

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

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TODAY'S MASS

***The Son of Man came to give
his life as a ransom for many***

Fr Brian writes...

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honour they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. No one likes others trying to jump to the front of the queue! Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them. Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles. Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority, wherever it may occur. On whose example do we model our leadership in our workplaces, schools and in the parish?

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.

Hemel West Revised Mass Times

As of Saturday 21 November, Sunday Mass times in the parish of Hemel West will be as follows:

Saturday 6pm (Vigil) at Boxmoor

Sunday 8.30am & 10.15am at Boxmoor

Sunday 12 noon at Warners End

NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:

In a few weeks it will be November, when we remember the Holy Souls who are in Purgatory. Amongst them may be members of our deceased family and friends, just as many of our family and friends may already be in heaven. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Purgatory is not eternal. Its duration varies according to the nature of our particular judgment, immediately following our death. It is a time of mercy to enable us to be purified of all attachments to sin and desire only God himself, so that we may enter heaven. Our deceased family and friends, if they are in Purgatory, are completely in the hands of God and therefore rely on our prayers for the repose of their souls. I encourage you to write their names on the sheets provided. They will be placed at the foot of the altar and remembered at all Masses during November and especially on All Souls Day on Tuesday 2nd November at 10am and 7pm Masses. If you would like to make an offering, then please place it in the blue 'how you can help our parish' envelope, along with the list of names that you would like remembered and pop it into the offertory basket or better still use the contactless machine. Please tick the Holy Souls box on the envelope and Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer. An offering of £10 or more is suggested. All donations received are paid directly into the Hemel West parish account for the

benefit of the parish. Please note that it is not necessary to make a donation and your list of names can be put into the offertory basket directly, without using the blue envelope.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please take an envelope home with you and if possible gift aid your donation. You can also donate at mission.org.uk

SYNODAL PATHWAY PARISH REPRESENTATIVE: I'm very pleased that Gladys Waweru, a member of our Parish Pastoral Council, attended as our Synodal Pathway Parish Representative, the Liturgical Opening of the Diocesan Synodal Process at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday with Cardinal Vincent. Thank you Gladys!

CATECHIST? What, me!? Yes, you! I'd like to develop the catechetical offer in the parish. Catechesis is quite simply instructing people about the Catholic faith and helping them to become disciples of Jesus, by sharing your experience of the faith. There is catechesis for all the

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

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| Mon: | Luke | 12:13-21 |
| Tues: | Luke | 12:25-38 |
| Wed: | Luke | 12:39-48 |
| Thurs: | Luke | 12:49-53 |
| Fri: | Luke | 12:54-59 |
| Sat: | Luke | 13:1-9 |
| Sunday: | Mark | 10:46-52 |

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**

sacraments. Perhaps this is a voluntary role you might like to get involved in? Have a pray about it and give me a call. I'm quite happy for the parish to pay for additional training such as the Maryvale Institute <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/ccm.html> or Our Lady's Catechists <https://www.catechists.org.uk/course-menu.php>

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID TURNER! David completed his seventh and final London Marathon on Sunday 3 October, well done David! David Turner has raised over £1,000 for the Arthur McCluskey Foundation, and the Mother's Village Orphanage in Bosnia. David said, "Unless you have ran a marathon you don't know how physically hard it is. I'm glad I did it, but it is definitely my last one." Well done David!

CHURCH INTERIOR & ST MARY & JOSEPH: I'd like to put a small working group together to look at the interior of the church. I have ideas related to the structure at the back of the church, on which rests the statues of Mary and St Joseph and the immediate area around it. Also, the regular use of the walls either side of the tabernacle as well as cleaning and perhaps replacing statues and other items. If you'd like to join me, drop me a line at brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk.

LITTLE AMAL: Little Amal, a 3.5m puppet of a refugee girl, is walking from the border of Turkey/Syria to Manchester, 8000km, in search of her mother. On her journey she will visit Westminster Cathedral on Monday 25 October at 2pm, where she will be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent. You are invited to join Cardinal Vincent for this Welcome Liturgy and to learn more about migrants and refugees. It is during half term week, an opportunity for families to come together. Further information about Little Amal's journey is available at <https://www.walkwithamal.org/> Please be seated by 1.45pm.

ACCOMPANIMENT OF CHILDREN TO THE TOILET: Please ensure that children are accompanied by an adult when going to the church toilet. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2022: Applications for the Hemel Confirmation Course are now open and will close on 9 January 2022. Please email Callum Moore at cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk for a registration form.

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.

MICK MALONEY: Sadly, Mick passed away on 5 October. He was a parishioner at Ss Mary & Joseph for over 50 years. He was part of the Sunday evening choir and helped with the upkeep of the Church gardens. More recently he supported the community through events and activities at his grandchildren's schools. The funeral will take place on Thursday 21 October, 4pm at West Herts Crematorium.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the parish office will be closed from Monday 18 October until Friday 22 October and will reopen on Monday 25 October. The next newsletter will be on the weekend of 23/24 October.

| Office Hours and Telephone cover for Hemel West. | |
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| 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

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| SUN 17 Oct | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 6pm (Vigil) 9am 10.30am 12 noon | Pro Populo Bridget Joyce (RIP ANNIV) |
| MON 18 Oct | ST LUKE | | No Public Mass |
| TUE 19 Oct | feria | | No Public Mass |
| WED 20 Oct | feria | 10am | |
| THU 21 Oct | feria | | NO MASS (Father's rest day) |
| FRI 22 Oct | feria | 10am | |
| SAT 23 Oct | feria | 6pm (Vigil) | |
| SUN 24 Oct | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 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 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.



Please switch off
all mobile phones

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