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**28th April 2024:
 Fifth Sunday of Easter (Yr B)**

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Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 27th April	Vigil 5th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Mary & Ted Mansfield RIP
Sunday 28th April	5th Sunday Of Easter	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Annie Crossan RIP Ollie Quinn RIP (BDay) Patrick Brendan O'Sullivan RIP
Monday 29th April	St Catherine of Siena	9.15am (St T)	Norma Coles (Bday Int)
Tuesday 30th April	Easter Feria	9.15am (St T)	Lilly Pinto RIP
Wednesday 1st May	<i>No Mass</i>		
Thursday 2nd May	St Athanasius	9.15am (St T)	Mary Dunphy RIP
Friday 3rd May	SS Philip & James	9.15am (St T))	FHC Children 2024 Programme
Saturday 4th May	Vigil: 6th Sunday	6pm (ST TERESA)	George & Kathleen Parsons RIP

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

Liturgy of the Word - Fifth Sunday

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord,
 for he has worked wonders:
 in the sight of the nations
 he has shown his deliverance. Alleluia

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
 Whoever remain in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Next Sunday Reads: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48, Psalm 97:1-4 Rp.cfv2, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

Fr Jude writes: BEARING FRUIT

Someone retorted to me some time ago: "You have suffered so much." I said, "how?" He pointed out the fact that I had been given very "tough assignments" and that I had "met a lot of challenges". But he equally noted that I appeared to have gone through them coming out better, stronger and more joyful too in spite of these afflictions. The record of the works accomplished during those times, he maintained, spoke for themselves. I nodded with a deep sense of humility and satisfaction, giving God the glory. The one who raised the question appeared to have answered it also. When one tastes the joy of encountering the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, one will be able to "do great things for God and for the salvation of souls" joyfully, and in all circumstances (Acts 13:52, Acts 14:22). The source of the joy of the Holy Spirit, which enables us to master our challenges is rooted in our attachment to the Vine, Jesus Christ the Lord and the bringer of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11). Our connectedness to Him will enable us to bear fruit even amidst persecutions and vicissitudes of life. The enemy is at work to ensure that through various "scandals" to the faith, the "door of faith"[which works through Love (Galatians 5:6)] opened to the gentiles (Acts 14:27) is obliterated so that the love in most men's heart would grow cold. That is the target of the enemy.

Patient endurance, however, is our defence as we abide in Him and bear the fruit of good works by walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:31). Even though tribulations, death, hatred, betrayal, apostasy, the advent of false prophets and the multiplication of evils of various kinds will be the order of the day, they that persevere in doing good till the end will be saved (c.f. Matthew 24: 9-14).

Therefore, let us appreciate the truth that the noble act of "going about and doing good like our master Jesus, the true Vine of which we are only branches (Acts 10:37-38) is "our portion". Let us realize that seeking to enhance the quality of life of our neighbour is our "cross of love" as (Galatians 6:2). Let us endeavour not to be distracted in this divine quest in spite of the various evils surrounding us, as we strive to be faithful and fruitful branches of the Vine, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Totals for last two weeks:

Loose Plate £692

Envelopes £342

Contactless £482

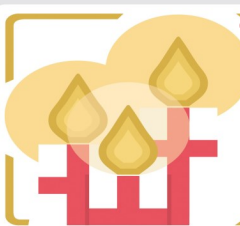
Total for weekends 14th & 21st April £1516

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.

The Parish Office is closed as Sue is on Jury Service 29th April - 13th May



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: We welcome Patrick who is being baptised this weekend. 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!**



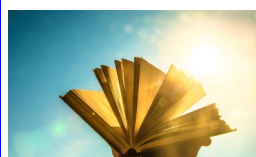
Rich man, Poor man—was a great success! All 100 tickets were sold and the event raised £1564 which will go to the Sisters of Mercy in Addo. We will hang back from sending the funds just for a short while, so its not too late if you haven't donated yet! I will leave the option on the contactless machines or you can just drop something in to us. Congratulations to this year's candidates they worked really hard and I know that all who went were impressed; including Sr Margaret who some of you will remember used to run our Confirmation programme herself here, many moons ago!



There are still some planned giving envelopes are in the Sacristy of the appropriate church. Please collect . If you would rather switch to Standing orders or contactless, please let Sue know.



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 Saturday 13 April. Fr John's mortal remains will be received at St Joseph's church, Oxhey Drive, Carpenders Park, Watford WD19 7SW on Monday 29 April by Bishop Paul McAleenan at 6.30pm, followed by a Requiem Mass at 7pm. On Tuesday 30 April the Funeral Mass will be at St Joseph's at 12noon with the Cardinal presiding



ZOOM into Bible Study with Fr Fidelis , Thursdays 7-8pm: Use the following details:

Meeting ID: 914 738 2169

Passcode: 12345

There won't be a waiting room so straightforward to join.



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.

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.