

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
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23rd July 2023: 16th 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 22nd July	Vigil: 16th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Brian RIP
Sunday 23rd July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Pat Curtin RIP Feliciano D'Palanca (Int) Family Wellbeing (Int) LAO
Monday 24th July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Mrs. Green RIP
Tuesday 25th July	St James	9.15am (St T)	Catherine & Michael Burke RIP (Ann)
Wednesday 26th July	No Mass		
Thursday 27th July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Michael Brady RIP
Friday 28th July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Rosalind King RIP
Saturday 29th July	Vigil: 17th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Kathleen & George Parsons 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 - 23rd July 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
Responsorial Psalm:	O Lord, you are good and forgiving
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	1 Kings 3:5,7-12, Psalm 118:57,72,76-77,127-130, Rsp. V97, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

Fr Dominic writes: *Our God is the God of the second chance.*

This story of the wheat and the weeds would be very familiar to the people of Palestine. When wheat was planted and started to row, weeds would sprout too. The seeds were mixed with the wheat and could not be distinguished at first. Then, by the time you could tell them apart their roots were so tangled together, that if you tried to remove the weeds, the wheat was pulled up as well. The farmer had to let them grow together. But at harvest time, he had to separate them because the weed was toxic. This agricultural parable reminds us of some important truths about God, about the church and about our world.

Like the owner in the story, our God is a patient God. Do we want our God to be quick on the draw, to have a hair trigger? We can all look back into our own lives at times when we sinned, drifted and did wrong. It's a comfort to know that our God is not as impulsive as we are, that God is patient. At the end there will be a judgement and a reckoning for everyone. People can slip through the justice system but they cannot slip through God's Justice and His judgement is eminently fair and final.

Because that judgement is final, God will sometimes give us in our life early warning signs, wake up calls, fire bells in the night. Those warnings and corrections are moments of grace and signs of his love. It is an important truth to remember that our God is a God of the second chance. And all of us at some time have desperately needed that second chance.

The parable also teaches us a truth about the Church. All kinds of wheat abound in the Church. But there are also weeds. The Church is a mixed bag. We are not a Church of the perfect, but also a school for the transformation of sinners. We get a second chance!

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 Kende 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
a simple solution to world hunger

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

Parish Sunday Lunch:
Sunday 2nd September
2pm

International Lunch:
Sunday 1st October after
Noon Mass

Family Night:
Saturday 23rd September
7pm-9pm

Senior Citizens Party:
Sunday 10th December

Curry Night:
Saturday 18th November 7pm-10pm



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

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