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26th April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter (Yr.A)

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Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 25th April	Vigil Mass: 4th Sunday of Easter	(SSJFTM) 6pm George Parsons RIP Ann. & Kathleen & Lenny Parsons RIP
Sunday 26th April	4th Sunday of Easter	(SSJFTM) 8.30am World Peace (St. T) 10am Andre Lavalette RIP (St. T) 12pm Tatiana Int. Andre Lavalette RIP (St. T) 9.15am Nnanna Okoro RIP (St.T) 9.15am Longhina RIP
Monday 27th April	Easter Feria	
Tuesday 28th April	Easter Feria	
Wednesday 29th April	Easter Feria NO MASS	
Thursday 30th April	St. Catherine of Siena Virgin & Doctor of the Church	(St.T) 9.15am Eziada Theresa Duruaku RIP
Friday 1st May	Easter Feria	(St. T) 9.15am Adrian Igebeta Birthday
Saturday 2nd May	Vigil Mass: 5th Sunday of Easter	(SSJFTM) 6pm Anna-Sophie Mussner Int.

Confessions: St. Teresa's 11-11.45am SSJFTM 5-5.45pm

Pope Leo's April Prayer Intention: For priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation.

Liturgy of the Word - 4th Sunday of Easter Sunday P.262

Entrance Antiphon:	The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
Responsorial Psalm:	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.
Next Sunday Reads:	Acts 6:1-7, Psalm 33 (32):1-2. 4-5. 5. 6. Rv 1 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Fr. Jude Writes: KNOWING THE GOOD SHEPHERD

There is this interesting dialogue between a recent convert and an unbelieving friend: "So you have been converted to Christ?" "Yes." "Then you must know a great deal about him. Tell me: what country was he born in?" "I don't know." "What was his age when he died?" "I don't know." "How many sermons did he preach?" "I don't know." "You certainly know very little for a man who claims to be converted to Christ!" "You are right. I am ashamed at how little I know about him. But this much I know: Three years ago I was a drunkard. I was in debt. My family was falling apart. My wife and children would dread my coming home each day. Now, I have given up drink; we are out debt; ours is a happy home. All this Christ has done. This much I know of him!" *To really know is to be transformed by what one knows.*

The words 'to know' ('ginosko' in Greek) means 'to feel' or 'to understand' and 'to follow' ('akoloutheo' in Greek) means: 'to be in the same way with'. This implies that Jesus Christ, the Good shepherd *feels for and with us*. He is aware of our varied situations and understands them very well. All we have to do, as good shepherd, is to be on the same page with him via *docility* and *attentive listening*. These are the qualities of a good follower! This is the highest wisdom! This is indeed the true knowledge that saves us. It is therefore pertinent to ask ourselves whether we were on the same page with the Shepherd? Have we experienced any significant transformation in our lives as a result of this saving knowledge? As we celebrate the Good Shepherd Sunday and pray for an increase in the number of young men seeking to fulfil their vocations as priests of the Catholic Church, let us contribute generously toward the support of their formation via the 'Priest Training Fund Collection', this weekend, as we rejoice in the protective guidance of the Shepherd and guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25), the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your generosity with weekly offerings.

Loose Plate: £492.68

Envelopes: £168

Total: £660.68 Weekend: 19.04.26

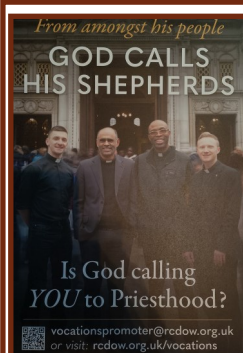
March: Contactless = £1606 (transaction fees to be deducted) Standing Orders: £3376

Thank you to our Counters.



First Holy Communion: Sunday 3rd May 11.45-1pm, session in St. Teresa's Parish Centre (Fr. Dominic's Hall)

Confirmation: Tuesday 28th April 6.15-7.30pm, St. Teresa's Parish Centre (Fr. Dominic's Hall).



We are so proud! Congratulations to our beloved Fr. Jude on being asked to help promote Good Shepherd Sunday! Fr. Jude has become well known for his smile and for his singing. Now his smile will be seen on posters across the Diocese—even in Westminster Cathedral! We give thanks to God that He has called Fr. Jude and Fr. Fidelis to serve in our parish - which is growing! Look out for the posters displayed in our churches. We pray God's blessings on all of our priests who share in our smiles and tears. Mother Mary protect them.

Priest Training Fund: Collections after this weekend's Masses.

"On average it costs about £25,000 per man, per year, of formation—which works out to about £150,000 to train and educate a new priest, who will make a lifetime commitment to Christ and the Church." Thank you for your support.



Parish Pentecost Feast: On Sunday 24th May, after the 12 noon Mass, we will have a parish party to celebrate this Feast Day. We will celebrate in the Parish Centre (Fr. Dominic's Hall) and in the wider church compound—an exciting time ahead!

It's an opportunity to celebrate the diverse cultures in our parish—hence the food will have an international theme. You are welcome to wear your national attire. More details on 'food etiquette' to follow.

CELEBRATE Trust is excited to announce two new webinars for parents and carers of teenagers:

"Confident parenting in a world of screens. 29th April @ 8pm Worried about the impact of phones and social media on your teen? A helpful webinar with Kate Duroux from Care for the Family, offering practical advice for supporting teenagers growing up in a digital world.)

Raising teenagers in a Catholic family. 2nd June @ 8pm As children enter adolescence, parenting can feel brand new. Mike and Alicia from the Messy Family Project share faith-filled wisdom and practical tools to help parents guide their tweens and teens with patience, modelling, and stronger relationships."

To reserve your place, book now by visiting <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>



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.



"If people spent one hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration, abortion would be ended." St. Mother Teresa

Parish Mass Books: The next Year A Set has been ordered—that's 400 books costing £4.95 each. If you are able to sponsor one or more books, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you so much.

50 books sponsored—thank you to our sponsors!

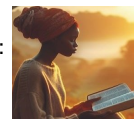
350 remaining to be sponsored, please.

Offertory Envelopes: New boxes are ready for collection from each church's Sacristy, after Masses, or by visiting the Parish Office during opening hours. Boxes that were not collected, last time, have not been renewed. Thank you to our volunteers who stamped numbers on envelopes!

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!



Low Gluten Holy Communion Hosts: If you have a medical need which requires a low gluten Host at Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

St Columba's College Prep and Senior School: "Open Day on Saturday 27th September between 9.00am and 1.00pm. We also have a Reception 2026 activity session on that day. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a full tour of the school by current students and to hear register us from the Leadership Team. Please register using the following link: [Visit Us | St Columba's Independent Co-Educational Catholic Day School](https://www.stcolumbascollege.org). If you have any questions, please contact Mary Masters at masters.m@stcolumbascollege.org.

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. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. 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.