

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

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Week 4



**TODAY'S MASS**  
*The Son of Man is destined to  
suffer grievously*

**Congratulations to YOU! We are debt free!**

*You will recollect that the previous four parishes of Hemel Hempstead (restructured in early 2019 into two parishes, Hemel West and Hemel East) took out a substantial loan of £380,000 with the diocese of Westminster in 2011. This enabled the construction of a new presbytery at 186 St Johns Road, with adjoining maisonettes at 186a and 186b, currently occupied by retired clergy. Loan repayments were suspended by the diocese during the period of the pandemic, but were reinstated in July. The loan has now been repaid with the final monthly payment of £3,500 in August. We are now debt free! This is a terrific achievement by all parishioners over the years who have generously donated towards maintaining the finances of the parish, to facilitate the re-payment of the loan without compromising operational parish expenditure. Thanks are due to all who were involved in the development project and members of the parish who served on the Finance Committees during this time. We are emerging from the ravages of the pandemic in a fairly robust financial position and the repayment of the loan will ease pressure even further. God Bless You All for your continuing generosity!*

*At the end of Mass last Sunday, I mentioned how important it was that we do not go back to the pre-Covid way of being Church. That is, just coming to Mass on Sunday and not engaging with the parish or serving it in some way the rest of the week. I encourage everyone in the parish to have some form of service. The forthcoming two-year 'synodal' process taking place in the Catholic Church from October 2021 that culminates in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023, should help to give us some focus around this area, with its overall theme of "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission". The question of how we live our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ will come up during all sacramental preparation programmes in the parish of Hemel West. Call it a period of discernment if you like. It may be that a particular sacrament needs to be deferred until a later date, when sufficient conversion of life has taken place to Jesus Christ so that those who request the sacraments are properly disposed, having reflected on their nature and the reasons for asking. Do read 1 Corinthians 12 in your Bible to see what St Paul has to say about service and give it some prayerful thought how you might live service in the parish. To paraphrase President John F Kennedy, "ask not what your parish can do for you, ask what you can do for your parish!" On that note, thank you to the small number of parishioners who do give service in the parish in many different ways. Today's Gospel reading says something very pertinent about discipleship with Jesus Christ as it relates to service. Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross. The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. The image that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.*

Fr Brian

# PARISH NEWS

**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.**

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER:** If you are a parent who is looking to have your child attend a Catholic school in September 2022, you will find it helpful to read the guidance for the issuing of such a document, on the Hemel West parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/> and click on the link [hemelhempsteadwest/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/) All applications will close on Friday 1st October.

**THE EUCHARIST:** Deacon Simon has arranged a meeting to explore the Eucharist as the New Passover, the Eucharist as the New Manna from Heaven, and the Eucharist as mysterious New 'Bread of the Presence.' The meeting will be held in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor and there will be three meetings to give everyone a chance to attend, (it is the same meeting each time). In particular I hope all our Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and those who are considering becoming one, attend as a precursor for (re)commissioning at a later date.

**The dates and times for the meetings are:**

**Afternoon:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2pm

**Evening:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 7pm

**Morning:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 11am

To enable me to get an idea of numbers please could you sign up on the Events page of the Hemel West website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/events/> You can also just turn up on the day.

**BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES:** If your child has recently been baptised and you need a baptismal certificate, please send the full name 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.

**COLLECTION:** There will be a collection on the weekend of 18/19 September for Home Mission Sunday.

**THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE – FREE!** The Bible can be quite intimidating, due to its size and complexity. The Bible Timeline Study System, divides the whole Bible into 12 colour-coded Periods, easy to understand and memorise. During this course the presenter will walk you through each of the 12 Periods. This way, you will clearly see how the many characters and events in Scripture are related to each other in one unified narrative, from Adam & Eve to Jesus Christ. The course will be presented via YouTube. To register, please go to the link: <https://www.comeandsee.org/>. The course starts on Wednesday 29th September at 7pm over 8 weekly sessions. Enjoy!

**CAFOD:** Friday 1st October is CAFOD'S Harvest Day Appeal. More details to come in the forthcoming weeks.

**E-ALERT:** Please sign up for the parish e-alerts to keep up with all the parish news.

## GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon:	Luke	7: 1-10
Tues:	Luke	7:11-17
Wed:	Luke	7:31-35
Thurs:	Luke	7:36-50
Fri:	Luke	8:1-3
Sat:	Luke	8:4-15
Sunday:	Mark	9:30-37

## PARISH FINANCES

**PLANNED GIVING:** Thank you to all those who have made the switch to donating by Standing Order. For those who wish to donate in this way, the details are:

*Account Name:* **WRCDT Hemel West**  
*Sort Code:* **40-05-20**  
*Account No.:* **31095048**

**SESSION OF CREATION 1 SEPTEMBER UNTIL 4 CAFOD PRAYER**

**OCTOBER:** The Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration among all Christians. Just months after publishing his 2015 encyclical "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home," Pope Francis formally added the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 1 October, to the Catholic calendar as an annual day of prayer, and last year, he officially invited Catholics to celebrate the full season. In a letter , Pope Francis said: "Now is the time to rediscover our vocation as children of God, brothers and sisters, and stewards of creation. Now is the time to repent, to be converted and to return to our roots. We are beloved creatures of God, who in his goodness calls us to love life and live it in communion with the rest of creation. For this reason, I strongly encourage the faithful to pray in these days that, as the result of a timely ecumenical initiative, are being celebrated as a Season of Creation.

**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 60 words. Please email Shirley by Wednesday 12 Noon and she will be do her best to accommodate it.

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	£96.00
<b>Standing Orders</b>	£5866.48
<b>Loose cash &amp; Contactless</b>	£703.10
<b>Total</b>	£6,665.58

God, Father of our human family,  
you created all human beings equal in dignity:  
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and  
inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,  
dialogue, justice and peace.  
Move us to create healthier societies and a more  
dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty,  
violence and war.  
May our hearts be open to all the peoples and  
nations of the earth.  
May we recognize the goodness and beauty  
that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge  
bonds of unity, common projects, and shared  
dreams.  
Amen.

<b>Office Hours and Telephone cover for Hemel West. Email: shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk Phone: 01442 391 759 option 2</b>	
<b>Telephone cover for 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 9.30am-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>

# HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SUN 12 Sep</b>	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6pm (Vigil) 9am 10.30am 12 noon	Alan Fitzpatrick (RIP) Pro Populo Margaret Howard (RIP ANNIV) Members of the Barrett Family (RIP ANNIV)
<b>MON 13 Sep</b>	St John Chrysostom		No Mass
<b>TUE 14 Sep</b>	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>	11am	Funeral for Catherine O'Hanlon (RIP)
<b>WED 15 Sep</b>	Our Lady of Sorrows	10am	luke Kaniamparambil (RIP)
<b>THU 16 Sep</b>	Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs		NO MASS (Father's rest day)
<b>FRI 17 Sep</b>	feria	10am	Special Intention
<b>SAT 18 Sep</b>	feria	6pm (Vigil)	Gunter Schmid (RIP)
<b>SUN 19 Sep</b>	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9am 10.30am 12 noon	Pro Populo Johnny Bailey (RIP ANNIV) No Intention

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like a Mass offered for a deceased family member or a friend, or for any other intention, do let Shirley Bailey know by emailing her at [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) or you can call her on 01442 391 759. It is customary to make an offering and the diocese recommends £10 per Mass and the proceeds go to support our priest. If this is unaffordable for you, please feel free to make an offering you can afford.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Before all week day Masse. **Friday:** 6.30pm– 7pm and **Saturday:** 5pm-5.30pm at Ss Mary & Joseph church.



Please switch off all mobile phones

## MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

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