

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST**  
**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year B  
Weekday readings  
Year 1  
Divine Office  
Week 2



***TODAY'S MASS***

***Do not stop anyone from working a  
miracle in my name***

**Fr Brian writes...**

Background on the Gospel Reading. Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal. The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others. In a way Jesus is telling us to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith. The forthcoming synod will give us an opportunity to examine our consciences in this respect.

# 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.**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:** If you are a new parent, congratulations! You should now be thinking about having your child baptised. You will need to prepare for this important sacramental event, for when your child becomes a member of God's family. Your parish is here to help you prepare through the Baptism Preparation Class. Full details can be found on the link below: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/>

[hemel Hempsteadwest/sacramental-prep/baptism-preparation/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemel Hempsteadwest/sacramental-prep/baptism-preparation/) You will be able to book via the events page on the parish website for baptism once you have attended a baptism preparation class on the link below:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemel Hempsteadwest/events/>

**ALPHA:** If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, we are inviting you to join the Alpha course which is held Thursday evening 7pm in Our Lady's church hall. There will be a simple meal provided and registration will help us to plan our catering. There is no pressure, no commitment and no charge. If you then decide that you wish to continue with the RCIA course with the intention of being received into the Catholic Church, there will be a meeting on Monday 6 December in Our Lady's church hall. Please contact Clare or Fr Kim for more details at Hemel East.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Our First Holy Communion Programme is based around the importance of parents passing on their faith to their children, and we are here to help and guide you in this journey. This means we rely on parents being disciples of Christ diligent in their duty and ready to pass on their faith to their children. A disciple is simply a follower, who listens, who learns and who imitates. A follower of Christ is someone who follows him and is open to all that being a follower entails. To that end we are inviting parents to take some time to pray and discern as they complete a self assessment of their

own readiness to carry out this important task. If you would like to consider joining the programme this year, please use the link below to complete the self assessment: <https://form.typeform.com/to/nOGrxh8?typeform-source=parish.rcdow.org.uk>

**CARITAS:** The Monthly Teas for the Elderly will re-start on Sunday 17 October. We meet in the Parish Hall at Our Lady's from 2pm until 4pm. Social distancing measures will be in place. Our usual guests will be contacted by telephone and we would like to welcome new guests and new volunteers to help with driving, catering and helping at future meetings. Please contact Paul at [paul.heatley1@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.heatley1@btinternet.com) or 07711 384 061 if you are interested.

**LONDON MARATHON:** David Turner, who is 84 years of age, will take part in the Marathon next Sunday. He wants to raise funds for Mother's Village Orphanage, near Medjugorje, in Bosnia Herzegovina. This will be David's last marathon so please support him at [www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/davidturner](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/davidturner).

**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

## GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon: Luke 9: 46-50

Tue: Luke 9:51-56

Wed: Luke 9:57-62

Thurs: Luke 10:1-12

Fri: Luke 10:13-16

Sat: Luke 10:17-24

Sunday: Mark 10:2-16

## 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*

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/certificate-of-catholic-practice/) All applications will close on **Friday 1 October**.

**AFGHANI REFUGEES:** Dacorum is one of the three Hertfordshire authorities who will be housing Afghani refugees. They have set up a donations page. Please support them if you feel able, by following the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/hertsrefugee> or go to the Dacorum Borough Council website.

**CAFODS FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER:** Please take an envelope home with you after Mass this Weekend and return it next Weekend. Alternatively, you can donate on line through the CAFOD website. You can also easily give via text by texting CAFOD followed by amount you would like to donate, to 70580.

**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.

**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 do her best to accommodate it.

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

**Prayer**

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: the common home of all our brothers and sisters.

Amen.

**(Pope Francis)**

<b>Office Hours and Telephone cover for Hemel West.</b> <b>Email: <a href="mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk">shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk</a></b> <b>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>
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# HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SUN 26 Sep</b>	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6pm (Vigil) 9am 10.30am 12 noon	Pro Populo Victoria Gregory (RIP ANNIV) Sheila Keegan (RIP ANNIV)
<b>MON 27 Sep</b>	St Vincent de Paul		No Mass
<b>TUE 28 Sep</b>	feria		No Mass
<b>WED 29 Sep</b>	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	10am	Ulahannan Vavkey Kuvikunnel (RIP)
<b>THU 30 Sep</b>	St Jerome		NO MASS (Father's rest day)
<b>FRI 1 Oct</b>	St Therese of the Child Jesus	10am	
<b>SAT 2 Oct</b>	The Holy Guardian Angels	6pm (Vigil)	
<b>SUN 3 Oct</b>	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9am 10.30am 12 noon	Pro Populo

**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

**Parish Priest:** Fr Brian McMahon      [brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk) ( Opt 3)


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**Parish Administrator:** Shirley Bailey      [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) ( Opt 2)

**Hall Bookings:** via Shirley or [hemelwesthallbookings@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hemelwesthallbookings@rcdow.org.uk) (In Office Hours)

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