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12th November 2023: 32nd 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

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| Saturday 11th November | Vigil: 32nd Sunday | 6pm (SSJFTM) | Gerry Barrett RIP |
| Sunday 12th November | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T) | Fr Dominic McKenna RIP Mary Ellen McNulty RIP Stuart James Cottrell RIP (Ann) |
| Monday 13th November | Feria | 9.15am (St T) | Caroline Pitrakou (Int)) |
| Tuesday 14th November | Feria | 9.15am (St T) | Marlui Navarro RIP |
| Wednesday 15th Nov | No Mass | | |
| Thursday 15th Nov | St Edmund Abingdon | 9.15am (St T) | Fr John Woods RIP (Ann) |
| Friday 17th November | Feria | 9.15am (St T) | Pinto Deceased Family RIP |
| Saturday 18th Nov | Vigil: 33rd Sunday | 6pm (SSJFTM) | Kathleen & George Parsons RIP |

Liturgy of the Word - 12th November 2023

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| Entrance Antiphon: | Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord |
| Responsorial Psalm: | For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God. |
| Gospel Acclamation: | Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia! |
| Next Sunday Readings: | Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31, Psalm 127:1-5.Rv1, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25: 14-30 |

Reflection for the week:

The parable of the lamps

Every Christian is meant to be a lamp carrier - a bearer of the light of Christ to a darkened world, but like the bridesmaids in today's gospel, we sometime allow the precious light of Christ to grow dim or even to go out altogether. The lamp is essentially the lamp of love. Love in order to be genuine, doesn't have to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired or cynical.

How does a lamp burn? Through a continuous input of small drops of oil. If the drops of oil cease, the lamp will go out. What are these drops of oil in our lamps? They are the small things of daily life: faithfulness, punctuality, small words of kindness, a thought for others, our way of being silent, of looking, of speaking and of acting. These are the drops of love that keep our religious life burning like a lively flame.

Jesus shared our life, our loneliness, our anguish, our death. He is not far away from us, but is very close to us. We can touch, serve and love him every day of our lives. With the oil of prayer & good works we must keep the lamp of faith burning, and he will recognise us. We will not be judged on a momentary lapse, but on our life as a whole.

Since we do not know the day, nor the hour of the Lord's coming, we must be prepared so that when he comes we can enter his kingdom. To be prepared means to be a doer rather than a mere hearer of the word.

All that Jesus says to us in this parable is meant as a warning. This warning is a sign of his love for us. It tells us that every moment should be beautiful. That the soul should always be ready for the coming of the Bridegroom, always waiting for the voice of the Beloved.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 420.25

Loose Plate £ 586.55

Contactless donations £ 428

Total for weekends of **22nd & 29th October £1,434.80**



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



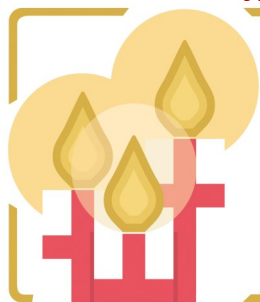
Thank you to all who have taken the empty shoeboxes, please can you return them, along with the £5 administration donation **before 13th November**. Please only put in new items, they cannot accept used, even if a good quality. You will need to put an elastic band around the box to keep it shut but please do not stick it down as each box is carefully checked by the charity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Details of the new programme have been sent out to everyone who has registered with us .Next meeting is for children only when we will go through the completed work with the children in 30 minute groups. This will be on **Thursday 7th December between 5.30pm & 7.30pm, (slots will be advised) at St Teresa's SCHOOL.**

CONFIRMATION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Details of the new programme have been sent out to everyone who has registered with us. The first meeting is for Candidates & their parents and will be held **Tuesday 14th November 6.30pm at St Teresa's CHURCH.** We are now unable to accept latecomers.

EVENTS

Curry Night: Saturday 18th November 7pm-10pm, £12 a ticket, bring your own drink. Your chance to enjoy a home cooked Indian meal , meat & vegetarian choices, pilau & flat-breads. All proceeds to the Centenary Fund.

**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.



BAPTISMS: 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 .**Please make sure your baptism date is arranged & confirmed by Sue before you invite guests!**



If you would prefer to give your offertory by contactless and you can't get to the machine, please use the QR code here which is for St Teresa's. You will also be able to pay for the Curry Night tickets using this— just select the preferred option.

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!

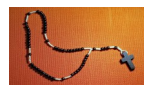


St TERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: APPLICATIONS for RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2024

Date of birth for Primary Applications: 1st September 2019 - 31st August 2020
School start date: September 2024.

Applications open Wednesday 1st November 2023 .
Application packs available from school office from Thursday 2nd November (between 9.30am-3pm) Applications close 3pm prompt Monday 15th January 2024 School offers made 16th April 2024 For any enquiries please call the school office 020 8953 375.

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.



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



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