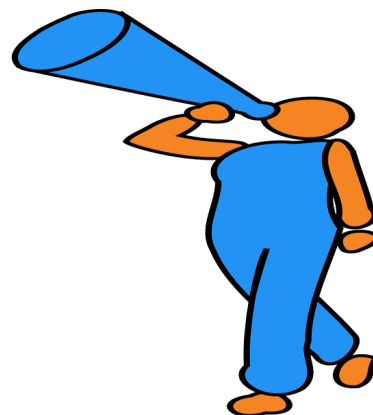


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11th February 2024: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

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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 10th February	Vigil: 6th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Christopher Shonibare RIP (Ann)
Sunday 11th February	6th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP Donald Hurley RIP Deceased of Perlala Family RIP
Monday 12th February	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Tuesday 13th February	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
<b>Wednesday 14th February</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>9.15am (St T)</b> <b>7.30pm (St T)</b>	<b>Veronica Mascarenhas RIP (Ann)</b> <b>Edelgisa Szabatura RIP (Ann)</b>
Thursday 15th February	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Friday 16th February	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Saturday 17th February	Vigil: 1st Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Bill Gristwood RIP

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

### Liturgy of the Word - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

#### Next Sunday Readings:

Genesis 9:8-15, Psalm 24:4-9 *resp.cfv* 10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1: 12-15

Fr Tony writes:

Share the Good News

The Gospel continues to report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. Today we hear of Jesus healing a man with leprosy. In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behaviour of those with leprosy, and other skin diseases. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

After this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean, and his movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Good news is to be shared, sharing the blessings the Lord has given us.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Totals for last two weeks:

Loose Plate £641.46

Envelopes £416

Contactless £460

Total for weekends 7th & 14th January £1517.46

### 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.



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. You can also pay for pasta & pancake tickets, or repository via the QR code here, just select the option you want.



**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!**



Mgr. Harry Turner will be taking our Ash Wednesday services; please note that both the 9.15am & the 7.30pm **Masses will be at St Teresa's**. We are very pleased that Mgr Harry can help us out.

### 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.



It's another plea for Fire Marshalls! We really need enough people to provide a proper rota so that we have enough Marshalls at each mass. This is to ensure the safety of everyone should a fire occur during Mass. For the well attended Masses we will of course need more than for the smaller services. If you are happy to help, please pick up a form in church, complete & return to Sue. Many thanks.



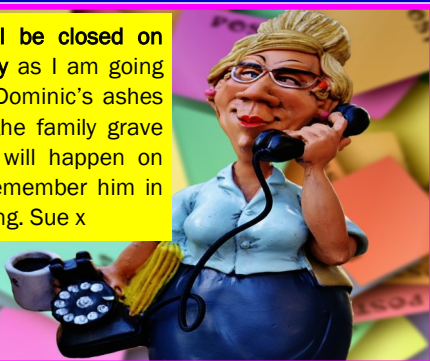
PACT, the organisation that we work with for the Presents for Prisoners Children Project, are looking to try and do something for the mothers of the children whose fathers are in prison. Over the Mothering Sunday weekend, they would like to give all the Mothers visiting Pentonville Prison either a bunch of daffs, or funds permitting, a small box of chocolates. They estimate this will be approx. 100 mums over the two days. We thought that we would see if we can help them in this. There will be a secondary collection at the end of next week's Mass, if you would like to contribute to this. Many thanks,



**St Teresa's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint a reliable and dedicated Caretaker/ Site Manager/Handyperson from March 2024.** Would suit

a flexible professional with strong DIY skills, common sense & the ability to work on their own initiative. The candidate would need to take pride in their work & work well as a member of our team. Ideally, someone living in the local area with trade skills & school site experience. Negotiable post at 20 to 25 hours per week inc. school holidays: Preferred hours: 7am to 09:30 am & 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm weekdays. If you are interested contact Alison Jackson 0208 953 3753 or via email: [admin@stteresas.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stteresas.herts.sch.uk) Prospective candidates are welcome to visit the school by appointment. *St Teresa's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding & promoting the welfare of our young people & expect all members of staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure is required for this post. Salary will be H3 (£22,500 FTE)*

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday 15th February** as I am going over to Ireland as Fr Dominic's ashes are being buried into the family grave with his parents. This will happen on the Friday so please remember him in your prayers that morning. Sue x



The Burns Night Supper made an impressive £766 and a great time was had by all, thank you so much to those who came and most importantly to the volunteers and the Fund Raising Committee who made it all happen. The next event is **St Patrick's Day Party on Saturday 16th March**, tickets will be on sale soon, but please hold the date in your diaries.

