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Green shoots of Faith -  
 Happy Easter everyone!

31st March 2024:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood) or through the link on our website

**Services for the forthcoming week**

Saturday 30th March	Holy Saturday	Noon (St T)	Polish Blessing of the Easter Food
	Easter Vigil	8pm (St T)	Candidates & Catechumens
Sunday 31st March	Easter Sunday	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Eda Bell RIP (2nd Ann)
		10am (St T)	Sean, Aggie & Tony Aherne RIP (Ann)
		Noon (St T)	James Quirke RIP
<b>Monday 1st April</b>	<b>Easter Octave</b>	<b>Noon (St T)</b>	<b>Helen Gilligan RIP (Bday)</b>
Tuesday 2nd April	Easter Octave	9.15am (St T)	Cyril Clarence Thanksgiving Int
Wednesday 3rd April	<i>No Mass</i>		
Thursday 4th April	Easter Octave	9.15am (St T)	Betty Flynn Thanksgiving Int
Friday 5th April	Easter Octave	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Saturday 6th April	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Moira O'Rourke

**Liturgy of the Word - Easter Sunday**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;  
 Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
 Alleluia!

**Next Sunday Reads:** Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 117:2-4,15-18,22-24 *rsp.v1*, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

*Fr Jude writes: GREEN SHOOTS OF FAITH*

On Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 2024, Cardinal Vincent Nichols referred to the laudable presence of a large number of priests, religious men and women, as well as the lay faithful who came to participate at Chrism Mass as signs of the "Green shoots of faith". "If you wish to experience the presence of the risen Christ in our broken world, come to the Chrism Mass", was the Cardinal's apt response to an inquirer sometime before the ceremony.

The solemnity of the occasion, wherein the holy oils for baptism, the anointing of the sick and chrism were blessed, coupled with a near perfect rendition of liturgical songs led by the famous Westminster Cathedral Choir reminded everyone of what the risen Christ is still doing in His Church in spite of the many foibles we see and experience. Such events and all the wonderful and mysterious events of this period of grace should reinforce our mindsets for heaven (Colossians 3:3).

The right mindset will ensure that the Green shoots of Faith persist even in the midst of a broken world, since we, as the Easter people and the children of the resurrection remain focused on the risen Christ. We remain unfazed and undeterred by the negativities of life, since with the risen Christ as our noble leader, we shall keep finding meaning and reason to persevere in life enhancing actions as we make our way to our heavenly home!

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ once again this year, I pray for a renewed appreciation of what the Lord is still doing in our lives and especially those of the members of our parish as we strive to allow His presence to continue to manifest through us as agents of recovery and signs of hope to a broken world. Happy Easter !

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Totals for last two weeks:

Loose Plate £691

Envelopes £583

Contactless £620

Total for weekends 17th & 24th March £1,894

### 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.

### CONFIRMATION 23-24 PROGRAMME



This year's **Rich Man Poor Man meal** which will be on **Saturday 20th April**, the Confirmation children will be talking at Mass about this, along with selling tickets and taking donations. Please show them your support and in doing so you will be helping the Sisters of Mercy in their Addo Project.

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As we are nearing the end of the Tax year, don't forget to let us know if your tax circumstances have changed & you need to amend your Gift Aid Status. If you don't already give by Gift Aid and you find that you could, please pick up a Gift Aid declaration today. It doesn't cost you anything and means we can claim an extra 25p from the government for every £1 that you donate. You just have to be a UK taxpayer who pays enough tax to cover the amount of gift aid that is claimed back.



The new year's planned giving envelopes are in the Sacristy of the appropriate church. Please collect & if you would like to start using the envelopes, please let Sue know in the Parish Office.



The St Patrick's Day Party raised a net figure of £1043.91. Add this to the Burns Night profit of £765.93 and so far this year we have just over £1800 raised towards our Centenary. The focus is on Rich Man Poor Man this month. These terrific sums are down to your support & the Fund Raising team who give up their time and effort to ensure these events are a success. Why not come and help? Its good fun and we are longing to hear any ideas that you may have.



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.**



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 Mauri-Rose & Alphonaeus who are being baptised here on Easter Sunday.** Our baptisms usually 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, this are held on the first Saturday of every month at St Teresa's Church;** -please register with the Parish Office beforehand .**Please make sure your baptism date is arranged & confirmed by Sue before you invite guests!**



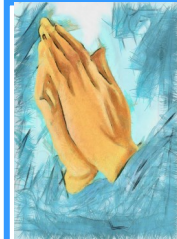
**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary 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).



**Fr Michael Daley RIP: Former PP of Borehamwood.** Fr Michael's mortal remains will be brought into Holy Cross church, Ashington Road, **Parsons Green on Wednesday 24 April at 6pm, followed by Requiem Mass. The Funeral Mass will be at Holy Cross church on Thursday 25 April at 12noon.** Burial at St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green will follow the Funeral Mass. May he rest in peace & rise in glory.



We welcome Sophie, Grant, Martin & Leo who are all being received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please remember them in your prayers.. We also say a big thank you to Sr Avril who in the absence of a Parish Priest has helped to prepare everyone



### PRAYER BEFORE DISMISSAL

Go now, to our sisters and brothers unable to be with us for reasons of sickness and infirmity. Take to them from our celebration the word of God and Holy Communion, that they might share with us these signs of the Lord's goodness

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son in the Eucharist. We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish. As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and, the joy, the peace and healing of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

**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.*