

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
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21st January 2024: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

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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 20th January	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Walter Scott RIP (Ann)
Sunday 21st January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Ben Donaghue RIP Family of Fr Dominic (Int) Nonie Sexton RIP (1st Ann)
Monday 22nd January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Tuesday 23rd January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Wednesday 24th January	No Mass		
Thursday 25th January	Conversion of Paul	9.15am (St T)	Michael Brady RIP
Friday 26th January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Saturday 27th January	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Anne McDonald RIP

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

Liturgy of the Word - 3rd Sunday

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord make me know your ways.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good news.
Alleluia!

Next Sunday Readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 94:1-2,6-9, resp. v9, 1 Corinthians 7:32-35,
Mark 1:21-28

Reflection:

How do you follow Jesus today?

In today's gospel, Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James & John and tells them, "Follow me", but what does that mean today? It means standing up for the sacredness of life, the Gospel of Jesus, is the Gospel of life. It means trying to build bridges among people who can easily divide into warring factions and cliques. It means speaking up for the truth about the role of money, power & position in human life, and its capacity to distort life. It means guarding the importance of spiritual life in a world that would define our life by consumption or material possessions alone. It means standing for the truth in a world driven by hype, image & spin.

To follow Jesus is much more than dressing like Jesus, growing a beard, quoting Jesus, visiting the places where Jesus was. It is being Jesus to the people and culture around us.

This personal moment when Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James & John says a great deal to us and about us. Reflecting on this can have a powerful effect on our spiritual life.

It tells us that through our baptism, Jesus has a call and a personal mission for each of us. It means that we need to leave behind our "nets", the things and attitudes that burden, entangle & may compromise our mission. It means that we follow Jesus, not only by preserving but also by taking his message and his Gospel to the people around us,

Our spiritual life is not only for ourselves, but also for others. Christ has called each one of us for a reason larger than ourselves.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Totals for last two weeks:

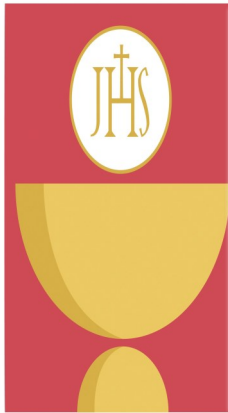
Loose Plate £678.44

Envelopes £458.10

Contactless £678

Total for weekends 7th & 14th January £1814.54

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Our FHC children made their first reconciliations this weekend. Please remember them & their families in your prayers as they work hard, getting ready to make their first communion in May.

Next meeting will be for Children only and will be at **Thursday 29th February at St Teresa's School. We will be using the same "slot" system and timings as before, but will readvise you of your timings.**

CONFIRMATION 23-24 PROGRAMME



The next meeting is **Tuesday 19th March 6.30pm at St Teresa's CHURCH.** Please don't forget to bring along any missing documentation, we will also start preparation for this year's **Rich Man Poor Man meal which will be on Saturday 20th April**, with preparation the night before. Please make sure that date is in your diaries.



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.



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!**



Premises Update from Sue: I thought that I would update you as this is the time of the year when a lot of the services & inspections take place. We have done pretty well on the day to day maintenance with the heaters and boilers in the process of being serviced, our gas inspections have been passed so far and our 5 year electrical tests passed as well. (Last time you may recall they condemned the Parish Centre electric!) We had no major Health & Safety requirements apart from we need to make the kitchen door in the Parish Centre a fire door. Of course there are long standing issues such as upgrading the fire alarms & emergency lighting, and we are in the process of having the side aisle ceilings of both churches checked further for RAAC but we are in generally a good position as we await the next Parish Priest, (no, I have no news on that as yet, but have been told to make sure we have supply priests for Easter). Of course, we are only able to keep on top of these because of the help you give to the Building Contingency Fund! There are envelopes for the fund in both churches, if you can, please do pick up an envelope and donate, if you Gift Aid your donation - even better! You can also give by bank transfer (40 05 20 91095714 WRCDT St Teresa or use the contactless machine. Having said that, we know, that times are tough so if you can't help , that's fine too.



Fr Gavin Landers who many of you will know from his visits here, has a secret talent! He will be performing the Cha cha cha in a "Strictly" competition up in Manchester in aid of the Roy Castle



Lung Foundation. Fr Gavin tells me he needs our prayers, but also he has a donation page: <https://gofund.me/b3148d9b> or use the QR code here. We wish him lots of luck! Keeeeeep dancing!



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.

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New members
welcome

ON SALE AFTER MASS OR FROM PARISH OFFICE

**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**

Vincent McKelvey RIP

Vince's Funeral Service will be held at St Teresa's on Monday 29th January at 2.30pm. May he rest in peace.

