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13th September 2026 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr.A)

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Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 12th September	Vigil Mass: 24th Sunday Ordinary Time	(SSJFTM) 6pm George Parsons RIP Birthday, Kathleen & Lenny Parsons RIP
Sunday 13th September	24th Sunday of Ordinary Time	(SSJFTM) 8.30am Lourda O'Leary RIP (4th Ann.) (St. T) 10am Stuart James Cottrell RIP (24th Ann.) (St. T) 12pm Joy Spiropoulos Lavers (Thanksgiving)
Monday 14th September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	(St. T) 9.15am Gloria Cachuela RIP
Tuesday 15th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	(St. T) 9.15am Sheila & John RIP
Wednesday 16th September	NO MASS	
Thursday 17th September	Feria	(St. T) 9.15am John Harding RIP
Friday 18th September	Feria	(St. T) 9.15am Frances Gibbons RIP
Saturday 19th September	Vigil Mass: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SSJFTM) 6pm A Special Intention

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

Pope Leo's September Prayer Intention: For the care of water.

Liturgy of the Word - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time P128

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that you prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

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

Next Sunday Reads: Isaiah 55:6-9:7 Psalm 145 (144): 2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R.18a Philippians 1:20c-24,27

Fr. Jude Writes: WE BELONG TO JESUS

'For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.' (Romans 14:8)

During the Centenary Celebration of our Parish last year, Monsignor Martin Hayes, the former Vicar General of Diocese of Westminster wrote: *"We belong to Jesus' is the message on the invitation to the Centenary Celebrations, our powerful message of our bond with the Lord Jesus and with one another as the people of God, people united by our faith, hope and love in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of peace and joy!"*

The Readings of the 24th Sunday, while reminding once again of the common bond that unites us in Christ Jesus, to whom we belong, challenge us to leave no stone unturned in being the agents of reconciliation, in a world being decimated by hatred and lack of forgiveness in many ramifications. As friends of Jesus Christ, whose mission was to reconcile the world to God the Father, we as a parish family and community of faith, should always make it a point of duty to live by our core values: knowing and caring for each other; active participation in our communal and liturgical prayer, especially at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and striving to deepen the knowledge of our faith by actively participating in various programmes within the parish that promote this!

As a community of faith, and aware of its identity as friends of Jesus, may we diligently continue the mission of Our Lord Jesus Christ in being *His hands and feet in the community* by continuing to be a beacon of hope, a sanctuary of peace and a hub of service to all around us!

Thank you for your generosity with weekly offerings.

Loose Plate: £485.88

Envelopes: £157.35

Total: £643.23 **Weekend: 05/06.09.26**

August: Contactless = £918 (transaction fees to be deducted) Standing Orders: £2751

Thank you to our Counters.

Spiritual Advocacy—Putting Faith into Action: “The Spiritans, in partnership with Citizens UK, invites you to be part of a transformative new social and community initiative to put the Spiritan charism into action. They are recruiting a core team of parish volunteers to pioneer a ‘Structured Listening Campaign’—working together to uncover local challenges and drive meaningful change—precisely where our neighbourhood needs it most. They hope to be a voice and a presence for those living on the margins of society.

If you have a listening ear, and would like to help with this mission, please contact the Parish Office to get involved.”

Thanks so much to Annamaria for her help with this project. She now hands over to Jeremiah Osei-Tutu who has kindly agreed to coordinate it.

RCIA: Monday 14th September 2026, 7.30pm, Our Lady Chapel. ‘The Existence of God’. All adults are welcome to join us!

Registration for First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2026-27 Programmes & Certificate of Catholic Practice—Appointments to see Fr. Jude:

Thank you to those who have submitted forms. The schedule, offering appointment days/times, is displayed on the notice boards of each church. You need to attend **with your child**. Please phone or email the Parish Office to book your appointment, for Fr. Jude to verify your application, and inform you of whether or not it has been successful. If you need your appointment to be private (because you need to explain something sensitive), please let the Office know that you need a one-to-one appointment with Fr. Jude. If you have yet to provide proof of Baptism—and First Holy Communion as applicable—please bring the proof with you. **If your child received the sacraments in another church, and you do not have proof, please contact them and explain your situation, stating that we require proof. For the Certificate of Catholic Practice, you must bring your Mass Attendance Card with photo attached. Thank you.**

Repairs to St. Teresa’s Pew Kneelers: We will soon be giving details about this wonderful project. We are excited to be offering new, high-quality cushioning on our kneelers, making your worship experience more comfortable, whilst beautifying our church — which is the House of God. We are aware of broken kneelers and these will be fixed. Thank you to our Finance Committee for working so hard on the logistics of this project.

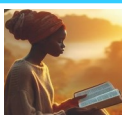


SVP Annual Raffle: Tickets on sale, this weekend, after Masses, cash only purchases. Amazing cash prizes: £5000, £1000 and 15 x £100! Please help support their extensive and valuable work, providing practical help and daily support to those in need. If you are interested in joining the SVP, please contact the Parish Office to move forwards in being considered. Thank you.

Fire Marshals for Weekend Masses: We urgently need Fire Marshals. If you are already a Fire Marshall, or would like to be one, please let the Parish Office know: 0208 953 1294 or borehamwood@rcdow.org.uk. The Diocese will provide training on Saturday 17th October, from 11-12.30pm. The session will be in St. Teresa’s Parish Centre (Fr. Dominic’s Hall).

ZOOM into Bible Study with Fr Fidells :

Thursdays 7-8pm: Use the following details:
Meeting ID: 914 738 2169. Passcode: 12345



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 1pm. The Rite of Welcome is at your usual Mass, the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. **If you would like your child to be Baptised, please complete an Application Form, at the back of the church, and return it to the Parish Office. Please read the form very carefully.** You will need to complete a Baptism Preparation Course, held on the first Saturday of every month, (St. Teresa’s Church, the Our Lady Chapel). Fixing a Baptism date with family, before confirming with us, is discouraged as we may not be able to oblige your date.

MARRIAGE: For Marriage to be celebrated in our Church, we need to have a minimum of 6 months’ notice. For Marriage Papers, you will be required to present documents which need to be dated within six months from the date of your Marriage. Do not request them too early, especially if you need to send them abroad, as we may not be able to use them. A Marriage Course must be completed. This can be arranged via the Parish Office. **In the case that there is a prior marriage, whether civil or religious, DO NOT arrange future marriages, unless the matter has been dealt with and you have a Decree of Nullity from a Church Tribunal. If this is the case, contact the Parish at once.** You can find more information on our website.

Mass Attendance Cards 2026-2027: Available at the backs of each church. If you are seeking a Catholic Certificate of Practice, because you desire Catholic Education for your child, you must have a stamped Mass Attendance Card. Volunteers are at the backs of each church, to stamp them after weekend Masses. First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates will also need to get these stamped, each weekend, after Mass. Without a photo, your Mass Attendance Card may not be stamped. The person who relates to the card, must be shown to the volunteer. Thank you.

Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel): Collections after next weekend’s Masses. Please help the Church with its valuable work bringing the Gospel message to all. Thank you.

Open Morning at The Sacred Heart Language College (Wealdstone): “Those wishing to apply for a place in Year 7 for September 2027 are invited to visit the college during this session: Open Morning: Thursday 17th September

Marriage Difficulties? Retrouvaille is a Christian organisation that helps couples experiencing difficulties within their marriage. There is help – and hope! Nothing is impossible to God! To find out more go to their website on the link below: <http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk>

CAN YOU HELP? St. Teresa’s brilliant Cleaning Team usually spring into action after weekend morning Masses. You are welcome to join them on Mondays and Tuesdays when they gather by the fire exit. There’s sometimes an optional coffee afterwards! If you can clean at other times, please let the Parish Office know or speak with Fr. Jude. Thank you.



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.