

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

7<sup>th</sup> February 2021



## Hemel West Parish Contact Details

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## Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon. Items for  
Hemel West please send to:

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## Background to the Gospel Reading. Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As is common throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present. On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was found by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places. We see in this brief passage of Scripture, Jesus getting on with the work the Father has tasked him with; healing, exorcising the demonic and preaching, never settling. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness. The Rite of Exorcism (a sacramental) expels demonic influences that may have possessed an individual. In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of [prayer](#) in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives. Do we make time in our busy and distracted lives just like Jesus?

## Hemel West Notices

Welcome to the parish of Hemel West. If you are new to the parish, please make yourself known to Fr Brian, by contacting him on 01442 391 759.

**Live streaming of Masses:** All Sunday Masses and weekday Masses are live streamed. The link goes live about 5 minutes before Mass. Just go to <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/mass-live/> and click on the YouTube button.

**SPREAD THE WORD**

**Baptism Preparation Classes:** These will resume on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February via on-line video conferencing. To book follow the link on the Hemel West website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/event/s/>. This 1.5-hour internet video meeting is for parents to understand the obligations of being parents to a baptised child. The format is to review the rite of baptism so that they understand what will happen on the day. And more importantly, know what is expected afterwards. When booking please provide an email address and not a telephone number as your contact, to enable me to send the link to you the day before the class. Please ignore the Covid-19 information as this is an internet meeting.

### Hemel West Finance Committee

#### Call for Talent: What experience could you bring to the Hemel West Finance Committee?

Our role is to support Father Brian in the stewardship of parish monies. We meet bi-monthly for about 90 mins. We are looking for one person who would like to join us in serving:

- A person who would act as the Secretary – taking the minutes during the meeting. You should be a person who can understand the needs of the parish and how we can best manage our monies. Your ideas would be very welcome!

We are especially interested in someone who may not have played an active role in the parish before. If you are interested please let Father Brian know on [brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk) or give him a call.

**Funeral for Michal Peter Renwick Monday 15th February at 1pm:** Peter's family have said that if members of the parish who knew Peter would like to come to his funeral, they would be very welcome. Attendees are limited to 30 persons in the church. Please let Fr Brian know if you would like to attend by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 12noon, at the latest please. Peter was a reader at Mass and a member of the bereavement group. He was a faithful and committed parishioner for many years. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Schools

**St Rose's Nursery:** Due to Government Guidance we are unable to hold Nursery 2021 tours this year. To book onto the live webinar on either 10<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am or 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 9.30am please email Mrs Taylor at [admin@stroses.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stroses.herts.sch.uk). Please take a look at the school tour <https://strosesboxmoor.secure-primariesite.net/admissions/>. Application forms are on the school website. If you would like a copy posted to you please email Mrs Taylor. St Rose's Nursery **DO NOT require a Certificate of Catholic Practice** for Nursery admissions.

**St Albert the Great:** Nursery admissions open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and close on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Forms will be available on the website or by request via email from this date. St Albert's hope to be able to hold school tours in March, subject to Government guidelines. Please keep an eye on our website for more details.

**Certificates of Catholic Practice:** You can download a request for a Certificate of Catholic Practice from the website. When you have completed the form and the accompanying request form, they should be posted through the Presbytery letterbox at 186 St Johns Road. Please note that I only sign Certificates of Catholic Practice for practising Catholics who attend **weekly** Sunday Mass (with exceptions for sickness, emergencies etc) in the parish of Hemel West and also, if you attended Sunday Mass regularly prior to the lockdown. You can download the form from <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/certificate-of-catholic-practice/>. **N.B** Requests to Fr Brian at **least two weeks** before the closing date for admissions.

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** Thank you to all of the parishioners who have moved from planned giving envelopes and set up a regular standing order. This helps the Parish of Hemel West plan for the coming year. Envelopes are inefficient, costly and require us to count the cash within them. Please do consider moving to Standing Order. However, if you do not have a bank account and want a box of planned giving envelopes for the coming year, please email or call Shirley by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February** and she will order them for you. If she does not hear from you by then she will assume that you do not want envelopes for the coming year. If you would like to make a regular contribution to the Parish of Hemel West, by standing order please email Shirley and she will send you a copy of the standing order and gift aid form. You can also make a bank transfer to HSBC Bank. Account name: WRCDT Hemel West, Account number: 31095048 sort code: 40-05-20.

**Sunday Missal:** During this difficult time when many people are unable to get to Mass, with churches in some parts of the UK forced to close and vulnerable people told to shield, we at CTS want to support you by offering you a Sunday missal for just £1.99. Please call 02076 400 042 to order your copy.

**Ss Mary & Joseph Church:** If you hold **any** keys or key safe codes for the church, parish centre or St Joseph's hall please can you let Shirley know by email. If you have already replied to her email there is no need to respond to this request. Thank you.

**Hemel Justice & Peace**

**Did You Know?** Our Hemel Catholic Two-Parish Justice and Peace Group aim to keep you informed on Justice and Peace issues; locally, nationally and internationally. During Lockdowns we have been communicating amongst the group via email, WhatsApp Group as well as Zoom meetings. If you are interested in attending a meeting please email [hemelcatholicjusticeandpeace@gmail.com](mailto:hemelcatholicjusticeandpeace@gmail.com).

**Scouts from our parish raised £800 for DENS in November 2020.** Adam, Amber, Bea, Emily and Oisín of 4th Boxmoor Cubs and Scouts took part in the DENS Sleepout. Instead of rough sleeping at Hemel School or St Albans Abbey, this year's participants spent the night in cardboard boxes in their gardens, or the shed, or by building a den within their homes. Scouts earned the *Community Impact* badge by following the steps "Learn, Act and Tell" in their social justice action to combat homelessness and champion mental wellbeing. Homelessness is frequently linked to poor mental health; alongside DENS, MIND is one of The Scouts' charity partners. Scouting nowadays is less about "Dyb! Dyb! Dyb!" and more about equipping young people with skills for life.

**Year of the Word**

**Gospel readings for the week, beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.**

- Mon: Mark 6:53-56
- Tus: Mark.7:1-13
- Wed: Mark 7:14-23
- Thurs: Mark.7:24- 30
- Fri. Mark: 7:31-37
- Sat: Mark. 8:1-10
- Sunday: Mark. 1:40-45

**The Pandemic:** " If we are to come out of this crisis less selfish than when we went in, we have to let ourselves be touched by others' pain...This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities what we value, what we want, what we seek and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of".

**Pope Francis**

**Mass intentions this week.**  
**All Masses are subject to cancellation unexpectedly.**  
**Please check the parish website before you come to church!**

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6pm</b> Kathy Wesch INT
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am</b> Theresa Taylor-Brookes <b>10.30am</b> Erminio Gazza Sick <b>12 noon</b> Jack O'Malley RIP
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parish Mass not Celebrated</b>
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parish Mass not Celebrated</b>
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10am</b> Mass
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parish Mass not Celebrated</b>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parish Mass not Celebrated</b> <b>(Funeral for <u>30 invited</u> mourners only)</b>
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6pm</b> Inmaculada Carr 12th RIP ANNIV
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am</b> Pro Populo <b>10.30am</b> Mass <b>12 noon</b> Mass

**Racial Justice**

Listening to the voice of God, and the voice of the Church, we learn of equal love for all. The Church proclaims that everyone, whatever racial origin, should be welcomed, protected and integration promoted. This is essential to addressing the cause of racial justice.

**Pope Francis**

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

**Isaiah**

**Hemel West Parish  
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**The Parish Office is located behind  
the Parish Centre.  
Office Hours**

<b>Telephone cover for Hemel West</b>	<b>Hemel West Office Hours</b>
<b>Monday 12 noon- 6pm</b>	<b>Monday 3pm-6pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 9.30am - 3.30pm</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 9.30am- 3.30pm</b>	<b>Wednesday 9.30-3.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 9.30am-3.30pm</b>	<b>Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 9.30am-3.30pm</b>	<b>Friday 9.30am-1pm</b>

#### **Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer**

In union, O Lord, with the faithful  
at every altar of your Church  
where your death and passion  
are-pleaded-before the Father,  
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.  
I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish  
that I may be united to you for ever:  
and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come to me spiritually.  
I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the  
affection of my soul.  
Let nothing ever separate me from you:  
let me live and die in your love.  
Amen



