

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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TODAY'S MASS

***This poor widow has put
In more than all***

Fr Brian writes...

Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice.

Background on the Gospel Reading. Mark 12:38-44

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honour and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion. Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury – not unlike the expectation that we will make a contribution to the running costs of the parish of Hemel West! However, as we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in many parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus. to give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Giving should be sacrificial. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross, demonstrating true sacrifice.

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 INTENTIONS: Hemel West has been experiencing IT problems over the past few weeks. If you have booked a Mass intention and do not see it appear on the newsletter, please contact Shirley in the parish office on 01442 391 759 option 2. Thank you.

MARY'S MEALS: This 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 time of mercy to enable us to be purified of all attachments to sin and desire only God himself, so

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon:	Luke	17:1-6
Tues:	Luke	17:7-10
Wed:	Luke	17:11-19
Thurs:	Luke	17:20-25
Fri:	Luke	17:26-37
Sat:	Luke	18:1-8
Sunday:	Mark	13:24-32

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**

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:** Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday. Please pray for the work of Missio. To continue supporting throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755.

ST ROSE'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2022: The admissions process for Reception 2022 opened on Monday 1 November. To book your webinar and school tour 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.

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.

ST ROSE'S INFANT SCHOOL: The draft policy for consulting on Admissions Arrangements for 2023-24 can be found on the school's website.

CHARITY CURRY NIGHT: This will be held at the Sahara Indian in Gadebridge, Wednesday 24 November at 7pm. The cost for the meal is £15. You will need to pay extra for your drinks. There will be a raffle & quiz and all donating funds will go to the Salvation Army & Leverstock Green Girl Guides.

HEMEL JUSTICE & PEACE: WHITE POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE: To remember all victims of war, white poppies are available in the church porch. While not replacing the British Legion Red Poppy, the white poppy signifies that we should not forget that it is ordinary civilians who are the first to suffer from war. White Poppies are a challenge to militarism and aim to build a culture of Peace.

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 7 Nov	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6pm (Vigil) 9am 10.30am 12 noon	Miss Anne Onyinyechukwu Igboaka (Return to Good Health) Pro Populo Jack O'Malley (RIP) John & Marion Gavin (45th Wedding ANNIV)
MON 8 Nov	feria		No Public Mass
TUE 9 Nov	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA		No Public Mass
WED 10 Nov	St Leo the Great	10am	Jim & Lorraine French (37th Wedding ANNIV)
THU 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours		NO MASS (Father's rest day)
FRI 12 Nov	St Josaphat	10am	Watkins Family (INT)
SAT 13 Nov	feria	6pm (Vigil)	Bridget Gavin (RIP)
SUN 14 Nov	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am 10.30am 12 noon	Pro Populo Baby Joshua Jones (15th RIP ANNIV) Watkins Family (INT)

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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all mobile phones

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