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14th September 2025: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Yr.C)

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Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 13h September Vigil Mass: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (SSJFTM) 6pm Kathleen & George Parsons RIP
Sunday 14th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (SSJFTM) 8.30am Lourda O'Leary RIP
(St. T) 10am Elizabeth Naisbett RIP
(St. T) 12pm Lady Ugochi Nnana Okoro Int.
(Allum Lane Cemetery) 2.30pm
Monday 15th September **Annual Cemetery Mass**
Our Lady of Sorrows (St. T) 9.15am Katrina Ward Healthy Unborn Baby
Tuesday 16th September SS Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (St. T) 9.15 Sheila RIP & John RIP
Wednesday 17th September No Mass
Thursday 18th September Feria (St. T) 9.15am Edwin Adinna RIP
Friday 19th September Feria (St. T) Irene & Arthur DeSilva
Saturday 20th September Vigil Mass: 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (SSJFTM) 6pm Married Couples of the Parish
Saturday - Confessions at St. Teresa's: 11-11.40am & SSJFTM: 5-5.40pm

Liturgy of the Word - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross P.191

Entrance Antiphon: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
through whom we are saved.

Responsorial Psalm: Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Allelulia, allelulia.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.
Allelulia.

Next Sunday Reads: Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 (112) 1-2, 4-6, 7-8, Rv. 1a, 7b 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Fr. Jude Writes: THE BEAUTY OF THE CROSS.

I never cease to be fascinated by Mark 8:34: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This call of Jesus, called in popular parlance, the 'Cost of discipleship' challenged me personally from my youth to delve into the theology of the Cross, and this very verse became the core of my dissertation in Theology. The word 'cross,' ('*Stauros*') in Greek means, 'exposure to death, a stake, the emblem of suffering and shame'. We are all exposed "on a daily basis" (Luke 9:23) to all kinds of life threatening challenges, be them physical, psychological, spiritual, financial, moral, academic and so on. Life is never a bed of roses. We were warned (John 16:33). The reason for this caution is that the master knew that the challenges of life will tempt us to break faith and lose peace. But we need not worry for there is a way out: it is by "being in the same way" ('*akoloutho*' in Greek) with Jesus. This is called 'Discipleship'.

The disciple must have one vital quality: an open ear (Isaiah 50:4-5) to listen in order to set his face like a flint (Isaiah 50:7). Flint is 'challamish' in Hebrew, which means to be hard or tough in the face of trials. The greatest obstacle is the self and this self MUST GO, for the theology or spirituality of the flint to survive. SELF DENIAL is a daily affair (Luke 9:23). Being a daily activity therefore, we have to be ready to be awakened morning by morning, to listen to God's Word in order to enhance our best security which is our faith. Our faith is our victory over the world (1 John 5:4). And this faith comes by hearing (Rom.10:17). The "milk and water" Christianity and "craze for the miraculous" in itself is not the answer to our current challenges. The answer is in the knowledge of the Crucified One (1 Corinthians 2:2).

So let us with St Paul exult in the beauty of the cross: "Far be it that I should glory in anything except the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ," (Gal. 6:14). May the Holy Spirit vivify you to remain steadfast and courageous amidst any challenges that want to destroy our inner peace. May you glory and boast every day in the powerful symbol of the cross through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

COUNTERS' TRAINING SESSION:

Loose Plate: £978.62

Offertory Envelopes: £251

Total: £1229.62

31.08.25 & 07.09.25



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: Applications for 2025-26

First Holy Communion: For children in Yr.3 (7-8 yrs.) or older. Deadline: 16th September 2025.

Confirmation: Senior School Students in Yr.9 (13-14yrs.), or above, up to 16 years old. If you are older, please apply for RCIA. Deadline: 16th September 2025

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FROM THE BACKS OF THE CHURCHES, OR FROM THE PARISH OFFICE, DURING OPENING HOURS.

Mass Attendance Cards: Located at the backs of each church. Your child must be visible to the volunteer who is stamping otherwise a stamp cannot be given.

RCIA/Catholic Instruction: Monday 15th September, 7.30pm, St. Teresa's 'Our Lady Chapel'. Session: 3 A God Who Speaks.

Any adult can attend this session to deepen their faith.

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. Amen.

Evangelii Gaudium ('The Joy of the Gospel') Appeal:

Collections after next weekend's Masses to support the late Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world. There are various projects in progress.

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



Loreto College: The Open Evening, for prospective pupils applying to Loreto College for September 2026, will take place on **TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2025 from 4.00pm to 7.00pm.** Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road.

More details are available on the school website www.loreto.herts.sch.uk

Offertory Envelopes: We have had a number of requests to join this way of contributing to the Offertory. These are now ready for collection, in St. Teresa's Sacristy, after Masses. There are still a number of boxes left which were issued in April 2025. If these are not collected, they will not be renewed, next time around.



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 Harry Perkins Basilio! Our Baptisms usually take place on a Saturday around 1pm, 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. 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.



Certificate of Catholic Practice: Kindly check the notices for the available dates for the collection of signed certificates. Collection will take place on **13th, 15th, and 16th September** only, and is strictly for the Certificate of Catholic Practice. When coming to collect the certificate, please bring: -The child(ren) concerned.

-If you have not already submitted proof of Baptism/First Holy Communion (as applicable) to the Office, please bring the original/s and photocopy/ies with you.

-The Mass Attendance Card with the child(ren)'s photograph attached.

-The use of this card provides a fair and consistent way of establishing that the family of the child(ren) are practicing Catholics. Collection will be on a first-come, first-served basis. You may indicate your preferred date, and notify the Parish Office, via the official email: borehamwood@rcdow.org.uk, who will be in touch.

Registration of Candidates for FHC & Confirmation: Candidates who have already submitted their forms are now invited to choose a date for registration, from the schedule displayed at the back of St. Teresa's Church and on the notice board. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Spaces are filling up. Please notify the Parish Office of your preferred date via email: borehamwood@rcdow.org.uk. You will then be informed of the session allocated to you. Thank you



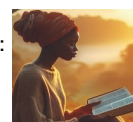
Volunteers' Party: Saturday 27th September, at 7pm, Fr. Dominic McKenna Memorial Hall. A thank you gesture from Fr. Jude to our amazing volunteers! Please sign the sheet (at the backs of each church). Deadline: 16th September, **by noon**, so we have the correct numbers for catering purposes.

The Parish Office: Will be closed on Monday 15th September. If you call the Office and require a call back, please state your phone number otherwise it will not be possible. Office hours are weekdays (except Wednesdays) from 10am-2pm.

Annual Cemetery Mass: 14th September, 2.30pm, at Allum Lane Cemetery. Children must be supervised at all times.

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.