

The Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood
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7th January 2024: The Epiphany of the Lord (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 6th January	Vigil: Epiphany	6pm (SSJFTM)	Fr Dominic RIP
Sunday 7th January	Epiphany of The Lord	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Tony Mulchan Singh (Int) Evelyn & Victor Cyril Doegah RIP (Ann) Martin Burke RIP (Bday)
Monday 8th January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Tuesday 9th January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Wednesday 10th Jan	No Mass		
Thursday 11th January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
	St Teresa's School	10am (St T)	School Mass with Bishop Paul
Friday 12th January	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Saturday 13th January	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Lilly Pinto RIP

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

Liturgy of the Word - Epiphany Of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Responsorial Psalm:

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!

Next Sunday Readings:

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19, Psalm 39:2,4,7-10, resp. vv 8,9, 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20,
John 1:35-42

Fr Tony writes:

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word 'epiphany' means to make known or to reveal. The Prophet Isaiah calls us to 'Arise, shine out because our light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising in us'. Through the birth of Jesus, and today's wonderful feast, we are the people on whom a great light has shone.

The shepherds left Jesus, Mary and Joseph, filled with the good news of this wondrous child. Just as the angels had proclaimed the good news to them, the shepherds in their turn shared their good news with others. In the same way, the Magi, after giving their gifts, also left the stable. They didn't stay there either. We are only told that they didn't back to Herod, but went home another way. We can only assume, that they too told everyone what they had seen and heard in that small stable in Bethlehem.

As we look upon the crib, we cannot stay there. Like the shepherds and the magi, we too are called to move away and take the light of Jesus with us. We are asked not only to admire the light, but to be people of light. The light of the Epiphany is given to us as a gift, but we cannot keep it to or for ourselves. Through the quality of our daily lives, and how we treat each other, we are called to make our families, homes, parish communities and the wider world a better and brighter place for all people, especially the poor and the marginalised.

May Christ the Light of Christ fill all our homes, families and our parish community, and may you all have a blessed and happy new year!

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

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

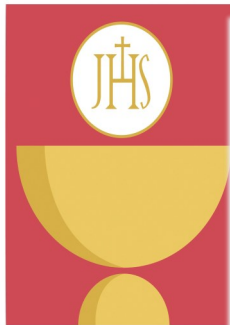
17th Dec & 24th Dec offerings totalled £1249.15

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**, we would love this to be a family time with parents making confessions as well.

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**.



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 soon but get the date booked!

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



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.



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.



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!**



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!



Compassionate
Café

Join us at our Compassionate Café

An open invitation for anyone who has been affected by bereavement or any type of loss to have a friendly chat and a chance to meet others.

2 - 4pm

1st & 3rd Thursday of every month

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