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28th January 2024: 4th 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](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 27th January	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Anne McDonald (Int)
Sunday 28th January	4th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Mary Flaherty (Int) Jose Ygnario RIP Kay Awolaja RIP
Monday 29th January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Tuesday 30th January	<b>Funeral Service</b>	<b>2.30pm (St T)</b>	<b>Vince McKelvey RIP</b>
Wednesday 31st January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Thursday 1st February	No Mass		
Friday 2nd February	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Margaret Horan RIP (Ann)
Saturday 3rd February	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Saturday 3rd February	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Margaret Buckby RIP

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

### Liturgy of the Word - 4th Sunday

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries To mere children. Alleluia!
<b>Next Sunday Readings:</b>	Job 7:1-4,6-7, Psalm 146:1-6, resp.v3, 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23, Mark 1:29-39

Fr Tony writes: A new teaching

Jesus, as we know, was renowned as a great speaker and wonderful storyteller. He always knew his audience and to whom he was speaking. He spoke about seeds being sown, about sheep and shepherds, wine and vineyards! Perhaps that is why in this Sunday's gospel we read that 'his teaching made a great impression on them'. What Jesus offered the people then, and us also is Good News, not fake news!

But it is not only what Jesus says that makes an impact on the people, it is also what he does. Jesus heals a man who is sick, resulting in the people being even more amazed at what he did rather than just what he said. If this Jesus can heal a man and forgive him his sins, then who is he? They have heard him speak with authority, and they have seen him heal a man who was sick. Their response to experiencing Jesus is 'What is this? A new teaching – with authority!

As we continue through these early days and weeks of this New Year, it seems appropriate that Jesus offers us something that is radically new. Jesus continues, through the gospels, to offer us an alternative message; a message that is new. A message that invites us to try to change some of our less than positive habits, am I asking God to help me or am I trying to do this all by myself? There is the story that tells of a man praying about what lies ahead. He is worried, afraid and anxious about what awaits him. He prays to God saying, 'Lord, give me a light so that I may walk forward without being afraid.' There was silence. Then God spoke and said, 'No, I will not give you a light. Instead, you take my hand and we will walk into the future.'

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



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



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.

You should have received an email confirming your child's 30 minute time slot, if not, please contact Sue. Electronic links for the next chapters have also been sent out.



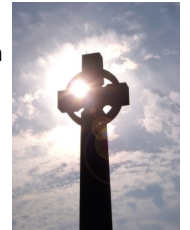
**BAPTISMS:** . Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon, with a Rite of Welcome at your usual Mass the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website (under Sacraments) . You will also need to complete a Baptism Preparation Course .**Please make sure your baptism date is arranged & confirmed by Sue before you invite guests!**

### Funerals at St Teresa's

**Vincent McKelvey** St Teresa's on Monday 29th January 2.30pm.

**Michael Connolly** St Teresa's Thursday 8th February 10.30am

May they rest in peace.



### 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.



ers help? Please call or email Sue if you can.

We have a gentleman with mobility problems who needs to move from his current 6th floor flat to a place 200 yards away on **Saturday 3rd February**. **Can any of our big strong parishioners help?**

### PASTA & PANCAKES

**TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

**St Teresa's Parish Centre.**

**5.30 PM-7.30PM**

**Adults £3 / Children £2**

**Tickets on sale after Mass or from Parish Office**



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.

St Vincent De-Paul phone number is:

[07479 847130](tel:07479847130)

Email:

[SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com](mailto:SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com)

New members welcome



Both contactless machines at St Teresa's are now working. One has been moved to beside the side exit fire doors. Please do not move them as these are the best spots for Wi-Fi and minimises interference between each machine. If the machines do fail, please don't try to fix them, it took Sue & Technical Support over an hour to fix them this week. Also please can you ask your children to refrain from downloading computer games onto the tablets - even if it's a slow news day! Thanks



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