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23rd March 2025 Third Sunday of Lent (Yr.C)

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"God knows our sufferings..." Fr. Jude

Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 22nd March	Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent (SSJFTM)	6pm World Peace
Sunday 23rd March	Third Sunday of Lent (SSJFTM) (St. T) (St. T)	8.30am Shirley Cox RIP 10am Eddie Poyntz RIP 12pm The Pope's Health
Monday 24th March	Lent Feria Funeral Mass of Mary Shannon (St. T)	9.15am Volunteers of the Parish 11.30
Tuesday 25th March	The Annunciation of the Lord (St. T)	9.15am Fortunato Sr. & Beatriz Eusebio
Wednesday 26th March	No Mass	
Thursday 27th March	Lent Feria (St. T)	9.15am Jose Ygnacio
Friday 28th March	Lent Feria (St. T) Stations of the Cross (St. T)	9.15am Brigida Laxamana 6.30pm
Saturday 29th March	Vigil Mass for Fourth Sunday of Lent (SSJFTM)	6pm Guadalupe Quesada

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

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: The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.
Repent, says the Lord,
For the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Next Sunday Reads: Joshua 5:9a-12 Psalm 34 (33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. Rv.9a. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Fr. Jude writes: THE SUFFERING GOD

God knows our sufferings (Exodus 3:7). This is the good news. When we encounter the divine presence and become aware of His active presence in our lives, and of the fact that God is aware of our sufferings, we can hold fast to Him through what I may call a Covenant of Anchor. Holding unto God by faith is the wisest thing to do. When one surrenders one's self to the AWARENESS of the saving presence of God in one's life (called WISDOM), one could afford to "suffer and smile" and as such fulfil one's destiny of going about "doing good" (Acts 10:38) and "bearing fruit" (John 15:16) without "grumbling" (1 Corinth 10:10). One would begin to experience the full import of Psalm 103 on a daily basis.

As we prepare for the challenges of the new week, may we be filled with the awareness of the loving presence in our lives, of God our saviour who delivers us from every evil, granting us peace in our days and freeing us from all useless fears and anxieties. Amen. May we, by His grace, carry our daily crosses with joyful hope and patience. Amen. As we wait for the coming of the Lord who is already at work in our lives, may we experience the constant joy of the Lord's presence in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thank you for your generosity with our weekly offerings.

Loose plate: £997.11

Envelopes: £292

Total: £1289.11

From 02.03.25 & 09.03.25 weekends. Thank you Counters!

Confirmation 2024-25 : Next meeting is for candidates: **Tuesday 25th March, 6.30pm, St. Teresa's Church**

Let us keep the candidates in our prayers.

First Holy Communion 2024-2025: Next meeting : **Thursday 3rd April 6.15-7.30pm**. The topic is 'Do this in memory of me'.

Does your child have a special memory? Why is this memory special to them?

RCIA Meeting

Next meeting: **Monday 7th April at 7.30pm**.

Let us keep the candidates in our prayers.

Centenary Celebration Day Mass: 12 noon Saturday 21st June.

Sponsorship required for these items, please!

Thank you for your generosity with Centenary celebrations!

LECTIONARIES & PARISH MASS BOOKS:

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus

Lectionary Ambo Edition = £695 **Taken**
Lectionary Chapel Edition = £395 **Taken**
Parish Mass Books Volume C = £1980
Book of the Gospels = £275 **Taken**

SS. John Fisher & Thomas More

Lectionary Ambo Edition = £695 **Taken**
Lectionary Chapel Edition = £395
Book of the Gospels = £275 **Taken**
400 Parish Mass Books Volume C @ £4.95 per book = £1980
(110 more books taken—total of 280 taken. 114 books remaining.)

LITURGICAL MATERIALS

(Description, Quantity =Total Cost):

Lectern Fall (6 Liturgical Colours) 24 = £720
Altar Cloth 18 = £1080
(3 Taken. 15 remaining at £60 each.)
Banner 24 = £960
Chasubles 30 = £3,750
Albs 60 = £240 **Taken**
Mini Banners and Curtains 70 = £1260
Purificators 24 = £24 **Taken**
C Corporals 12 = £96 **Taken**
Finger Towels 24 = £25 **Taken**
Credence Table Cloth 4 = £40 **Taken**
Tabernacle Veils 12 = £360 **Taken**
Mitre 2 = £150 **Taken**

SACRED VESSELS (Description and Cost):

Ciboria 13320 = £255.87 **Taken**
Ciboria 6312 = £258.13 **Taken**
Chalice 1133 = £ 648.33 **Taken**
Cruet 5921 = £268.63 **Taken**
Cruet 8811 = £239.81 **Taken**
Thurible 3926 £282.01 **Taken**



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.

BAPTISMS: We welcome Jeffrey & Claudia McCarthy! 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 contact the parish office for a form as website forms are not working at the moment. You will also need to complete a Baptism Preparation Course. This is held on the first Saturday of every month at St Teresa's Church.** Please register with the Parish Office in advance.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: This helps various projects across the Diocese. Donations can be made throughout Lent in the baskets provided.

St. Teresa's Repository: Easter Cards & Mother's Day cards and gifts are available.

A big thank you to all who organised and attended the St. Patrick's Night Party! Monies raised will go to the Centenary Fund.

'Walk With Me': booklet to help you develop a closer relationship with Our Lord during Lent. Cost £1 each, at the backs of churches.

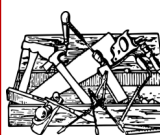


Sponsored Walk by Confirmation Candidates: 29th March, 12 noon. Start at SSJFTM Church, through a chosen route, and ending at St. Teresa's Church. This is to support the work of The Foodbank.

Coffee Mornings: Starting 25.03.25 after Tuesday morning Mass & Rosary. We will gather in St. Teresa's Hall. Join us to make new friends and/or catch up with old ones! Fr. Jude aims to attend before his sick calls.



IMPORTANT PETITION: Please consider signing the Care Not Killing petition which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales. You can sign the petition at: <https://carenotkilling.org.uk/>



CONTINGENCY FUND: There will be retiring collections after Masses, next weekend. There are envelopes at the back of the church, for UK Taxpayers, which means 25p can be added to every £1 that you give. Thank you.

Booking a Mass for your Intention: Stipends go to the Diocese, not to Fr. Jude or Fr. Fidelis. We must follow Diocesan directive and policy. The Diocese recently suggested that a donation of £10 (minimum) should be paid for each Mass, please. If your finances do not permit this, we can accept less/no payment—just let us know that this is the case. Masses are best booked, in person at the Office, or using the envelopes at the back of St. Teresa's Church **and returning them to the Office.** Please add your phone number so we can call you to confirm/provide an alternative to the date you require. If you email or phone, you will be asked how you are going to make your payment. Please do not use the contactless machine for stipends. Apologies that we cannot guarantee the Mass date you require is available. **Mass cards should be made as a separate payment to your stipend. We need to cover the costs of Repository stock.** Thank you for understanding.

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 just join!



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 assistance for you.