

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
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14th January 2024: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

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Bishop Paul was able to bless the St Teresa's school prayer garden in memory of Fr Dominic this week.

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 13th January	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Sunday 14th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	John "Jim" Feeny RIP Lilian Rowson RIP Jim Feeny RIP
Monday 15th January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Tuesday 16th January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Wednesday 17th January	No Mass		
Thursday 18th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	John Fitzpatrick RIP (Ann)
Friday 19th January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Saturday 20th January	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Walter Scott RIP (Ann)

Confessions: Saturdays 5pm at SS John Fisher & Thomas More
Rosary after Communion on Tuesdays

Liturgy of the Word - 2nd Sunday

Entrance Antiphon:	All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!
Responsorial Psalm:	Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	Jonah 3:1-5,10, Psalm 24:4-9, resp. v4, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

Fr Tony writes:

The theme today is about vocation, about God's call. Vocation is not just for a few chosen people; and to say, "There are no vocations now" is simply not true. Everyone is called by God to be something, to do something for others, with their life, and with their unique gifts.

The First Reading is about a young man who did not recognise God's call at first. Samuel struggles to understand his call, but eventually, with the help of Eli, his master, he does so, and he is ready to listen to God. As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

The Gospel is also about calling, a second calling. It is about two men who are already disciples of John the Baptist. John points Jesus out to them: 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' John knows that his role of leadership is temporary, that he is to yield to the leadership of Jesus. The disciples begin, perhaps out of curiosity, to go after Jesus. Jesus turns round and asks them: What are you looking for?

Jesus asks the same question of you and me today. Generally, we tend to think that we should be asking, What does God want? But no, he also wants to know what we're looking for, what we want. The answer to that question is less for his benefit than for ours. Our answer will tell us what our real priorities are, with regard both to God, and to the people and the world around us.

What do we really want from life...from God? It is not such an easy question to answer. Like Samuel we need to be able to hear what God is asking of us, we need to learn to listen.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Christmas Offerings, classed as "Christmas gift" so remains in the parish (not assessable by Diocese) £1138.28

17th Dec & 24th Dec offerings totalled £1249.15

Weekend of 31st December Loose Plate £ 370, envelopes £207 & contactless donations £ 278, totalling £855



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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Our next meeting will be for Children and Parents and will be at **Thursday 18th January 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**, you should all have received time slots for 20th by now.



BAPTISMS: Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon, 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 complete a Baptism Preparation Course. **Please make sure your baptism date is arranged & confirmed by Sue before you invite guests!**



THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY (Mill Hill Mass Centre) invites you to join them on the **4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 2pm**. VENUE: Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate (RC) Church, 2 Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2J

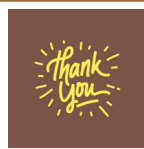
CONFIRMATION 23-24 PROGRAMME



The next meeting is **Tuesday 16th January 6.30pm at St Teresa's CHURCH**. Please don't forget to bring along any missing documentation



Many congratulations to **Nicholas Breakspear School** who achieved an "Outstanding" Ofsted report this week., Many of our young people attend this school & we are delighted for you all as well as the hard working staff & teachers.



A big thank you to the Friends of St Teresa's Choir who you may recall held a Concert here in December in aid of the Church's Centenary Fund. They raised a magnificent **£1,705** which they have donated to us. We hope to be providing you with running figures on the Centenary Fund in the near future and we are keeping this amount ringfenced for the centenary in 2025. If you have any ideas or are part of a group that can help in our fundraising, please do get in touch. In the meantime thank you once again for such a large amount raised. This is magnificent!

Weekday Masses: Going forward Alberto Vico from Villa Scalabrini will be celebrating Mass with us every Thursday starting 18th January at the usual 9.15am at St T. We are very grateful to Fr Alberto for his help whilst we await the appointment of a new Parish Priest



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



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



Like to get the newsletter emailed direct to you? Just drop Sue an email and we will add you to the list. You can also view it on our website, **or we can provide a larger print version for you.**

Burns Night Supper
Saturday 27th January
St Teresa's Parish Centre 7.30pm
With Piper!
Tickets £12,
includes haggis, neeps & tatties & a wee dram but bring your own booze