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18th May 2025: 5th Sunday of Easter (Yr.C)

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"Bearing Fruit Amidst Tribulations..." Fr. Jude

Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 17th May	Vigil Mass: Fifth Sunday of Easter (SSJFTM)	6pm	Giustina Job RIP B'day
Sunday 18th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter (SSJFTM)	8.30am	Casmir & Mary Orjioke RIP
	(St. T)	10am	Celestine Babs-Jonah RIP
	(St. T)	12pm	Kenneth Duffy (Health)
Monday 19th May	Easter Feria	(St. T)	9.15am Pope Leo's Intentions
Tuesday 20th May	Easter Feria	(St. T)	9.15am Velga & Harry Birrell RIP Ann.
Wednesday 21st May	No Mass		
Thursday 22nd May	Easter Feria	(St. T)	9.15am Kenneth Duffy (Health)
	Funeral Mass for Giustina Job	(St. T) 11am	
Friday 23rd May	Easter Feria	(St. T)	9.15am Reynaldo Cachuela
Saturday 24th May	Vigil Mass: Sixth Sunday of Easter (SSJFTM)	6pm	Nnanna Okoro RIP

COUNTDOWN TO CENTENARY CELEBRATION: 34 MORE DAYS!!!
Confessions: Saturday 11am-11.40am St. T & 5pm-5.40pm SSJFTM

Liturgy of the Word - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Gospel Acclamation: Allelulia, Allelulia.
A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Allelulia

Next Sunday Reads: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Psalm 67 (66):2-3. 5. 6. Rv.4 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Fr. Jude Writes: BEARING FRUIT AMIDST TRIBULATIONS

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 the persecutions and vicissitudes of life. That was what enabled St. Paul to exhort the believers to be steadfast in the faith amidst tribulations (Acts 14:22).

The enemy is ever 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 defense 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). 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.

Thank you for your generosity with our weekly offerings.

Loose plate: £906.85

Envelopes: £584.67

Total: £1491.52

From 27.04.25 & 04.05.25 weekends. Thank you Counters!

Confirmation 2024-25 : Next meeting is for candidates: **Tuesday 20th May, 6.30pm, St. Teresa's Church**

Let us keep the candidates in our prayers.

Centenary Raffle Coming Soon! Some really fantastic prizes have been donated so look out for volunteers, selling raffle tickets after Masses, soon! Thank you to those who have made donations—much appreciated!

Unwanted Gifts: These donations are needed for this Centenary Celebration fundraising raffle. Items should be in hygienic and giftable condition. **Please drop your gifts at the sacristy, after Masses, or the Office during opening hours: 10am-2pm weekdays (except Wednesdays).**

Eating snacks in church... is strongly discouraged! If you/your child has a genuine need to eat, please ensure that all food and wrappers are cleaned up after you. Nothing should be left on the floor or on the pews. Floor sweeps regularly reveal various foods, discarded wrappers and recently, most disappointingly, chewing gum stuck to the floor.

Please show respect for God's House!

St. Teresa's Repository: Confirmation cards and gifts are available.

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

(4 Taken. 14 remaining at £60 each.)

Banner 24 = £960

Chasubles 30 = £3,750

Mini Banners and Curtains 70 = £1260

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

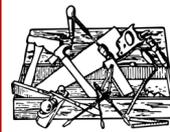
Centenary Souvenirs = £1000



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: 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.

Centenary Mass Flowers: Collection after Mass. Adults to please consider giving at least £1. Many thanks!



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.

Marriage Issues? "Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443."

Confirmation Certificates 2024 (Yes, 2024!) : Please collect from St. Teresa's Sacristy or let the Office know if you prefer to pick yours up from there. **Other Certificates:** some are dating back to Sue's time and await collection from the Office. Please collect soon!

Camp Unity is a summer camp for children aged 6-11yrs old and will run from Sunday 27th July to Friday 1st August 2025. We are looking for Youth Leaders, aged 18-25yrs old to support the running of the camp (paid position). Please contact campunityborehamwood@gmail.com for more information.

ZOOM into Bible Study with Fr Fidells :

Thursdays 7-8pm: Use the following details:
Meeting ID: 914 738 2169. Passcode: 12345
There won't be a waiting room so just join!



Prayer for the Jubilee 2025

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen *Pope Francis*

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.