

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

## ALL SAINTS

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year B  
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Week 3



### *TODAY'S MASS*

*'You are not far from the  
kingdom of God'*

### ALL SAINTS ALL SOULS

#### **Fr Brian writes...**

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. It is quite probable that amongst their company are members of our own families who have gone before us and are receiving their eternal reward. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day, but today it will resonate with many who have suffered the ravages of the pandemic. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes. How are you doing? Hard on the heels of All Saints comes All Souls on Tuesday 2nd November. On this day we celebrate Masses at 10am and 7pm for the repose of those who are in purgatory, ie the Holy Souls. We remember and pray for those of our families and friends who may be in that state of purgation as they prepare to enter the bliss of heaven. What is purgatory? It is certainly a place of hope. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines purgatory as a "purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven," which is experienced by those "who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" (CCC 1030). It notes that "this final purification of the elect . . . is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1031). So, it is good to pray for our deceased loved ones if they are in purgatory to help them on their way to heaven, where they can pray for us. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

# 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**

Remember! Saturday Mass times change on 21 November.

**Saturday** 6pm (Vigil) at Ss Mary & Joseph

**Sunday** 8.30am & 10.15am at Ss Mary & Joseph

**Sunday** 12 noon at St Mark's

**Mass:** Please be on time for Mass as a sign of respect for the community and the Lord. Silence should also be observed in the church, as far as practicable before Mass to enable us all to prepare for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Do bring children to the front of the church so that they can see the actions of the priest and parents can answer their questions at home after Mass.

**MARY'S MEALS:** Next week there will be an appeal by 'Mary's Meals. The vision of this charity is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education. It provides life-changing meals to some of the world's poorest children every school day. Please follow the link: : <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/> for more information.

**SYNOD:** Preparing for the Synod. Hemel West Parish Gathering. Listening exercise. Meet the PPC! As part of the worldwide consultation ahead of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023, the Diocese of Westminster has launched the first stages of its Synodal Path with a liturgy at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 16 October. Our parish representative, Gladys Waweru attended on our behalf and as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Thank you, Gladys! It's now time for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) to engage with you as part of the listening stage of the Synod's initial deliberations. Therefore, you are invited to a gathering in St Joseph's Hall, Boxmoor on Monday 22 November between 7pm and 9.30pm. I'm hoping that as many of the newly formed PPC will also be present to introduce themselves. Fr Brian will give a brief welcome and

introduction and then hand over to the PPC to facilitate the evening. The PPC intends to make the questions for consultation available as soon as possible before the parish gathering. We are particularly interested in the views of Catholics in your family who longer practice their faith ie attend weekly Mass and/or your friends and neighbours who do not come to church. Equally if you are a member of any local organisations of whatever type please do invite them along as well. The Catholic Church wants to hear from everyone! Do please engage with this historic event in the life of the Church and have your say! <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod>.

**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

## **GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:**

Mon:	Luke	14:12-14
Tues:	Luke	14:15-24
Wed:	Luke	14:25-33
Thurs:	Luke	15:1-10
Fri:	Luke	16:1-8
Sat:	Luke	16:9-15
Sunday:	Mark	12:38-44

## **Total Weekly Offertory Collection, Contactless Payments and Standing Orders for September.**

<b>Envelopes</b>	£96.00
<b>Loose Cash &amp; Contactless</b>	£1,199.80
<b>Standing Orders</b>	£4,368.98
<b>Total</b>	£5,664.78

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.

**ST ROSE'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL**

**ADMISSIONS 2022:** The admissions process for Reception 2022 opens on Monday 1 November. There will be a live webinar via Zoom with the Headteacher on the following dates: Monday 1 November 6pm and Monday 6 December at 6pm. In addition to the webinars we will be taking small groups on school tours on the following dates: Wednesday 3 November 2021 and Wednesday 8 December 2021. To book your webinar and school tour place please email Mrs Taylor on admin@stroses.herts.sch.uk.

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR INFANT SCHOOL:** 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 [hemel Hempstead West/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemel Hempstead West/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/) Request's for CCP will **open** on Monday 22 November and will **close** on Friday 17 December. Please do not request a certificate

before this date as your request will not be accepted. The **closing** date to **collect** certificates will be 17 December 2021.

**CAFOD FAST DAY:** Thank you for your generosity to the recent CAFOD Fast Day Appeal, both your Envelope and On-line giving. The total raised for CAFOD is £480.15. God's Blessings.

**DENS:** The charity night held by Irene Soares at the Indian restaurant in Berkhamsted, raised £440 for DENS.

**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](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk) for a registration form.

**ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS:** The report for the entire Diocese is now available at: <https://bit.ly/DowAccounts2020>.

**3rd BOXMOOR SCOUT GROUP:** We are looking for an Assistant Leader and a Quartermaster to join the team. No experience necessary as training will be provided. For more information contact [chair@3rdboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:chair@3rdboxmoor.org.uk).

**We pray for the sick in our parish**

Diana Klein

<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>
<b>Friday 9.30am-3.30pm</b>	<b>Friday 9.30am-12.30pm</b>

# HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SUN 31 Oct</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	6pm (Vigil) 9am 10.30am 12 noon	Miss Anne Onyinyechukwu Igboaka (Return to Good Health) Ann Gray (RIP) Pro Populo Anna Doyle (RIP)
<b>MON 1 Nov</b>	feria		No Public Mass
<b>TUE 2 Nov</b>	<b>ALL SOULS DAY</b>	10am 7pm	Holy Souls Holy Souls
<b>WED 3 Nov</b>	feria	10am	Special Intention
<b>THU 4 Nov</b>	St Charles Borromeo		NO MASS (Father's rest day)
<b>FRI 5 Nov</b>	feria	10am	Andrew Scholes (RIP ANNIV)
<b>SAT 6 Nov</b>	feria	6pm (Vigil)	Miss Anne Onyinyechukwu Igboaka (Return to Good Health)
<b>SUN 7 Nov</b>	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9am 10.30am 12 noon	Pro Populo Jack O'Malley (RIP) John & Marion Gavin (45th Wedding ANNIV)

**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:** **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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