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27th August 2023: 21st 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood) or through the link on our website

SCHOOL PRAYER: GOD HELP MY CHILD TO:

**BE SAFE & SECURE,**  
**WALK WITH THE WISE,**  
MAKE LIKE-MINDED FRIENDS,  
HOLD WISDOM TIGHTLY,  
BE DILIGENT & WORK HARD,  
GAIN FAVOR WITH THEIR TEACHERS,  
**BE HUMBLE & KIND,**  
REACH OUT TO THE LONELY,  
& BE A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS.

Good luck to all going back to school!

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 26th August	Vigil: 21st Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Michael Brady RIP
Sunday 27th August	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Marie Njie RIP (Ann)
		10am (St T)	Marlui Navarro RIP
		Noon (St T)	Doreen Farrelly RIP
<b>Monday 28th August</b>	<b>St Augustine</b>	<b>Noon (St T)</b>	<b>Gus McCarthy RIP (Bday)</b>
Tuesday 29th August	Passion of John the Baptist	9.15am (St T)	Gunther Apsitis & Alan Thompson RIP (Bday)
Wednesday 30th August	No Mass		
Thursday 31st August	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Ruel Arquero RIP (2nd Ann)
<b>Friday 1st September</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>10.30am (St T)</b>	<b>Francis McDonagh RIP</b>
Saturday 2nd September	Vigil: 22nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Dolores Walker RIP

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

### Liturgy of the Word - 27th August 2023

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!
<b>Next Sunday Readings:</b>	Jeremiah 20:7-9, Psalm 62:2-6,8-9, Rsp. V28, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

Fr Dominic writes: Peter the Rock

When Jesus asked his Apostles "Who do say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Jesus called him 'Rock'. Jesus says: "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it."

That clear Apostolic faith has come down to us because the Apostles handed it on in various ways, by their preaching, their worship, their way of life, the institutions they established, just as hand it on in various ways. Anyone who shares in this understanding and faith has access to reality as it really is. We are not simply talking about becoming aware of what is right and wrong from an ethical or moral perspective. It is something far deeper than that. It is about understanding the fundamental nature and purpose of God's creation. People with this awareness are vital to realising the kingdom of God here on earth. It is a kingdom in which God is central, yet it only begins to function in our world the moment human beings share in God's insight—the moment they begin to understand the mind of the Lord.

Simon Peter is the first one to see what it is all about, and who Jesus is. The first among equals and he remains so even after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. The other disciples are aware of this, which is why they send out Peter and call him to give an account of himself when necessary. It is worth pointing out that the foundation 'rock' about which Jesus talks is not Peter's personality, but his insight and his faith. This insight was not revealed to him by any human being but by God.

Peter does have a special place in the Gospel story but all of us are supposed to be as he is: centred on the rock that is our Faith in Jesus Christ, and joint keyholders to God's kingdom here on earth.



Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 473

Loose Plate £ 577.49

Contactless donations £ 413

Total for weekends of 13th & 20th August £1,463.49



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.**



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 on sale next week.

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

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

### Funerals in the Parish

**Francis McDonagh** 1st September 10.30am St T & Noon at Allum Lane

**Annie Woods** 4th September 11.10am St T & 12.30pm at Allum Lane



## EVENTS

*Parish Sunday Lunch: Sunday 3rd September 2pm. Put your names down on the lists in churches*

*Family Night: Saturday 23rd September 7pm-9pm, a night of fun and games for all*  
**Tickets on sale next week, only £3 single, £10 family—bring your own refreshments**

*International Lunch: Sunday 1st October after Noon Mass*

*Curry Night: Saturday 18th November 7pm-10pm, 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. **Only two courses left for 2023 : 23rd September & 28th October 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Teresa's Church, this is limited availability now for baptisms to take place 2023!**



**Been abroad for your holiday this year? Any left over notes or coins? Mary's Meals** would like to

invite you to collect all your foreign currency, no matter how old or obscure. After the summer break, 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.



**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**



**The Diocese of London and The Diocese of Westminster Ecumenical Holy Land Pilgrimage Monday 11th - Monday 18th March 2024** Parishioners of the Diocese of Westminster are warmly invited to accept this opportunity to join a unique ecumenical pilgrimage to the Holy Land in Spring 2024. The pilgrimage will be led by the Rt Revd and Rt Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, the Bishop of London and the Rt Revd Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Westminster. The dedicated webpage with details for this pilgrimage, is

<http://www.icijourneys.com/london/westminster/ecumenical>

Pilgrim participants intending to join this pilgrimage are urged to book now as places are limited. An in-person meeting will be held before the departure date. This exceptional pilgrimage is not to be missed. Note: This Pilgrimage is unsuitable for those with limited or significantly challenged mobility



**THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY** (Mill Hill Mass Centre) invites you to join them on the 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 2pm. VENUUE: Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate (RC) Church, 2 Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2J