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22nd October 2023: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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It's shoebox time again!

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 21st October	Vigil: 29th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Tom Corry RIP (Ann)
Sunday 22nd October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Tom Patten RIP Luzviminda Valenciano RIP Laurie Symonds (Int)
Monday 23rd October	Communion	9.15am (St T)	<i>Martin Burke RIP Bday moved</i>
Tuesday 24th October	Communion	9.15am (St T)	<i>Bridie Burke RIP Bday Moved</i>
Wednesday 25th Oct.	Reception & Requiem Mass	6pm (St T)	Fr Dominic McKenna RIP
Thursday 26th October	Funeral Mass	Middy (St T)	Fr Dominic McKenna RIP
Friday 27th October	Communion	9.15am (St T)	<i>Laurence & Margaret Boland moved</i>
Saturday 28th October	Vigil: 30th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Kathleen Parsons RIP Bday

1st & 2nd November (All Saints & All Souls) Masses will all be at St Teresa's at 9.15am & 7.30pm.

Liturgy of the Word - 22nd October 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.
Responsorial Psalm:	Give the Lord glory and power.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia! Exodus 22:20-26, Psalm 17;2-4,47,51, Rsp.V2, 1 Thess. 1:5-10, Matthew 22: 34-40

Dear Parishioners

I am aware that you are anxious to know who will succeed Father Dominic, as your Parish Priest. Unfortunately, the way these things work, means that appointments can take some time. Not least because, presently, in the Diocese, there are a number of vacant parishes, and, as you will be aware, the numbers offering themselves to serve as priests, is considerably less than it used to be.

In the meantime, the Cardinal has appointed me as Parochial Administrator. This means that I will be responsible for the two Borehamwood Parishes, until a Parish Priest is appointed. It also means that I will be carrying this responsibility in addition to my duties as Parish Priest of Harpenden. As you will appreciate, I can't be in two places at once, so we will continue to arrange for different priests to celebrate the Masses on Sunday, but I hope, when possible, to come and celebrate Mass with you. Alongside my duties in Harpenden, I also hope to be able join you for, at least, some of your parish activities. Along with Sue, your Administrator, I will do my best to ensure that parish activities continue to take place, and that your needs are met, as far as possible. So, I do ask your understanding and patience!

This week, we have the task of bidding farewell to Father Dominic. It is of course a sad time but, I'm sure you will agree that, as we look back at Father Dominic's twenty nine years of Priesthood, and particularly his thirteen years serving the Borehamwood parishes, it is also a time to give thanks. To give thanks for his life and ministry, for those he served, and all whose lives he touched. We continue to pray for his family and friends, and all who are saddened by his passing.

May he rest in peace, and rise in glory!

Canon Anthony Dwyer

Parochial Administrator

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 594

Loose Plate £ 817.19

Contactless donations £ 499

Total for weekends of **8th 7 15th Oct £1910.19**



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, please grab one & fill it while you can, it would be great if we could use them all!**

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,

CONFIRMATION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Apologies for the delay in getting the dates on to you, we hope to do so shortly.

In the meantime, we have had our Confirmation date confirmed as **Saturday 8th June at Midday**

EVENTS

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

Senior Citizens Christmas Party:

Sunday 10th December



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. With Fr Shaun Lennard, canon Tony Dwyer & Deacon Don Harper



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.



BAPTISMS: We welcome **Isaiah, Bobbi—Jean, Luke & Oscar** who are being baptised by **Fr Benedict Baka** 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 . We are having some difficulty with dates at the moment so **Please make sure your baptism date is arranged & confirmed by Sue before you invite guests!**

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".