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3rd March 2024: 3rd Sunday of Lent (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 2nd March	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Pat Burke RIP (Ann)
Sunday 3rd March	3rd Sunday	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Geraldine & Ann Murphy RIP (Ann)
	Of Lent	10am (St T)	Baby Enrico Vilas RIP
		Noon (St T)	Vince McElvey RIP
	<i>Weekday masses may be subject to change - please check this week</i>		
Monday 4th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Fr Jude & Fr Fidelis (Int)
Tuesday 5th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Joseph Theophile (Int)
Wednesday 6th March	No Mass		
Thursday 7th March	Lent Feria.	9.15am (St T)	Roy & Norma Coles (Int)
Friday 8th March	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 9th March	Vigil: 4th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Elizabeth Rees RIP

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

Liturgy of the Word - Third Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Next Sunday Readings: Exodus 17:3-7, Psalm 94:1-2,6-9 *resp. v9*, Romans 5:1-2,5-8, John 4:5-42

Fr Tony writes.....

It is sometimes said that money is the root of all evil. However, this is not actually what scripture tells us. What it tells us is that the love of money is the root of all evil. There is absolutely nothing wrong with money, having money or spending money. When we work, we have the right to be paid a just and decent wage or salary. What the first reading from the Book of Exodus, and the gospel warns us about, is the danger of putting our trust in money and wealth instead of trusting God.

We may remember from the Old Testament that the Jewish People turned their back on God, and began to worship a calf that they had made from gold. Today, we may not be worshipping a golden calf. But we can become so attached and precious about what we have, and own, that they can possess us rather than the other way around. They can often have an unhealthy hold over us. On the radio there is programme called 'Desert Island Discs.' Guests are asked to talk about their lives and their most treasured possessions. Before it ends, they are only allowed to bring one item on to the deserted island with them. If you were asked to choose one (or two) of your most treasured and precious belongings, what would you decide to save and bring with you?

As we continue on our way through Lent, we are being asked to consider what is essential to us in our daily lives with each other. What do we treasure most in our lives? We are also being asked to consider our relationship with God. The Ten Commandments are not simply a list of do's and don'ts. They are offered to us as a set of guidelines. If we accept and follow them, they will help us to live well with each other, and with God. They offer us a quality of life, not a life-style!

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Totals for last two weeks:

Loose Plate £636

Envelopes £346

Contactless £626

Total for weekends 18th & 25th February £1,608

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Next meeting will be at **Thursday 18th April at St Teresa's School**. We will be using the same "slot" system and timings as before. Parents please stay with your children rather than drop off & return.



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.

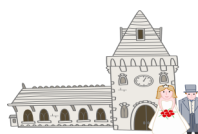


BAPTISMS: We welcome Myla & N'Veah-Rose who are being baptised here this weekend. Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon, with a Rite of Welcome at your usual Mass the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration 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!**

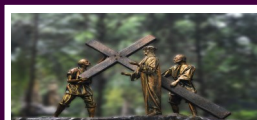
CONFIRMATION 23-24 PROGRAMME



The next meeting is **Tuesday 19th March 6.30pm at St Teresa's CHURCH, answers to the sessions must be sent in to Sue by Monday 4th March**. 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.



Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact Sue by **Monday 8th April** with the following details husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).



Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent after Mass



CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal you can still drop off your envelopes and there are still some in the church for you, or you can still give online at cafod.org.uk. To find out about volunteering opportunities with CAFOD visit [Volunteer \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://cafod.org.uk)



Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024: If you can, please show your support for this. All funds go toward projects across the Diocese, such as Marriage and Family Life, Youth Ministry & Education. Funds also help the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for & with some of the most vulnerable people in the diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the appeal, whatever they can afford. There are donation envelopes in the church and the QR code can also be used to donate online. Thank you for your generosity



Catholic Parish of Borehamwood

St Patrick's Day Party

St Teresa's Parish Centre

Saturday 16th March 7.30pm-late

Tickets £12 include Food and Irish

Dancing Display

but bring your own booze!

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