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8th October 2023: 27th 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 7th October	Vigil: 27th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Mary & Gerry Corry RIP (Ann)
Sunday 8th October	27th Sunday in	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Federico Espino RIP
		10am (St T)	Aubrey Persaud RIP
		Noon (St T)	Anna Pinto & Family Thanksgiving
Monday 9th October	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Tuesday 10th October	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Wednesday 11th Oct.	No service		
Thursday 12th October	Communion	9.15am (St T)	<i>Marlui Navarro RIP MOVED to 14/11</i>
Friday 13th October	Communion	9.15am (St T)	<i>Fr John Woods RIP (Ann) MOVED 16/11</i>
Saturday 14th October	Vigil: 28th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Martin Burke RIP (Ann)

Liturgy of the Word - 8th October 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.
Responsorial Psalm:	The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	Isaiah 25:6-10, Psalm 22, Rsp.V6, Philippians 4:12-14,19-20, Matthew 22: 1-14

From Sue:

There is no reflection this week, I'm sorry, I haven't the heart to go through Fr Dominic's "Holy" books to find something suitable, so please allow me the indulgence of a few words of my own. I know that Fr Dominic's death has come as a shock to many of you; I have been treading a fine line between keeping you updated and maintaining Dominic and his family's privacy, so I'm sorry if you feel I have been keeping something back.

I saw Dominic last Sunday in hospital, I showed him some pictures from the International Lunch, he was able to identify everyone on the photos and, despite being very frail and tired, he was able to engage and we laughed about something or other. He was so pleased that the event was going on without him and that things were continuing in the parish. He always said that this was your parish, not his, and his legacy will be how we move on, preserving the events & campaigns that he set up and so embraced.

Today is Prisoners Sunday, Dominic loved our Presents for Prisoner's Children appeal, he loved the chaos of his front room, filled with presents and he got in my way as he hopped from one pile to another, whilst I tried to sort them out, telling me, "God is good, people are good". Last year I went with him to Pentonville to the family day when the Dads in prison give their children the presents that we collect. We were shown into the family room where the families were sitting together, having lunch. Dominic arranged himself in a corner, chatting to those that wanted to speak to him, but happy to just watch. "We don't intrude, this is their time", he told me. PACT, the Prison Charity, who had arranged all this, asked us if we wanted to stay to see the presents being handed out, but after an hour or so we left. It was enough to know that the presents happened, he did not need to be there to see it.

Sometimes I used to get cross that he didn't always get the formal recognition for things that he did, many things happened behind the scenes because of Dominic. I would tell him that it wasn't right, he would just smile, "Ah fuck it, it doesn't matter, so long as these things happen. Who needs to know. Go on kid, make us a coffee."

It was a privilege to make his coffee for 13 years.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 384

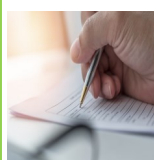
Loose Plate £ 715.02

Contactless donations £ 663

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



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)

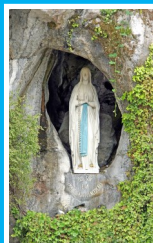
Email:

SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com

New members welcome



BAPTISMS: We welcome Arcelius & Antonio who are being baptised by Fr Shaun Lennard 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!**



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.



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

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



It's the annual plea for Fire Marshalls! We really need enough people to provide a proper rota so that we have enough Marshalls at each mass. This is to ensure the safety of everyone should a fire occur during Mass. For the well attended Masses we will of course need more than for the smaller services. The Diocese is running a training course on St Alban & St Stephen 7pm on Tuesday 24th October. If you are happy to help, please pick up a form in church, complete & return to Sue. Many thanks.



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

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,

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