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

**Liturgy of the Word - 4th June 2023**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** To you glory and praise for evermore. (*Response is sung after every line.*)  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!  
**Next Sunday Readings:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16, Psalm 147:12-15,19-20 R.v12, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, John 6:51-58

Fr Dominic writes: Rublev's Icon - All are Welcome

There is a beautiful Russian Icon of the Blessed Trinity painted by a monk by the name of Rublev. It depicts the three Divine Persons sitting at a table. A dish of food lies on the table. But the thing that immediately strikes is the fact that at the front of the table there is a vacant place. The vacant place is meant to convey openness, hospitality, and welcome towards the stranger and outsider.

That vacant place is meant for each of us, for all the human family. It signifies God's invitation to us to share in the life of the trinity. God does not exclude us He does not talk to us at the doorstep. He invites us to come in and sit at his table. He wants to share his life with us. In the words of the Gospel for this feast: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son....." Many are intimidated by the great mystery of the Blessed Trinity. This is a pity. We should see the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as friends to whom we can relate, to whom we can talk in prayer. Because God's Son, Jesus, befriended us, we are no longer strangers or outsiders. We are God's children. We are part of the family.

He has already given us a place at the banquet of earthly life. But he wants us to have a place at the banquet of eternal life too. Only at God's table can we find the nourishment our hearts are hungering for.

From all of this we see that God is a God of love. Our response can only be one of trust in God and love towards one another. What St. Paul said to the Corinthians is meant also for us: 'Help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.'

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



**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 WRC DT 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 [hdcmm@hertsmeremencap.org.uk](mailto:hdcmm@hertsmeremencap.org.uk)



**BAPTISMS: We welcome Giovanni & Natanael who are being baptised this weekend.**

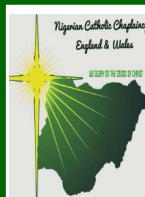
Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon, at either Noon, 1pm or 2pm, with a Rite of Welcome at your usual Mass the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website (under Sacraments) & Sue will 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: 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.**

**Domestic Abuse** It doesn't have to be physical violence to be domestic abuse. *Are you living in fear of your Intimate partner or family member?* Is that person. verbally abusive, financially controlling, Bullying, Unreasonable & Unpredictable.? Humiliating and puts you down, Controlling, Sexually abusive? *Do you feel....It's your fault, You can't be yourself, Low in mood, Isolated, Less confident? You have lost your identity and who you once were?* *If any of the above are affecting you please attend our drop in session with SAHWR Outreach where you can receive confidential information, advice & support around your options.* Thursday's 1-3pm, the Community Shop, 5 Leeming Road, Borehamwood WD6 4EB



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**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



**Camp Unity**

**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!