

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

20th June 2021

Fr Brian writes...

Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm we hear about in today's Gospel reading. Notice Jesus' behaviour. He is sleeping, completely at peace. Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. The disciples see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

I imagine that the disciples would have spent a lot of time talking between themselves and privately reflecting on their experience of Jesus. Who is this man!? As always, the Gospel speaks to us here and now. If it doesn't, then we are wasting our time coming to church and living the Christian life. We are, if you like, in the boat with the disciples. The storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or asleep on the job.

If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead, he chides them for their *lack of faith*. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.



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

As part of the gradual relaxing of restrictions, 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 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 be advised in due course via this newsletter. 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.

Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul, Apostles. St Peter, Prince of Apostles, Patron of the Diocese: Mass will be at 7pm on this day, as we honour their martyrdom in Rome. If you have had the opportunity to visit Rome, you may well have prayed at St Peter's tomb in St Peter's Basilica. His bones were discovered in 1942 and testing showed they were the bones of a man in his sixties. St Paul's tomb is located in the basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls. They are the great giants of our faith, Peter appointed as 'the rock' on which Jesus would build his church and Paul as the apostle to the non-Jewish i.e. the gentiles.

Wednesday 30th June 10am Mass: Please note there will not be a 10am Mass on Wednesday 30th June, due to a funeral taking place at 11.30am.

CAFOD: Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. In Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

Sadly, Sylvie Fernandes passed away in Mumbai India on 10th June, at the fantastic age of 91. She suffered a stroke on 5th June and complications set in. Many of our older parishioners will remember her and her late husband Joe. She was part of the CWL and worked at Kodak and Golden Western Foods. In 2003 they both went back to India to enjoy their senior days together. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

CAFOD Postcard Campaign: Reminder that you can sign postcards on line at cafod.org.uk/reclaim. If you took a postcard home with you last Weekend you can return and leave it on table on the way out of church and these will be collected and forwarded to CAFOD direct.

Free Online Money Course: This will run over 3 weeks on 7th, 14th and 21st July and will teach you budgeting skills and a simple weekly money system that works. For more information go to www.capmoneycourse.org or contact Janet Wright on 07944 203 918.

Total Weekly Offertory Collection, Contactless Payments and Standing Orders for May 2021.

Envelopes	£156.00
Loose Cash & Contactless	£945.44
Standing Orders	£4,681.48
TOTAL	£5782.92

Thank you for your contribution, which is very much appreciated! If you donate via loose cash please transfer to Standing Order, or you can use the contactless payment option on your way into church. This really helps your parish in planning for an uncertain future!

Mass intentions this week. All Masses are subject to cancellation unexpectedly. Please check the parish website before you come to church!	
Sat 19 th	6pm Coral Maclucas RIP
Sun 20 th	9am Pro Populo 10.30am Tom Conroy RIP 12 noon Mass
Mon 21 st	Parish Mass not Celebrated
Tues 22 nd	Parish Mass not Celebrated
Wed 23 rd	10am Holy Souls
Thur 24 th	10am Mass not Celebrated
Fri 25 th	10am Martin Cooper RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Sat 26 th	6pm Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation 5pm to 5.30pm
Sun 27 th	9am Pro Populo 10.30am Mass 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.

Gospel readings for the week, beginning Monday 21st June:

Mon: Matthew 7:1-5
Tues: Matt. 7: 26, 12-14
Wed: Matt. 7:15-20
Thurs: Matt. 7:21-29
Fri: Matt. 8:1-4
Sat: Matt. 8:5-7
Sunday: Mark 5:21-43

Pope Francis has this to say: The prophet Joel predicted that the messianic future would be a time of dreams and visions inspired by the Spirit: "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions" (Joel 2:28). We are called to dream together, fearlessly, as a single human family, as companions on the same journey, as sons and daughters of the same earth that is our common home, sisters and brothers all. (Fratelli Tutti 8)

**Refugee Week 14th/20th June; "We cannot walk alone".
Prayer (Pope Francis)**

Holy, beloved Father,
your Son Jesus taught us
that there is great rejoicing in heaven
whenever someone lost is found,
whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded
is gathered into our "we",
which thus becomes ever wider.
We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,
and all people of good will,
the grace to do your will on earth.
Bless each act of welcome and outreach
that draws those in exile
into the "we" of community and of the Church,
so that our earth may truly become
what you yourself created it to be.
Amen

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.

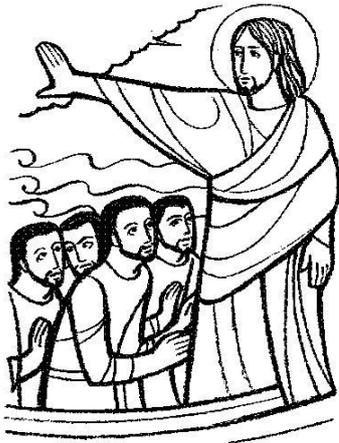
Act of Spiritual Communion

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

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**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



Prayer Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen (author unknown)

Happy
Father's
Day

MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

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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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