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## 8th February 2026: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr.A)

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### Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 7th February	Vigil Mass: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (SSJFTM) 6pm Ermitas Varela Garcia RIP (Month's Mind)
Sunday 8th February	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (SSJFTM) 8.30am Lourda O'Leary RIP B'day (St. T) 10am Paraclete Music School (St. T) 12pm The Sanctity of Human Life (St. T) 9.15am Lourda O'Leary RIP B'day (St. T) 9.15am Christopher Shonibare RIP (5 Years) (St. T) 11am
Monday 9th February	Feria
Tuesday 10th February	St. Scholastica, Virgin <b>Funeral of Mary Grealish RIP</b>
Wednesday 11th February	No Mass
Thursday 12th February	Feria (St. T) 9.15am Louise Mahon Int.
Friday 13th February	Feria (St. T) 9.15am Dermot Stanley Int.
Saturday 14th February	Vigil Mass: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (SSJFTM) 6pm Archbishop Richard Moth

**Saturdays: Confession at St. Teresa's 11-11.45am and SSJFTM 5-5.40pm**  
**Pope Leo's February Prayer Intention: For children with incurable diseases.**

### Liturgy of the Word - Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time P.133

**Entrance Antiphon:** O come, let us worship God and bow before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** A light rises in the darkness for the upright

**Gospel Acclamation:** Allelulia, allelulia.  
I am the light of the world says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Allelulia.

**Next Sunday Reads:** Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm 119 (118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. Rv.1b 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

## Fr. Jude Writes: THE CROSS IN THE LIGHT OF GLORY

In the Gospel passage for the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the Ordinary Time (Year A), Jesus the crucified and risen one, who is the Light of the World that enlightens all men and women, stated: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) What does this mean in practical terms if not seeking and growing into the knowledge of the crucified and risen one? This is a saving knowledge which St. Paul vigorously espouses in his Letters: "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2)

The knowledge of the Cross is the knowledge that matters and it is the only pathway to glory. The cross of Christ is simply the answer to all our challenges and the ball is now in our court to make that vital decision like St. Paul did. The Good News is that we have been trained for it and unless we practice it in joy, we shall never be fulfilled, nor saved, especially in these troubled times where charity has grown cold due to wickedness which is on the increase (Matthew 24:12).

As we begin a new week, may we, as Children of the Light therefore, receive with gratitude and joy, a fresh anointing unto fortitude as the Lord enables us to conquer all our challenges in the coming week. Amen. Flooded with the light of His Word in the Liturgy of this weekend, and fed with His Body and Blood, may we endeavor to shine as light among the men and women of our time - especially in these days when we are faced with a modern day heresy called the 'flight from the cross'!

Thank you for your generosity with weekly offerings.

**Loose Plate: £491.08**

**Envelopes: £232**

**Total: £723.08**      **Weekend: 31.01.26 & 01.02.26**

**January: Contactless = £1449 (transaction fees to be deducted) Standing Orders: £2869**

Thank you to our Counters and to our Bookkeeper, Amanda.



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.



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 or pick one up from the back of the church. 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, in the Our Lady Chapel.** Please register with the Parish Office in advance.

**RCIA/Catholic Instruction:** Monday 9th February, 7.30pm, St. Teresa's 'Our Lady Chapel'. Session 20 Mary and the Hope of Heaven. Any adult can attend this session to deepen their faith.

**First Holy Communion:** Sunday 8th February 11.45-1pm, St. Teresa's Parish Centre (Fr. Dominic's Hall)

**Confirmation:** Tuesday 10th February 6.15-7.30pm, St. Teresa's Parish Centre (Fr. Dominic's Hall).



**Lenten Prayer Booklets:** Reflections to deepen your faith during Lent. Our booklets are just **£1.20** so you save (recommended retail price: £1.50).

**'Old & New Friends Morning Mingle':** We are delighted to now offer tea/coffee, after the 10am Sunday Mass, in St. Teresa's Parish Centre (Fr. Dominic's Hall). Make new friends and catch up with old ones! A big thank you to the volunteers who are sponsoring and making this possible. Well done!

**Burns Night:** Approximately £262.73 has been raised from ticket sales – a fantastic amount! Thanks again to all who organised and attended this fundraiser event. This money will help to purchase a Paschal Candle for each church.



**St. Patrick's Day Party! Saturday 14th March,** 7pm till late, St. Teresa's Parish Centre (Fr. Dominic's Hall). Tickets: £15 each. Sasha's delicious hot food, live Irish Dance display, bring your own alcohol. Tickets available after weekend Masses or from the Parish Office, weekdays (except Wednesdays) from 10am-2pm—latter cash only. Deadline for purchases: 10th March at 11am. Please make special dietary requirements known when you purchase a ticket and make yourself known to Sasha on the day. We will do our best to accommodate dietary requirements but we cannot guarantee it.

**Health & Safety Advice from Westminster Diocese:**

**Church Statues:** Do not touch statues or their mounts as the movement this causes can immediately, or over time, lead to them falling.

**Bikes & Scooters** (electric or otherwise): must not be stored in either church's porch or in the churches. There are reasons why they are hazards. If left, they are at the owner's own risk.

**New Parish Centre Fire Door:** This door must not be propped/wedged open. This will affect its alignment and ability to seal properly, making its fireproof nature ineffective. Doors should be opened by people, not by pushing objects into them to pass through. Please help someone struggling to open a door. Thanks.



**Parish Pancake Party! Sunday 15th February after 12 noon Mass:**

**Parish Centre (Fr. Dominic's Hall)**

**Donations accepted on the door.** Enjoy a pancake with a cuppa or juice! This is a time to mingle, catching up with old friends and making new friends too. During our Centenary Year, let us continue to take time to come together and enjoy fellowship!

**Confirmation Candidates will be doing a Sponsored Walk, on 28.03.26, raising money for the Foodbank & SVP. Details to follow.**

CENTENARY, 2025 ACCOUNT		
S/N	DESCRIPTION	
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>£</b>
1	Freewill Donations	19,727
2	Quiz Nights/Raffle/Appeals	722
3	Concert	8,610
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>29,059</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
4	Our Lady Chapel (as at 04/09/2024)	2,752
5	Choir & Choir Loft Restoration	2,884
6	Sacred Vessels	1,063
7	Liturgical Materials	3,204
8	Catering/Entertainment	3,554
9	Stipends For Clergy	300
10	Fr Dominic's Memorial Plaque	360
11	Church Cleaning/Maintenance	5,760
12	Printing/Publications - Brochure	2,703
13	Filipino Choir (Merry and Bright Concert)	690
14	Stevenson Platers (Liturgicals)	275
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>23,545</b>
	<b>BALANCE (INCOME-EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>5,514</b>
	<b>Balance as at 1st January 2026</b>	<b>£5,514</b>

**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](http://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.**