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**3rd February 2024: 5th 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 3rd February	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Margaret Buckby RIP
Sunday 4th February	5th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	John Gerard Gallagher RIP Trish Barnes (Int) Ivy Myers RIP (1st Ann)
Monday 5th February	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Tuesday 6th February	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Wednesday 7th February	No Mass		
Thursday 8th February	Feria <b>Funeral Service</b>	9.15am (St T) <b>10.30am (St T)</b>	Brigida Layamana RIP <b>Michael Connolly</b>
Friday 9th February	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Saturday 10th February	Vigil: 6th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Christopher Shonibare RIP (Ann)

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

**Liturgy of the Word - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O come, let us worship God  
 and bow low before the God who made us,  
 for he is the Lord our God

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Praise the Lord who heals the broken - hearted

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
 anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Next Sunday Readings:**

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46, Psalm 31:1-2,5,11, resp.v7, 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1,  
 Mark 1:40-45

Fr Tony writes:

**The importance of Prayer**

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, just as he also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

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Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. No doubt in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. For ourselves too, we can bring our decision-making to God in prayer, drawing him into our decision-making, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

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:** We welcome Myles & Aoife we are getting baptised here this weekend. 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

**Michael Connolly** St Teresa's Thursday 8th February 10.30am. *May he rest in peace.*

The family of the late **Vincent McKelvey** would like to thank everyone for attending Vince's funeral mass and their kind messages & cards of support at this difficult time



### 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.

### PASTA & PANCAKES

**TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

**St Teresa's Parish Centre.**

**5.30 PM-7.30 PM**

**Adults £3 / Children £2**

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



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint a reliable and dedicated Caretaker / Site Manager / Handyperson from March 2024. This is an exciting opportunity for a practically minded person to look after our lovely school situated within beautiful grounds. The post would suit a flexible professional with strong DIY skills, common sense and the ability to work on their own initiative. The candidate would need to take pride in their work and work well as a member of our team. We are ideally looking for someone living in the local area with trade skills and school site experience. The post is negotiable at 20 to 25 hours per week including school holidays: Preferred hours: 7am to 09:30 am and 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm weekdays. If you are interested in applying for the post, please contact Alison Jackson (Office Manager) 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 and promoting the welfare of our young people and 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)



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



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?* Please call or email Sue if you can.



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