

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
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15th October 2023: 28th 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

Our lives are shaped by those who love us.

That is why the most wonderful places to be in the world are:

in someone's thoughts, in someone's prayers and in someone's heart



From a Media post

by Fr Dominic

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

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| Saturday 14th October | Vigil: 28th Sunday | 6pm (SSJFTM) | Martin Burke RIP (Ann) |
| Sunday 15th October | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T) | Mel & Doreen D'Rozario RIP Eanna Starken RIP RIP Sebastian Njie RIP (Ann) |
| Monday 16th October | Communion | 9.15am (St T) | |
| Tuesday 17th October | Communion | 9.15am (St T) | |
| Wednesday 18th Oct. | No service | | |
| Thursday 19th October | Communion | 9.15am (St T) | |
| Friday 20th October | Communion | 9.15am (St T) | |
| Saturday 21st October | Vigil: 29th Sunday | 6pm (SSJFTM) | Tom Corry RIP (Ann) |

Liturgy of the Word - 15th October 2023

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm:

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Next Sunday Readings:

Isaiah 45: 1,4-6, Psalm 95: 1,3-5,7-10, Rsp.V7, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, Matthew 22: 15-17

Fr Dominic's Funeral arrangements.

We will be bringing Fr Dominic back into his parish on Wednesday 25th October at 6pm, when we will have a full Requiem Mass at St Teresa's. This will be led by two of Fr Dominic's great friends, Bishop Paul McAleenan who will celebrate and Mgr Harry Turner, who will give the homily.

Fr Dominic's Funeral Mass will take place the next day, Thursday 26th at Noon at St Teresa's. The celebrant will be the Cardinal and the homily will be given by Canon Shaun Lennard. A private Cremation will follow. There will be refreshments afterwards at St Teresa's School. All are welcome.

You are very welcome to attend either service or both. We would ask that the Church car park is kept free as this will be for Fr Dominic's family only, please use the carparks by the school or at the Civic Offices. We expect everywhere to be very busy so please do not park on grass verges or pavements that would cause an inconvenience to others.

It is family flowers only but if you wish to make a donation in Fr Dominic's memory, these will be split between the two great causes that Dominic supported so fervently; the Foodbank & the Sisters of Mercy Addo project. Donations may be given via the contactless machine — you will see there is a option, or they can be paid direct into the parish bank account where it will be collated. If making a bank to bank transfer, PLEASE QUOTE "Fr Dominic memorial" so that I can allocate correctly & make sure that the charities receive all the funds owing to them. Bank details: 40-05-20 91095714 "WRCDT St Teresa Borehamwood".

Finally, thank you from me for all the lovely messages that I have received from you, I know how much you are all hurting & despite this, so many people have been checking up on me. Sue x

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 384

Loose Plate £ 715.02

Contactless donations £ 663

Total for weekends of **24th Sept & 1st Oct £1762.02**



We have had a bit of a move around of the wall boxes—the SVP box has moved along one & the Comboni Missionaries—AKA The Sudan Mission box— is now in the porch. All are labelled



Its shoebox time again! Looking for a half term project? We have empty boxes in both churches for you to pick up along with a leaflet giving ideas of things to put in. You simply decide what age & gender, fill the box with suggested presents, stick the label on the front of the box & then return it to us with a £5 administration donation before 13th November. Please only put in new items, they cannot accept used, even if a good quality. You will need to put an elastic band around the box to keep it shut but please do not stick it down as each box is carefully checked by the charity. **I have 150 empty shoeboxes—there's the challenge for you!**

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday 16th October, back to normal Tuesday



Dear Parishioners of St Teresa's & SS Fisher & More.

First of all let me express my sorrow to you at the death of Father Dominic. As you know Father Dominic had been unwell for a comparatively, short time, and his passing has come as a tremendous shock, as well as leaving a great gap. That gap will, I know, be felt particularly by his family and friends, as well as you his parishioners, all of whom he was so devoted to. His lively presence will be missed also by his brother priests, and particularly here in St Albans Deanery, where he always had such good humour, and positive experiences to share, as well as energy and enthusiasm! For the time being we are very grateful to those priests who are presently celebrating some of the Masses; their ministry is greatly appreciated, as we patiently await the appointment of Fr Dominic's replacement.

In the meantime we continue to pray for the repose of his soul, and for comfort and peace for his family.

Yours sincerely,

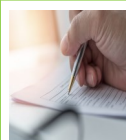
Canon Anthony Dwyer, Dean, St Albans Deanery



November is the Month of Holy Souls: You will find the leaflet in church for placing names on the Remembrance List for November. Please pick up and complete and return to us in the brown envelope provided, along with your Mass Offering. There is also a form online for you to complete if you cannot get into church, please make your donation online or pop it through the letter box at the St Teresa's Presbytery, please indicate what its for as we keep the donations separate. We have Mgr Harry Turner taking our All Saints & All Souls Day Masses, we have changed the times a little from usual, so please make sure you check. The masses will all be at **St Teresa's and will be at 9.15am & 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st November (ALL SAINTS DAY), and Thursday 2nd November (ALL SOULS DAY).** Sunday 5th November: 2pm Blessing of the Graves at Allum Lane.



Jerry O'Leary would like to thank everybody at St Teresa's and Ss John Fisher & Thomas More 's churches for all their support, prayers and Mass cards over the past year, since the passing of beloved wife & mother Lourda. To mark the first anniversary of Lourda's death, Jerry made a pilgrimage to Lourdes, where he prayed for you all and offered a Mass for the intentions of all in both parishes.



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.

As one of the Centenary fundraising ideas we now have a small selection of used books in St Teresa's. If you would like to take one, please put a donation in the wall box, (suggested £1), and if you have any books to donate, please feel free!



EVENTS

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

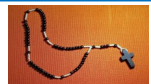
Senior Citizens Christmas Party:
Sunday 10th December

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Details of the new programme have been sent out to everyone who has registered with us. 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,



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