

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

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TODAY'S MASS
What God has united, man
must not divide

Fr Brian writes...

Jesus' teaching about divorce and remarriage can be a challenging one for many people. The Church continues to uphold the strong and positive teaching of Jesus that God intends for a man and woman to make a lifelong commitment to one another in the Sacrament of Marriage. You really have to work at marriage! I advise any person wanting to get married in the Catholic Church to pray and discern hard that the person you are with now, is truly the person you want to spend your whole life with. If there are any 'red flags' in a relationship, such as fornication, use of pornography, illegal drugs, controlling and coercive behavior, co-dependency, hints of aggression etc, get out of that relationship TODAY and save yourself great pain. Many of us, however, know people whose marriage has not been a lifelong commitment. The example of Jesus teaches us that we are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, and especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships. Most importantly, we remember that when marriages thrive, it is a sign of God's grace at work. The Church, remaining faithful to the teaching of Jesus on the permanence of marriage and not accepting of divorce as a way of ending a **valid** sacramental marriage, provides a service through its Marriage Tribunal. The Marriage Tribunal exists in each diocese and can issue a ruling in the form of a Decree of Nullity. A Decree of Nullity (annulment) investigates the history of a marriage and depending on the circumstances can declare that what appeared to be a marriage, never was, because of a defect in the **validity** of the sacrament. An example of a defect could be where one of the parties never intended to enter into a life-long marriage or feely accept children, or where there was pressure to get married from parents. At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY: The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. Do consider saying the rosary on this day with your family, perhaps gathered around a statue of the Blessed Mother.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY & STANDING ORDERS: Contactless Sunday Offertory Collection or Standing Order with Gift Aid? The 'gold standard' of Sunday Offertory donation is a Standing Order with Gift Aid. Please do consider donating by Standing Order if you are member of the parish. Shirley Bailey, our Parish Administrator, can help you set up a Standing Order. However, for those one-off donations I encourage you to use the contactless machine at the church entrance. It's very simple to use and similar technology to what we use in shops such as the supermarket. There are benefits to the parish when you use it, such as removing the need to have volunteers count and manually record cash and coin and then take it for banking, with the associated personal security risks. Additionally, we reduce the use of Offertory Envelopes and the associated costs of buying the envelopes and administering them. Contactless technology is the way forward. So please help us by swiping! You can also make other offerings i.e. Mass stipends using the same machine, when you have a Mass offered for the living or dead. Thank you for your weekly offering. It is very much appreciated in these remaining uncertain times!

CONFIRMATION 2022: Applications for the Hemel Confirmation Course are now open and will close on 9 January 2022. The course will take place in JFK school main hall, and will run on Monday evenings from 5pm until 6.30pm, from the 7 February until the 28 March, with the exception of half term. There will be a parent's information evening on 29 November 2021 in St Mark's church at 7pm. Please email Callum Moore at cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk for a registration

form. We are also looking for parents or parishioners who would be open to journeying with our young people as Catechists. If you're interested, please contact Callum for more details. All catechists will need to have a valid up to date DBS check to work with the young people and the parish Safeguarding team can arrange for this for you.

YOUTH ASSISTED MASS AT ST MARY & ST JOSEPH: We are very keen to take the growth in the Youth Ministry and involve it more in parish life. We are planning on doing this is by having the 10.30am Mass at Ss Mary & Joseph assisted by our young people on the 3rd Sunday of every month. This will involve our young people providing the music, readings, welcome and teas/coffee for the Mass. There will be an opportunity for them to come together afterwards. The next Youth Mass will take place on 17 October.

GOODBYE SAM KEMP! Our Sunday morning 9am Mass organist, Sam Kemp, has now left us to play the organ at All Saints Anglican Church in Leighton Buzzard, where he has a scholarship. This is great for him as he is accompanying a full choir of 30 at their 9.30am Service and it involves all the training/experience opportunities he needs to position himself for his career plans. I have found

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon:	Luke	10:25-37
Tues:	Luke	10:38-42
Wed:	Luke	11:1-4
Thurs:	Luke	11:5-13
Fri:	Luke	11:15-26
Sat:	Luke	11:27-28
Sunday:	Mark	10:17-30

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**

Sam a delight to work with; so accomplished, personable, talented and competent. We hope that from time-to-time Sam will be able to come and worship with us and we can say a proper goodbye. Goodbye and God Bless, Sam! If anyone knows how to play the organ - do let me know!

MARATHON: Please pray for David Turner as he undertakes 26.2 miles on Sunday. If you would like to support the orphans at Mother's Village, please donate at www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/davidturner.

BOXMOOR CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: We will be meeting on Thursday 7 October 8pm in St Joseph's Hall. All are welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: If you forgot your envelope, you can still return your Fast Day Envelopes next Weekend! Or just make your donation on line through the CAFOD Website.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: The next Forum is planned for Tuesday 12 October at 7pm for 7.30pm start at St George's United Reformed Church in Long Chaulden, HP1 2HX. Everyone is welcome to attend. We look forward to welcoming speakers from Through The Roof. Here's an introduction to TTR – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSDhE9VZdyl>.

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. Full details can be found at the link

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/sacramental-prep/baptism-preparation/> or go to the parish website.

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/nOGlrXh8?typeform-source=parish.rcdow.org.uk>

CARITAS: The Monthly Teas for the Elderly will restart 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 or 07711 384 061 if you are interested.

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.

Office Hours and Telephone cover for Hemel West.	
Email: shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk	
Phone: 01442 391 759 option 2	
Telephone cover for 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 9.30am-3.30pm
Thursday 9.30am-3.30pm	Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm
Friday 9.30am-3.30pm	Friday 9.30am-12.30pm

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 3 Oct	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6pm (Vigil) 9am 10.30am 12 noon	Sylvio Couronne (RIP) Pro Populo
MON 4 Oct	St Francis of Assisi		No Public Mass
TUE 5 Oct	feria		No Public Mass
WED 6 Oct	feria	10am	
THU 7 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary		NO MASS (Father's rest day)
FRI 8 Oct	feria	10am	
SAT 9 Oct	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	6pm (Vigil)	Olga Foenander & Deceased Members of the Gerreyne Family
SUN 10 Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am 10.30am 12 noon	Kathleen Diviney (RIP ANNIV) 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 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: **Friday:** 6.30pm– 7pm and **Saturday:** 5pm-5.30pm at Ss Mary & Joseph church.



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