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9th July 2023: 14th 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 8th July	Vigil: 14th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Derek Smith RIP
Sunday 9th July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Rita Wall (Int) Catalino Espino RIP Paddy & Mary McKenna RIP (Bday)
Monday 10th July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Veronica Mascarinhas RIP
Tuesday 11th July	St Benedict	9.15am (St T)	Sean Furlong RIP
Wednesday 12th July	No Mass		
Thursday 13th July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Dot Quinn RIP (Bday)
Friday 14th July	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Deceased members of Farrow Family RIP
Saturday 15th July	Vigil: 15th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Noel D'Arcy RIP (1st Anniv)

Mass Intentions now booked through until September 2023

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

Liturgy of the Word - 9th July 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.
Responsorial Psalm:	I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	Isaiah 55:10-11, Psalm 64:10-16, R. Luke 8:8, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

Fr Dominic writes:

There is strength in weakness

The first reading today pictures a king coming humbly to Zion, riding on a donkey, he is a messenger of peace. This prophesy was fulfilled on Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, unarmed and defenceless. He carried no weapons but could change the hearts of people like Mary Magdalene & Zacchaeus. A dictator may make people tremble before them, but they will not change a person's heart. Jesus says "Learn of me for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Humility and gentleness do not seem to make much sense in the world today; there is a belief toast if you want to get on in the world today, you must be tough, because if you are gentle, people will walk all over you. Gentleness tends to be equated with timidity, passiveness and weakness; but it is anything but, it is a form of strength. It take a strong self confident person to be gentle. A gentle person knows that healing and growth result from nurturing, not forcing.

The lust for power is rooted in weakness rather than strength. Only the weak measure their worth by the number of people they can dominate. They puff themselves up, try to act strong. There was no harshness in Jesus, his approach was gentle; respecting people's freedom, he didn't try to control them or impose on them. The people with greatest influence over others have no need to control those they influence

In today's world, humility is seen as a weakness, you must project yourself if you want to go places. But humility is also a strength, it's the foundation on which to build the house of spirit. Humility does not involve self depreciation, it is the grateful recognition of our goodness and acknowledging that this goodness is a gift from God

To the gentle and the humble, Jesus promises peace of soul. Proud and arrogant people do not bring peace, they spread confusion and unrest by projecting onto others their own anger & frustration. Humble people disarm others and being out the best in them.

St Seraphim says, "Acquire inner peace and a multitude of people will find salvation near you."

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 965

Loose Plate £ 631.76

Contactless donations £ 540

Total for weekends of 18th & 25th June £ 2136.76



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.**



Centenary News

Celebration Mass Sunday 22nd June 2025

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

Premises meeting to be held Monday 10th July 8pm at St Teresa's Presbytery, if you would like to attend, please let Sue know.

The Fund Raising Committee met this week and they have lots of events planned!

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



BAPTISMS: 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**



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

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

BOARD GAME FRIDAY'S

EVERY FRIDAY
1:30 - 4:30
COMPLETELY FREE

Bring a game of your own or use ours. Bring a friend or make some new ones

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