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**21st April 2024:
 Fourth Sunday of Easter (Yr B)**

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Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 20th April	Vigil 4th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Marotta & Vergari Families & Carlo RIP
Sunday 21st April	4th Sunday Of Easter	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Barbara Rendell RIP Ignazi & Toma Families & Carlo RIP Anne Browne RIP
Monday 22nd April	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Fr John Warnaby RIP
Tuesday 23rd April	St George	9.15am (St T)	Margaret & Peter Costa RIP
Wednesday 24th April	<i>No Mass</i>		
Thursday 25th April	St Mark	9.15am (St T)	Josefina Espino RIP
Friday 26th April	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Michael Brady RIP
Saturday 27th April	Vigil: 5th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Mary & Ted Mansfield RIP

Confessions Saturday 11am-11.40am St T & 5pm-5.40pm SSJFTM

Liturgy of the Word - Fourth Sunday

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
 by the word of the Lord the heavens were made alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd says the Lord.
 I know my own sheep and they know me. Alleluia!

Next Sunday Reads: Acts 9:26-31, Psalm 21:26-28,30-32 Rp.v26, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8,

Fr Jude writes: KNOWING THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"I am the Good Shepherd; I know my own, and my own know me (John 10:14). On this day when we celebrate the Good Shepherd Sunday, an interesting story I read in the book, Song of the bird by Fr Tony De Mello of blessed memory on "Knowing Christ" comes to mind. The dialogue between a recent convert and an unbelieving friend was presented thus: "So you have been converted to Christ?" "Yes." Then you must know a great deal about him. Tell me: what country was he born in?". I don't know." " What was his age when he died?" "I don't know." "How many sermons did he preach?" I don't know." You certainly know very little for a man who claims to be converted to Christ!"

"You are right", said the recent convert to the unbelieving friend. "I am ashamed at how little I know about him. But this much I know: Three years ago I was a drunkard. I was in debt. My family was falling apart. My wife and children would dread my coming home each day. Now, I have given up drink; we are out debt; ours is a happy home. All this Christ has done. This much I know of him!"

To really know is to be transformed by what one knows (Fr Tony De Mello).

True knowledge is therefore experiential. This can be easily understood from the etymology in Greek. The word "to know" ("ginosko" in Greek) means "to feel" or "to understand." The word "to follow" ("akoloutheo" in Greek means: "to be in the same way with"). This implies that Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd feels for and with you. He is aware of He understands and is very much aware of every situation of yours. In order to be a good follower or disciple, you have to be docile and attentive, so as to be on the same page with him. These are the qualities of a good follower that will lead to a transformative knowledge that saves. Are you therefore doing your best to be on the same page with Jesus Christ, the Good shepherd?

One practical way of being on the same page with Jesus is to join in prayers for an increase in genuine vocations to the ministry of the priesthood and religious vocations on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Closely associated with this good work is to donate generously to the Priest's Training Fund Collection as has been directed by Archdiocese of Westminster. As you carry out these noble acts joyfully, may you experience the protection of shepherd and guardian of your soul

(1 Peter 2:25) through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Totals for last two weeks:

Loose Plate £908

Envelopes £325

Contactless £849

Total for weekends 31st March & 7th April £2082



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23-24 PROGRAMME

This year's First Holy Communions will take place at various services on 11th & 18th May. Please keep the children & their families in your prayers at this exciting time.



CONFIRMATION 23-24 PROGRAMME

Next meeting is the Day of Reflection for all candidates. **Saturday 4th May 10am at St Teresa's Parish Centre.** A sandwich lunch will be provided

CHANGE OF CHURCH—ONE NIGHT ONLY! Saturday 4th May is the Romanian Orthodoxy's Easter Saturday. Our 6pm Vigil on that day will be at St Teresa's so that SS Fisher & More can be used by the Romanians all that evening.



This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood.

There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.



Fr John Michael Warnaby RIP, whom you will remember became the Parish Priest of St Joseph, Carpenders Park, and was here for a while, died peacefully on, Saturday 13 April 2024, at the Birmingham Hospice in Erdington, where he had been admitted on Wednesday. He was visited by the Cardinal and was given the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Details of his funeral will follow in due course.



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.**

May these dedicated priests rest in peace & rise in glory.



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 Rich Man, Poor Man tickets, or repository via the QR code here, just select the option you want.



BAPTISMS: Our baptisms usually take place on a Saturday around midday, 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!**



Would your child like to be an Altar Server? They must have made their First Holy Communion and be committed to serve at Mass each week. Full training will be given. Please complete a form on behalf of our child and hand in to the Parish office. Further details will be announced shortly.



The SVP are in need of donations of the following:

Men & woman's toiletries, including shower gel, shampoo & conditioner, washing up liquid, washing powder & conditioner, cleaning products, toilet rolls for people in need. Many thanks

Sue is on Jury Service 29th April - 13th May - not ideal as this covers FHC time. If you have any queries, please get them sorted before she goes. Thanks!



REPOSITION

O sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving,
be every moment mine! (x3)



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

EASTER PEOPLE

"We are the Easter people and "Alleluia", is our song.
Let us sing "Alleluia" here and now in this life,
even though we are oppressed by various worries,
so that we may sing it one day in the world to come,
when we are set free from all anxiety"

St Augustine of Hippo (354-430 A.D.)

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.