

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

27th June 2021

Fr Brian writes...

Background on the Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-43 (shorter form, Mark 5:21-24,35b-43)

Last Sunday we heard from Mark's Gospel about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs around the Sea of Galilee. Have you been there? It's quite spectacular to be out on a boat at the time the sun is setting over the hills and see the same sunset that Jesus would have experienced. In the years to come we will organise a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land for those of us who would like to go.

But, I digress! Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus' power. This week we hear about the third and fourth miracles. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the haemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey, and it is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions. But in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son. What real difference in your life does being a Christian make?



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.

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.

CAFOD Postcard Petition - Reclaim our common Home: Dear Parishioners, CAFOD'S Postcards are on table, next to Newsletters, as you come into Church. If you haven't already signed one of these, please consider doing so. You can take the Postcard home with you, sign and return the next time you are at Mass, leaving on table as you come in. Postcards will be collected and forwarded to CAFOD.

SOS Holy Land: One way in which we can assist the dire poverty affecting Palestinians under Occupation, and resulting from the siege of Gaza, is to help their economy. I have a supply of top quality Olive Oil from Palestine for sale and can order more. If you can help, please contact me for details David Toorawa on 07854 416 123.

Collection: There will be a collection for Peter's Pence on the weekend of 3rd/4th July.

Internet connection: There appears to be an outage in the local area affecting some internet connections, including the one for the church, presbytery and parish office. You may notice that it will periodically affect the livestream and getting through to the parish office and Fr Brian, as these connections use the internet.

Gospel readings for the week, beginning Monday 28th

June:

Mon: Matthew 8:18-22
Tues: Matt. 8:23-27
Wed: Matt. 8:28-34
Thurs: Matt. 9:1-8
Fri: Matt. 9:9-13
Sat: Matt. 9:14-17
Sunday: Mark 6:1-6

Mass intentions this week. All Masses are subject to cancellation unexpectedly. Please check the parish website before you come to church!	
Sat 26 th	6pm Margaret Tighe RIP
Sun 27 th	9am Pro Populo 10.30am Jerry Hegarty RIP 12 noon Mass
Mon 28 th	Parish Mass not Celebrated
Tues 29 th	7pm Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul
Wed 30 th	10am No Mass
Thur 1 st	10am Mass not Celebrated
Fri 2 nd	10am Eamon Keegan RIP ANNIV Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Sat 3 rd	6pm Mass Jane Parisi 1st RIP ANNIV Sacrament of Reconciliation 5pm to 5.30pm
Sun 4 th	9am Sylvie Fernandes RIP 10.30am Pro Populo 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.

The Jesus Prayer (Pope Francis)
 "Lord Jesus Christ,
 Son of God,
 have mercy on me a sinner."
 "Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
 transform our hearts, and teach us to
 love God and our neighbour with generosity."
 Pope Francis asks that we say these simple Prayers during the day. He says that little by little repeating it adapts itself to the rhythm of breath and extends throughout the day.

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



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**
Deacon: Rev Simon Wright simonwright@rcdow.org.uk
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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