

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

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THE SOLEMNITY MOST HOLY TRINITY. Year B

30th May 2021

Fr Brian writes....

This weekend we welcome Bishop Paul McAleenan, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Bishop Paul will celebrate all our Masses. Bishop Paul looks forward to meeting those of us able to come to church at present, as well as reaching out to our brothers and sisters who participate via livestream and thanking all our stewards. Welcome Bishop Paul!

Following on from Pentecost Sunday we now transition liturgically into Ordinary Time. However, this Sunday and next Sunday, we celebrate and pay attention to central mysteries of our faith. Jesus commissions his disciples to baptise in the name of the Trinity. Whilst the Trinity is not mentioned in the Bible it is implied in so many ways, especially in the writings of St John. Today, in Matthew's Gospel, we have the clearest indication that God is a trinity of persons. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in relation to the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism makes us members of the Church as part of God's family.

The Church expresses her trinitarian faith by professing a belief in the oneness of God in whom there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three divine Persons are only one God because each of them equally possesses the fullness of the one and indivisible divine nature. They are really distinct from each other by reason of the relations which place them in correspondence to each other. The Father generates the Son; the Son is generated by the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. This a relationship of love, into which God invites us. Here's a handy graphic to attempt to express this relationship between the three Persons, which we hold in faith as a central mystery of our faith.



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.

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COVID Step 3 Guidance for Communal Worship etc

Following the 17th May relaxation in the National lockdown, our capacity in the church will remain as it is. Bookings for all Masses will still be required, with the wearing of masks unless legally exempt. Social distancing within the church will also remain. So, please do continue to respect each other's space, especially when moving around for communion. Take your time – I'm in no rush and neither is the Lord! The priest/deacon will invite you to offer each other a Sign of Peace. This can be done by a simple gesture, such as a bow of the head to your neighbour, so that we don't disturb the necessary atmosphere of reverence. The *physical* Sign of Peace remains suspended, as it has been since the start of the lockdown. For those of us who prefer communion on the tongue, please wait until all those who have received in the hand have done so and then come forward at the end. Holy communion will continue to be distributed at the end of Mass, after the Final Dismissal and Blessing. Stewards are asked to ensure that the church doors and the fire exit doors remain open during Mass to facilitate ventilation. The hearing of confessions will transfer from the presbytery to the confessional in the church, as from this Friday. Communion at home for the sick is now allowed. Deacon Simon has been or will be in contact with you if you wish to exercise this ministry to the sick.

Gospel readings for the week, beginning Monday 31st May:

Mon: Mark 12:1-12
Tues: Mark 12: 13-17
Wed: Mark 12:18-27
Thurs: Mark 12:28-34
Fri: Mark 12:35-37
Sat: Mark 12:38-44
Sunday: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

John F Kennedy School Vacancy: The Governors are seeking to appoint an experienced librarian to manage all matters relating to the smooth and efficient operation of the school library. Please visit our website www.jfk.herts.sch.uk or email efinal@jfk.herts.sch.uk.

Baptism

As part of the gradual relaxing of restrictions, from Monday 17th May we can now have baptisms on a Saturday, however there are still conditions. Firstly, previous attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class is required for the first child and, if you are not a weekly Mass attender, any subsequent children. If you attend Mass weekly and it is less than three years since you attended a baptism preparation class then re-attendance of the class is highly recommended particularly as your contributions to the discussions will be a valuable for new parents. The dates of the preparation class will be announced in the newsletter. In addition, at each baptism we can only baptise a child/children from the same parents. The maximum attendance is limited to 30 people which includes the child/children being baptised but we will live stream the baptism for those who, for whatever reason, do not attend. Track and trace still apply so attendees must register for the event.

The next Baptism Preparation Class will not take place until Step 4 of the COVID Roadmap has been reached. A date for the class cannot be set until June 21st. Once you have completed the baptism preparation course, you will be able to book a baptism via the parish website on the Events page.

Baptismal Certificates: If your child/children have recently been baptised and you need a baptismal certificate, please send the full names of the child, parents, godparents and Christian witnesses (if appointed) and full address to shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk and she will arrange a certificate for you.

Digital Collection Basket. The introduction of the Digital Collection Basket has been introduced into both churches. It's a really easy to use self-service card donation point for our parish. It is an alternative way for us to provide a more hygienic option to receive donations given the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as move us forward in **eliminating our weekly loose coin and cash collection**, with all the benefits that brings. So, **if you usually donate using loose cash, please consider using your card or debit card instead.** The digital collection basket accepts all major credit and debit cards. We are so used to using this type of equipment when we go shopping that it only makes sense for us to introduce it. **It's easy to use, so give it a go and help us move to a cashless offertory collection based on digital giving and Standing Orders!** As always, thank you for your generosity in the offertory collection and at other times. It is very much appreciated. You will not be able to gift-aid your donation at the moment, but this function will be enabled shortly and we'll let you know.

Mass intentions this week. All Masses are subject to cancellation unexpectedly. Please check the parish website before you come to church!	
Sat 29 th	6pm Deceased Members of the Parisi Family
Sun 30 th	9am Olcay Lee 10.30am Sean Joyce RIP 12 noon Barry Albert RIP
Mon 31 st	Parish Mass not Celebrated
Tues 1 st	Parish Mass not Celebrated
Wed 2 nd	10am Mass
Thur 3 rd	10am Mass not Celebrated
Fri 4 th	10am Eunice Holden RIP 7pm-7.30pm (Church) Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sat 5 th	6pm Aine O'Sullivan RIP
Sun 6 th	9am Pro Populo 10.30am Sean Joyce RIP 12 noon Mass

Standing Order Mandate Form: Thank you to all the parishioners who have set up a standing order and for supporting the parish of Hemel West. If you are a UK tax payer, please consider filling in a Gift Aid form. This enables the parish to claim Gift Aid on your donation. Please contact Shirley in the parish office and she will send you the Gift Aid form. If you would like to make a regular contribution to the Parish of Hemel West, please email Shirley and she will email you a copy of the standing order form. You can also make a bank transfer to HSBC Bank. Account number: 31095048 sort code: 40-05-20.

Reflection (Daniel Berrigan, SJ)

To serve the cause of justice in an unjust world; it cannot be said too often that the work of justice, the vocation of the servant, is the temporal form of honouring and glorifying God, it is true worship and the consequences will not be long in coming.

Prayer

Glorious God, put your spirit upon us so that our work for justice may be true worship.
Amen.

Isaiah 42:1

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations.

Act of Spiritual Communion

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

Hemel West Parish Administrator, Shirley Bailey. Email: shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk Phone: 01442 391 759	
The Parish Office is located behind the Parish Centre. Office Hours	
Telephone cover for Hemel West	Hemel West Office Hours
Monday 12 noon- 6pm	Monday 3pm-6pm
Tuesday 9.30am - 3.30pm	Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 9.30am- 3.30pm	Wednesday 9.30-3.30pm
Thursday 9.30am-3.30pm	Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm
Friday 9.30am-3.30pm	Friday 9.30am-12.30pm



MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Priest: Fr Brian McMahon brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk or call 01442 391 759 **option 3**
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Parish Administrator: Shirley Bailey shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk or call 01442 391 759 **option 2**

Hall Bookings: via Shirley at hemelwesthallbookings@rcdow.org.uk or call 01442 391 759 option 2 (In office hours)
Newsletter: Deadline Wednesday 12 noon. News items for Hemel West, please send to: shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk

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