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30th July 2023: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 29th July	Vigil: 17th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Kathleen & George Parsons RIP
Sunday 30th July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Apolonio Listo (Int) John McPhillips RIP Giovanni, Maddalena, Marisa & little Carlo RIP
Monday 31st July	St Ignatius of Loyola	9.15am (St T)	Katherine & Alan Burke RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 1st August	St Alphonsus	9.15am (St T)	Elizabeth Shonibare RIP
Wednesday 2nd August	No Mass		
Thursday 3rd August	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Sr Margaret Mullany RIP
Friday 4th August	St John Vianney	9.15am (St T)	Tony Martin RIP
Saturday 5th August	Vigil: Transfiguration	6pm (SSJFTM)	Sr Margaret Mullany RIP

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

Liturgy of the Word - 30th July 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	God is in his holy place. God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.
Responsorial Psalm:	Lord, how I love your law!
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14, Psalm 96:1-2,5-6,9 Rsp. V9, 2 Peter 1:16-19, Matthew 17:1-9

Fr Dominic writes: *The hidden treasure in the heart*

God devised a secret treasure for people & he gave it to the angels to bring to earth instructing them to hide it so that people would have to search for it & might have the joy of finding it. When asked where to hide it he replied, "Put it in reach of everybody, rich or poor, healthy or weak. Plant it in the centre of their beings, hide it in their hearts."

In our first reading, Solomon asks God for a "discerning heart." The strength of a good king is within his heart, for the kingdom is within us. But if the heart's centre no longer holds, then all falls apart. Our lives at time of crisis threaten to fall apart & our successes appear empty, our achievements hollow & the very meaning of life is now questioned. When the outer walls are crumbling, it is a sure sign to start searching for the cause within. If the church should listen to the cries of its critics, so too must each individual befriend the disturbing voices that come from the heart; dreams, feelings of dissatisfaction, blanket anxiety, blind compulsions & fundamental self-questioning.

It is tempting to run from the question by plunging into diversionary behaviour, or do we stay with the painful cry & pay the price for the field? At holiday time, our kind of holiday will indicate a quest for diversion or an opportunity for reflection, the former will paper the cracks, reflection seeks the causes that may be deeply buried within.

The two parables of the treasure and the pearl differ in one circumstance, the treasure is uncovered by accident, the pearl is found after deliberate searching. Whichever way, everything is sold to lay hands upon it. Writers use the image of climbing mountains or moving from the outer walls of a castle to the inner centre. We are called to grow and asked to pay the price.

But the treasure is worth the price, the pearl at the centre if the heart is beautiful beyond words, its beauty is the reflection of God within you. This is the secret treasure hidden by the angels.

If we discover that divine beauty within ourselves then the price will not be noticed

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885
 Offertory for the last fortnight
 Envelopes £ 425
 Loose Plate £ 554.97
 Contactless donations £ 515
 Total for weekends of 16th & 23rd July £ 1,494.97



The Parish Office will be closed from 4th - 21st August.

BAPTISMS: We welcome Princess 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. *Courses left for 2023 : 23rd September, 28th October & 25th November. 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Teresa's Church*

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. Just bring them back to us and we will send them all off together after the summer holidays. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education.

100th Centenary News
 ANNIERSARY
 BOREHAMWOOD CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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

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

FREE EVENT Park Events PRESENTS **FREE MINI FUN FAIR**

FUN IN THE PARK

12:00 - 15:00

GAKMERE PARK, POTTERS BAR
 MONDAY 21ST AUGUST

MEADOW PARK, BOREHAMWOOD
 TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST

KING GEORGE REC, BUSHEY
 WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST

FOR UPDATES ON FUN IN THE PARK'S AND OTHER EVENTS FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA @PARKEVENTSHERTS OR WWW.PARKEVENTS.CO.UK