

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B**

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

*Fr Brian writes...*

Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavour. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.



## 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.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Before all weekday Masses:** 9.30am to 9.45am

**Friday:** 6.30pm to 7pm

**Saturday:** 5pm to 5.30pm

Confessions can also be heard at other times by arrangement with Fr Brian.

### Live-streaming of Masses and Booking for Mass

As from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July there will be three changes. The Sunday 12pm Mass will be the only live-streamed Mass. This is to reduce the amount of additional effort required in preparing for Masses, as we begin to emerge from the pandemic and start the return to regular in-person Sunday Mass. Additionally, online or phone bookings for Mass are not required as from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Hurrah! Just come. Distribution of Holy Communion will revert to its usual place in the Mass i.e. immediately following the priest's communion. On arrival you are asked to fill in your name and contact details and pop them in a basket. This is for the purposes of NHS Test & Trace. Alternatively, you can use the COVID-19 QR code if you have a smartphone. You may also wish to make your confession before you receive the Eucharist, if you have not been to Mass for many months, to ensure worthy reception, Times of confessions can be found in the newsletter or on the parish website. The link to the livestream is: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/mass-live/>

**Sea Sunday:** Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5 or take an envelope home with you. Please give generously. Thank you.

**Parish Office:** Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

## Baptism

**Baptism Preparation Class:** The next on-line Baptism Preparation Classes will be on 10<sup>th</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> August from 7:30pm until 9.30pm. There is a limit of six couples per evening. Please register for these classes on our Events Page. Please follow the link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/events/>. Baptisms typically take place on the morning of the first Saturday of the month except for Lent, August and December. If you have already attended a Baptism Preparation course, then you are welcome to book a date for Baptism on our Events page: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/events/>.

**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](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) and she will arrange a certificate for you.

**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.

### Gospel readings for the week, beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July:

Mon:	Matthew	10:34- 11:1
Tues:	Matt.	11:20-24
Wed:	Matt.	11:25-27
Thurs:	Matt.	11:28-30
Fri:	Matt.	12:1-8
Sat:	Matt.	12:14-21
Sunday:	Mark	6:30-34

<b>Mass intentions this week.</b> <b>All Masses are subject to cancellation unexpectedly.</b> <b>Please check the parish website before you come to church!</b>	
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6pm</b> Michael Gavin RIP  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>5pm to 5.30pm</b>
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am</b> Pro Populo <b>10.30am</b> John-William Joyce RIP ANNIV <b>12 noon</b> Sylvie Fernandes RIP
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Funeral Mass at 11am.</b> Please do not attend unless you have been <b>personally</b> invited.
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass.</b>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10am</b> Holy Souls  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>9.30am to 9.45am</b>
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10am</b> Mass  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>9.30am to 9.45am &amp; 6.30pm to 7pm</b>
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6pm</b> Francie Sherry RIP  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>5.00pm to 5.30pm</b>
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am</b> Pro Populo <b>10.30am</b> Mary Kenny RIP 21st RIP ANNIV <b>12 noon</b> Mary Langton RIP

**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**

The culture of encounter, which Pope Francis challenges us to engage in, provides a helpful corrective. We are invited to leave our comfort zones and, enriched by our differences, engage deeply with others. As we do so we come to see the wonder in the familiar and recognise the presence of God in each person. With our hearts open to the other, to dialogue and relationship, we may find ourselves experiencing the presence of God more often than we thought possible.

**Prayer (CAFOD)**

Loving God, send us your spirit of encounter.  
Enable us to recognise your presence in each person, to see the world as you do, and love it with your love.  
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.

<b>Total Weekly Offertory Collection, Contactless Payments and Standing Orders for June 2021.</b>	
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>£216.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash &amp; Contactless</b>	<b>£1025.88</b>
<b>Standing Orders</b>	<b>£4,449.48</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,691.36</b>
<b>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!</b>	

<b>Hemel West Parish</b> <b>Administrator, Shirley Bailey.</b> <b>Email: <a href="mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk">shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk</a></b> <b>Phone: 01442 391 759</b>	
<b>The Parish Office is located behind  the Parish Centre.</b> <b>Office Hours</b>	
<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>Tuesday 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-12.30pm</b>


### MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

**Parish Priest:** Fr Brian McMahon [brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk) or call 01442 391 759 **option 3**  
**Deacon:** Rev Simon Wright [simonwright@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:simonwright@rcdow.org.uk)  
**Parish Administrator:** Shirley Bailey [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) or call 01442 391 759 **option 2**

**Hall Bookings:** via Shirley at [hemelwesthallbookings@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk)

**Address:** The Presbytery, 186 St John's Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1NR

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