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3rd September 2023: 22nd 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 2nd September	Vigil: 22nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Dolores Walker RIP
Sunday 3rd September	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Mary Shiels RIP Kathleen Teague RIP Joan McGinty RIP (Ann)
Monday 4th September	Feria Funeral Service	9.15am (St T) 11.10am (St T)	Federico Espino RIP Annie Woods
Tuesday 5th September	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Martin Burke RIP (Ann)
Wednesday 6th September	No Mass		
Thursday 7th September	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Marlui Navarro RIP
Friday 8th September	Nativity of Mary	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 9th September	Vigil: 23rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Simon Slade RIP

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

Liturgy of the Word - 3rd September 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call you.
Responsorial Psalm:	For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
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:	Ezekiel 33:7-9, Psalm 94:1-2,6-9, Rsp. vv7-8, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

Fr Dominic writes: *The teachings of the Cross*

In last week's Gospel's reading Jesus called Peter "his rock", this week, he calls him a tempter & asks him to leave. Peter has taken Jesus aside & tried to tell him what to do. So what happened? The answer is that Jesus confronted his disciples with the fact of the cross. Matthew says "Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem & to suffer greatly there at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the scribes and be killed."

Now we can understand the shift in mood, the cross is the most challenging truth about the Christian Faith. It shows us the utter seriousness of sin, displaying vividly what sin can do to people, what it did to those who crucified Jesus, how sin so twisted their souls that they could engage in such brutality. It shows what sin does to the Lord, how our rebellion can distance us from the Lord and cause pain to the very heart of God. The cross shows us that the veil of sin is real, as real as the wood on the cross, what it did to Jesus' body, it does to every human life it touches. When we trivialise sin or make a joke of it, the cross reminds us of the seriousness of sin.

The cross also shows us that true love is sacrificial. A married couple promise to love each other like that, Priests promise to love the Lord & his church like that; and as Christians we are called to love each other like that. The cross reminds us that true love is defined not by how we feel, but by what we give. Is our love like that we see on the cross?

It is one thing to look at a crucifix and meditate on Christ's love for us, it is another thing to confront the cross in our own life. Like Peter, we don't want the confrontation. Do we deny it, rebel against it, kick it or curse it? Or do we take it up & follow the Lord with it, & in doing so come to spiritual maturity? Be it emotional, financial or personal, our cross is our way to life, an honest, real life, an eternal life.

The cross teaches us the truth that sin damages everything it touches. It teaches us that true love is sacrificial, it teaches us the truth about discipleship, that to follow Christ is to follow him not in spite of the cross we have, but through it.

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

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



EVENTS

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



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 / notes aside; in the 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 .



BAPTISMS: We welcome Myka-Mae 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. **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!**



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



FAMILY NIGHT

- Games, Music and a chance to catch up after the Summer

Saturday 23rd September

7pm - 9.30pm

St Teresa's Parish Centre



Tickets on sale after Masses or at Parish office.

£10 Family ticket / £3 Single

Bring your own refreshments

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service in partnership with Public Health

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