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1st October 2023: 26th 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 30th September	Vigil: 26th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Ann Breen RIP
Sunday 1st October	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Simon Glowotz RIP & deceased Visitnin & Kragher families
		10am (St T)	Tessie Martin RIP (1st Ann)
		Noon (St T)	Annie Woods RIP
Monday 2nd October	Communion	9.15am (St T)	Roy & Norma Coles MOVED
Tuesday 3rd October	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Martin Burke RIP (Ann)
Wednesday 4th Oct.	No service		
Thursday 5th October	Communion	9.15am (St T)	Caroline Pitrakov (int) MOVED
Friday 6th October	Communion	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP MOVED
Saturday 7th October	Vigil: 27th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Mary & Gerry Corry RIP (Ann)

Liturgy of the Word - 1st October 2023

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will keep my word and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Next Sunday Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 79:9,12-16,19-20, Rsp. Isaiah 5:7, Philippians 4:6-9,

Reflection for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time How good is my Word?

One of the greatest things we can give another person is our word. It is easy to give & some people are very generous with their word, promising the sun, moon & stars but you can't rely on them, they don't really mean it. It is painful to be let down by someone who have failed to keep their word.

There are others who are slow to give a promise, they don't make them easily, but when they do, you can rely on them to honour it, it's a pleasure to deal with such people.

In Jesus' story, he is not holding up either son as an ideal, one son said "Yes" straight away, but didn't go, the other said "No" at first but changed his mind. But we learn something from each. The son who said he would go but didn't is an act of warning. We call ourselves Christians but are sometimes accused of being hypocrites because our lives do not bear witness to the faith with profess with our lips. Sin does not necessarily imply doing something wrong, doing nothing is the sub of inactivity, but the greatest sin is not to do good. The second son, said "No" but changed his mind. To change one's mind is generally seen as a fault or a weakness, but that isn't always the case, it takes humility to admit one's mistakes & courage to put it right.

The parable teaches us that promises can never take the place of performance & fine words can never be a substitute for fine deeds.

Faithfulness is one of the greatest & necessary things in life. But it is costly & not an easy road. It demands unselfishness & a spirit of sacrifice. But even here on earth it brings great rewards in terms of growth, serenity & joy. There are no rewards for the unfaithful, no happiness at the end of the day for those who give their word but fail to honour it. But there is great joy for those who do keep their promises.

It is said that a person is as good as his word. If that's true then the question that we must ask ourselves is: "How good is my Word?"

The person who makes a vow or a promise makes an appointment with himself at some distant time or place.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 547.70

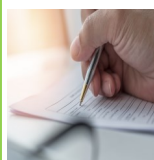
Loose Plate £ 688.05

Contactless donations £ 710

Total for weekends of **10th & 17th September £1,945.75**



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.**



Certificates of Catholic Practice: If you would like a certificate for school applications, please pick up one of the form requests in either church & return it to Sue with the relevant documentation. Certificates will not be issued without the request form and any accompanying documents if needed.



St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SVP are still active in borehamwood and are here to help anyone in need. We are available to talk if you are lonely or if you need support in any way.

St Vincent De-Paul
phone number is:
[07479 847130](tel:07479847130)
Email:
SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com

New members welcome



Our Family Night was great fun! Thank you for all who came and enjoyed themselves. We raised £356 which will go to our Centenary Fund. Lots of pictures on Facebook if you missed them. Huge thanks to the Fund Raising Team who worked so hard to make this evening a success, here's to many more!



CAFOD family fast day, please see the collection envelopes in both churches, you can also give online at cafod.org.uk many thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Details of the new programme will be sent out in the next few days. The most important date to keep in your diaries is the introductory meeting for parents and children **Thursday 9th November 6.15pm St Teresa's School.**

Please note now that the groups have been decided, we cannot accept any latecomers,



BAPTISMS: We welcome **Venessa** 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). You will also need to attend a Baptism Preparation Course. **There are just a few dates left in 2023, please make sure your date is arranged & confirmed by Sue before you invite guests!**

Fr Dominic- an update from Sue.

A big thank you to all the Priests who are helping us out in Fr Dominic's absence. There is a Weekday Mass on Tuesday this week, which will be celebrated by Fr Gavin Landers, whom I sure lots of you will remember when he stayed here as a seminarian.. Sr Avril will take a service of communion every Monday and Nick is also taking Communion Services during the week. In addition there will **now be the Rosary after Tuesday's services.**

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I saw Fr Dominic last weekend, he was very frail but in good spirits, unfortunately, since then he has been diagnosed with Sepsis and moved to the ICU at the hospital. Here they are treating him more aggressively and his lungs and kidneys seem to be responding well. They also can get more nutrition into him whilst they try to find the definitive cause for the illness.

I will keep you updated as often as I can.

EVENTS

*Curry Night: Saturday 18th November
7pm-10pm, more details to follow*

Senior Citizens Party:

Sunday 10th December



Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School looks forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to their **Open Evening on Thursday 5th October 2023 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm**



Rosary Group Starting every Tuesday Morning after Mass/ Service of Communion. All welcome,

CONFIRMATION 23-24 PROGRAMME



We should have details of the programme ready to post out to all registered candidates next week.

We do not yet have a Confirmation date confirmed by Westminster, but have requested a Saturday in June 2024, at our preferred time of Noon