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**24th - & 31st December 2023: Double Christmas edition**

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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](http://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 23rd Dec	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Laurence & Margaret Boland (Int)
Sunday 24th December	4th Sunday Advent	10am (St T)	AJ Pinto RIP
	Vigil & Nativity	5pm(St T)	Mick Rooney RIP (Ann)
	Christmas Vigil Mass	8pm (St T)	Kathleen Parsons RIP (Ann)
	Carols	11.30pm-12 (SSJFTM)	
	Midnight Mass	Midnight (SSJFTM)	Fr Dominic McKenna RIP
Monday 25th December	Nativity of the Lord	10am (St T)	Parishioners of the Parish
Tuesday 26th December	St Stephen	Noon (St T)	Michael Brady RIP
Wednesday 27th Dec	No Mass		
Thursday 28th Dec	No Mass		
Friday 29th December	No Mass		
Saturday 30th Dec	Vigil: Holy Family	6pm (SSJFTM)	Dot Quinn RIP (Bday)
Sunday 31st December	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	10am (St T) Noon (St T) 9.30pm (St T)	Fr Dominic McKenna RIP Kathleen O'Donnell (Int) Fortunato & Beatriz Eusebio RIP
Monday 1st January	Mary, Mother of God	Noon (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Tuesday 2nd January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Wednesday 3rd Jan	No Mass		
Thursday 4th Jan	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Friday 5th January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Saturday 6th January	Vigil: Epiphany	6pm (SSJFTM)	Fr Dominic RIP



**Liturgy of the Word - 4th Sunday of Advent**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will sig forever of your love, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
let what you have said be done to me..  
Alleluia!

**Next Sunday Readings:** Eccles. 3;2-6,12-14, Psalm 127:1-5, Resp.cfv5, Colossians 3:12-21, Luke 2:22-40



**Liturgy of the Word - Holy Family**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;  
let the message of Christ find a home with you.  
Alleluia!

**Next Sunday Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-76, Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,10-13 resp.cfv11, Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6,  
Matthew 2:1-12

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 635.

Loose Plate £ 384

Contactless donations £ 638

Total for weekends of 3rd & 10th December £1,657



The proceeds of Fr Dominic's funeral collection have been gathered up and totalled a fantastic **£5,633.96**. This means that we are able to send just over £2,800 to both the Foodbank & to The Sisters of Mercy for their Addo Mission. The sisters have been in touch to thank us, the funds will be a great help in providing school uniforms and shoes when the school starts again in January. Photos have been promised!

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Our next meeting will be for Children and Parents and will be at **St Teresa's School 6.15pm**. Fr Shaun Lennard from Potters Bar will talk to you all about reconciliations. Then the children will make their First Reconciliations on **Saturday 20th January at St Teresa's Church**, we would love this to be a family time with parents making confessions as well.



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.



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

### CONFIRMATION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Answers to sessions 1, 2, & 3, Saints & Sponsors details and Photo permission need to be received by **Monday 8th January please** . The next meeting is **Tuesday 16th January 6.30pm at St Teresa's CHURCH**.



We have received messages of thanks from **PACT & Angel Tree who arrange the Presents for Prisoners Children appeals**, As always, they were blown away by your response. Your actions really do make a difference to the life of a young child who is facing a difficult Christmas with a parent in prison. Thank you



**A date for your diary - our first social event of the 2024 will be our Burns Night Supper**; complete with piper and plenty of haggis, neeps and tatties! Saturday 27th January—tickets on sale after Christmas but get the date booked!

The Parish Office will be closed from **23rd Dec - 2nd January**. Thank you all for all the cards & gifts and especially for the kindness that you've shown to me these past few months since Fr Dominic died. Sue x



The Catholic Parishes contribution makes a huge difference to **Borehamwood Foodbank**. You support us all year round, and as one of our largest donors, this amount of food really does keep us going. We are so reassured that we can meet the need of people who come to us, especially this year, when that need has been more and more critical. We know that, at times, we are a lifesaver. So Thank You to the parish for standing behind us. With best wishes, Judith Elders. Operations Director

**Wishing you, and your families,  
many blessings at Christmas,  
and in the coming year!**

