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20th & 27th April 2025: Easter Sunday & 2nd Sunday of Easter (Yr.C)

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Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Services for the forthcoming week

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| Saturday 19th April | Easter Vigil Mass | (St. T) | 8pm Sanctity of Human Life |
| Sunday 20th April | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | (SSJFTM) | 8.30am Sanctity of Human Life |
| | | (St. T) | 10am Christy Flood RIP |
| | | (St. T) | 12pm James Quirke RIP |
| Monday 21st April | Monday within the Octave | (St. T) | 12 noon Arber Zefi Health |
| Tuesday 22nd April | Tuesday within the Octave | (St. T) | 9.15am Arber Zefi Health |
| Wednesday 23rd April | No Mass | | |
| Thursday 24th April | Thursday within the Octave | (St. T) | 9.15am Josefina Espino |
| Friday 25th April | Friday within the Octave | (St. T) | 9.15am Arber Zefi Health |
| Saturday 26th April | Vigil Mass for Second Sunday of Easter (SSJFTM) | | 6pm Kathleen & George Parsons RIP |
| Sunday 27th April | Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday | (SSJFTM) | 8.30am Marie Zefi |
| | | (St. T) | 10am RCIA Candidates' Thanksgiving Mass |
| | | (St. T) | 12pm Margarita Zefi |
| | | (St. T) | 3pm Divine Mercy Service |
| Monday 28th April | St. George, Martyr, Patron Saint of England | (St. T) | 9.15am Conversion of England |
| Tuesday 29th April | St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church | (St. T) | 9.15am Longhina |
| Wednesday 30th April | No Mass | | |
| Thursday 1st May | Easter Feria | (St. T) | 9.15am Janet Ayorinde RIP |
| Friday 2nd May | St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | (St. T) | 9.15am Sanctity of Human Life |
| Saturday 3rd May | Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter (SSJFTM) | | 6pm The Sick of the Parish |

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

Fr. Jude writes: MINDSET FOR HEAVEN

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth," (Colossians 3:2) is an inspiring exhortation from the Second Reading of Easter morning Mass. There is a popular saying that your attitude determines your altitude. Therefore, if you have the right attitude or mindset, the result will be a resurrection unto peace, progress, and glorification. Whatever you truly seek is what you get, provided you seek aright. The readings of Easter indicate that:

1. When you have the right mindset, your desire would be to do good (c.f. Acts 10:38) so that even if you were to die in the process, you would have resurrected unto glory. Every moment then becomes a potential hour of glory as you are ready to lay down your life in different forms and degrees for the propagation of God's kingdom. Your target is Heaven and this should keep you focused!
2. When you have the right mindset, you would search for God in the right places. You would not seek Him in the "tombs" of hopelessness, depression, disillusionment, sadness and material things, but in the "Galilees of your life": in the day-to-day challenges life throws at you; in the pressures and persons that you would rather go away from; place you would rather not go to or challenges you do not wish to face. But being a child of the resurrection, you would confront them knowing fully well that fear and death have been conquered by the Paschal Mystery. These "Galilee of challenges" are merely occasions for the potential manifestation of your own hour of glory which is the necessary pathway to victory.

As we celebrate the resurrection of the Christ in 2025, may we all be filled with an anointing, flowing from the Scriptures of the day, in order to have the right mindset and focus on Heaven and all that is Heavenly as we march on to the glory reserved for the Children of the resurrection.

Happy Easter!

Thank you for your generosity with our weekly offerings.

Loose plate: £1075.46

Envelopes: £212

Total: £1287.46

From 30.03.25 & 06.04.25 weekends. Thank you Counters!

Confirmation 2024-25 : Next meeting is for candidates: **Tuesday 22nd April, 6.30pm, St. Teresa's Church**

Let us keep the candidates in our prayers.

First Holy Communion 2024-2025: Next meeting : **Thursday 24th April 6.15-7.30pm.** The topic is 'The Body of Christ'. Share with your child things that you each consider to be very precious.



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 Alfonso Mansi! 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: Thank you for your kind donations.

IMPORTANT PETITION & POSTCARD CAMPAIGN: 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/>. Please also send a postcard to Oliver Dowden, at the House of Commons, encouraging him to vote against the 'Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill' at Third Reading. Look out for postcards at the backs of churches. Act fast, please!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 3-4pm on 27th April 2025 at St. Teresa's. This Feast Day was requested by Jesus in one of his appearances to St. Faustina. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.



Congratulations! We formally welcome Konsta and Georgia into the Roman Catholic Church- We also congratulate Martin, Sandra and Wenronika on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. As RCIA



Candidates, they have spent months making commendable efforts preparing for the sacraments. We are proud to have them as parishioners of the Catholic Parishes of Borehamwood and give thanks to God for the talents that they have given, so far.

Parish Office: This will be closed from Good Friday onwards. It will re-open on Tuesday 29th April, at the later time of 12.30pm, due to staff training. Please be patient with Fr. Jude - he will have limited capacity to manage admin. tasks, due to his existing workload and commitments. Fr. Fidelis spends most of his time serving as a School Chaplain so cannot step in for admin. tasks. Thanks.

St. Teresa's Repository: First Holy Communion cards and gifts are available. Confirmation gifts have arrived—keep an eye out for them too.

Unwanted Gifts: These donations are needed for a Centenary Celebration Fundraising raffle. Items should be in hygienic and giftable condition. Look out for drop-off boxes at the backs of churches—or you can drop your gift off at the Office. Thank you!

Sponsorship required for these items, please!
Thank you for your generosity with Centenary celebrations!
LECTIONARIES & PARISH MASS

BOOKS: St. Teresa of the Child Jesus

Parish Mass Books Volume C = £1980

SS. John Fisher & Thomas More

Lectionary Chapel Edition = £395

400 Parish Mass Books Volume C @ £4.95 per book = £1980 (30 more books taken—total of 310 taken. 84 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

Mini Banners and Curtains 70 = £1260

NEW! CENTENARY BUDGET NEEDS:

Restoration of St. Teresa's Lady Chapel = £2800

Choir & Choir Loft Restoration = £2900

Catering & Entertainment at £7 per person = £7000

Church Cleaning & Maintenance = £3500

Centenary Brochure (500) @ £10 each = £1000

Centenary Souvenirs = £1000

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THANK YOU...to all who have worked so hard preparing the church for our Easter services. There's been a considerable amount of cleaning and maintenance tasks both inside and outside of the church. Thanks to John & Jackie for their flower artistry.

ZOOM into Bible Study with Fr Fidelis :

Thursdays 7-8pm: Use the following details:

Meeting ID: 914 738 2169. Passcode: 12345

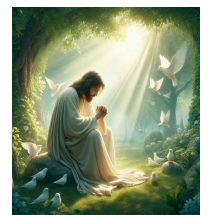
There won't be a waiting room so just join!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS: 10th May, at 11am, in St. Teresa's.

Easter Prayer

I give thanks to you, Almighty God, for the gift of your Son Jesus who suffered, died and rose again to pay the price for my failings, so that I may inherit Eternal Life with You. May I never forget the Passion of Christ whereby Jesus humbled Himself to death on a cross, for love of me. I thank you that Jesus conquered death so that I may have life in Him. I pray that all may come to know the wonders of this Mystery, embracing Christ as their Lord and Saviour, while staying ever-close to the sacraments of our Holy Mother Church. Amen.



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.