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16th July 2023: 15th 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 15th July	Vigil: 15th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Noel D'Arcy RIP (1st Anniv)
Sunday 16th July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Martin Keane RIP
		10am (St T)	Paul, John, Sheila, Danny, Bridie & Joe - Moran & Grealish Families RIP
		Noon (St T)	Padraic Colohan RIP
Monday 17th July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	David McGrath RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 18th July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Pauline Barrett RIP
Wednesday 19th July	No Mass		
Thursday 20th July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Larry & Philomena Dempsey RIP (Ann)
Friday 21st July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Betty Harrington (Int)
Saturday 22nd July	Vigil: 16th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Brian RIP

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

Liturgy of the Word - 16th July 2023

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
 I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak Lord, your servant is listening;
 you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Next Sunday Readings: Wisdom 12:13,16-19, Psalm 85:5-6,9-10,15—16, Rsp. V5, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

Fr Dominic writes: The word is like a seed

A seed is a marvellous thing ; it can make barren ground fruitful, but can also be weak & vulnerable, it depends entirely on the soil in which it is sown. If the soil is lacking, nothing will happen, if the soil is good, the harvest will be rich. So it is with a word. A word can comfort, inspire, teach, correct, challenge, change a life... or it can come to nothing. It is completely dependant on the attitude of the one who hears it. If Seed falls on a hard path, it cannot put down roots so is eaten by the birds. So it is with words that are spoken to people with closed minds, prejudice & pride closes a person's mind, so does fear; fear of a new or disturbing truth. These people seem to be unreachable.

Seed falls on stony ground & it takes root quickly but the withers away because of lack of soil & moisture. Some hear the word with enthusiasm but as soon as carrying it out becomes difficult, their enthusiasm wanes and they abandon it. The lives of some people are littered with thing they start but never finish. Seed falls onto ground, where it gets off to a good start , but then weeds appear & the seed gets smothered. People may receive the word of God, but there are so many other interests in their lives that the most important thing is crowded out. People are too busy to pray, they are so involved in other things that they have no time or energy left for matters of the spirit. Seed can of course fall on good soil, it can put down roots, find nourishment and it will produce a good harvest. These are people who hear the word, understand it and act on it. Their lives are enriched by it.

God's word comforts, guides, inspires and challenges us. You could say that the sower in the reading, sows haphazardly, on the path, rocks, thorns & good ground. You could say it was wasteful but he wants to give every part of the field a chance to produce something. God keeps on sewing his word in our hears, even though he knows that most of it will be eaten up, falls on rocks or amongst thorns.

Grains of wheat were found in the tomb of one of the pharaohs, they were planted and watered and they came to live and grew, after 5000 years of lying in a tomb. The seed of God's word, once dropped into the human heart, never dies, it is never too late to act on the word of God.

"A word is dead when it is said, some say. I say it just begins to live that day." Emily Dickinson

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 568

Loose Plate £ 738.06

Contactless donations £ 841.25

Total for weekends of 2nd & 9th July £ 2147.31



NSPCC Elstree District are having a Garden Party in aid of the NSPCC at Schopwick Place, High St, Elstree WD6 3SW on Sunday 23rd July 2pm-5pm.

Free Entry with a Victorian garden, live music, refreshments and stalls. Free Parking at St Nicholas School



BAPTISMS: We welcome Gabriel 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 :29th July, 23rd September, 28th October & 25th November.*



Centenary News

Celebration Mass Sunday 22nd June 2025

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

The Fund Raising Committee are planning lots of events in the run up to our centenary and we will let you know soon the projects that we will specifically be funding. But here are two of the events planned for the rest of this year.

Saturday 23rd September: 7pm-9.30pm Family Night

Tickets £3 each or £10 for a family. A night of games, chat & music, bring your own refreshments. A chance to spend time together and with other families after the summer break. Tickets & more details to follow.

Saturday 18th November 7pm-10pm Curry Night

Tickets £12 each, bring your own drink. More details to follow



Camp Unity: Sunday 30th July to Friday 4th August 2023. A week-long, overnight camping experience for children based five minutes away 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. "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 6 yrs & over may camp without parental supervision. The parish have sleeping bags and tents available for use, so do not worry if you haven't got them; let us know & you can use ours!



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



Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency, no matter how old or obscure. After the summer break especially if some of you have travelled abroad, we would like you to put all your foreign coins/notes aside; with special Mary's Meals envelopes available at the back of church. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education.

EVENTS



Visually Impaired Club Borehamwood

Are you or someone you know visual impaired?
Looking for somewhere to go for friendship and support?
Are you aware of the Borehamwood Visually Impaired Club?

This could be just the place you are looking for!

- Borehamwood Visually Impaired Club meets on Friday afternoons in an accessible community centre in Borehamwood. We are a voluntary run group and currently meet once a fortnight 1.30-4pm.
- Our programme of activities includes; Quizzes, Games, Exercise sessions for physical and mental wellbeing, Friendship, Support, and so much more.
- Why not give us a try. All ages welcome. First session is free after which there is a weekly fee payable to cover the group's running costs.

Unfortunately we are unable to provide any direct personal care but if you have a carer they are welcome to attend with you. "We follow Covid guidance for the safety of everyone"

For more information and to book your first visit please email us, or ask someone else to on your behalf:
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