

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

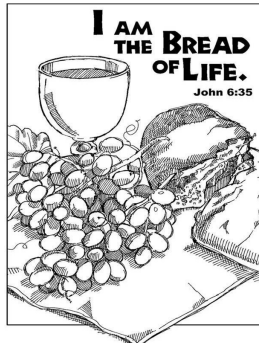
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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

1st August 2021

Fr Brian writes....

This is the last newsletter until Sunday 12th September. Already we are seeing reduced numbers attending Sunday Masses, as the schools have broken up and people are going away for a break. Do bear in mind that Masses may be cancelled unexpectedly during this period of the pandemic, so always check the parish website before you come, or look out for an e-alert in your inbox. Go to the parish website to sign up for e-alerts. I'll also be away from the afternoon of Sunday 8th August until Friday 27th August. Fr Brian Reynolds and Fr Bernard Scholes have kindly agreed to cover Masses whilst I am away. Thank you Reverend Fathers! Shirley Bailey, our parish administrator, will be available during the advertised office hours. Have a good summer as best as you can! Oh, don't forget to add John 6 to your summer reading!




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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

The Sunday 12 noon Mass will be the only live streamed Mass.

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.

Hemel Justice & Peace: The Ecumenical Climate Prayer Service at Westminster Cathedral on Friday 6th August, 3.30pm-4.00pm will be welcoming the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN). Relay to London on way to the UN Climate negotiations, COP26 in Glasgow in November, started in Cornwall after G7 Meeting in June. The relay route reaches Hemel Hempstead and Tring, on 10th August. To find out more about the YCCN Relay, the route, events at all the Churches, and how to sign up to join the walkers or to support the Relay for a day visit <https://www.yccn.uk/>.

Newsletter Items: When submitting an item for the newsletter, please send the details and information as you would like to see it published in the newsletter. Space is limited in the newsletter and so please keep your item to no more than 70 words.

Parish Office: Please note that the parish office will be closed on Friday 27th August.

Sadly, Agnes Devlin passed away on Tuesday 27th July. Agnes was a regular the Sunday afternoon Mass at Ss Mary & Joseph. She had spent the last year in a care home in Essex. Her funeral service will be on Friday 20th August, 12.30pm at Ss Mary & Joseph.

Gospel readings for the week, beginning Monday 2nd August:

Mon: Matthew 14:13-21
Tues: Matt. 14:22-36
Wed: Matt. 15:21-28
Thurs: Matt. 16:13-23
Fri: Matt. 16:24-28
Sat: Matt. 17:14-20
Sunday: John 6:41-51

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

Sat 31 st	6pm Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation 5pm to 5.30pm
Sun 1 st	9am Pro Populo 10.30am Mass 12 noon Elizabeth Flanagan RIP ANNIV (Livestreamed)
Mon 2 nd	No Mass
Tues 3 rd	No Mass
Wed 4 th	10am Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation 9.30am to 9.45am
Thur 5 th	No Mass
Fri 6 th	10am Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation 9.30am to 9.45am & 6.30pm to 7pm
Sat 7 th	6pm May & Len Chalkright RIP ANNIV Sacrament of Reconciliation 5.00pm to 5.30pm
Sun 8 th	9am Bridget Durcan RIP ANNIV 10.30am Pro Populo 12 noon Tom Keegan RIP ANNIV (Livestreamed)

Father, Creator of all, thank You for Summer!

Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the Summer season.

Draw me closer to You this Summer.

Teach me how I can pray, no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Amen

(Hosanna - A Prayer a Day)

Fr Bernard Scholes writes

DID YOU KNOW: "Corporate Courts" Sue Governments: Rockhopper, a fossil fuel Company, is suing Italy in a Corporate Court for its governments banning of offshore oil drilling. Fossil fuel Companies are likewise suing the Netherlands for phasing out coal-fired power stations. And Canada sued for the same thing in Alberta and many more. These Courts, often written into Trade Deals, are seeking huge sums of money by blocking countries positive climate policies. Such Courts must be excluded from Trade Deals!