

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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TODAY'S MASS

*The stars will fall from heaven and the
powers in the heavens will be shaken*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Fr Brian writes....

In preparing for the challenges ahead you will know that Pope Francis is encouraging us all to participate in the Synod 2021-2023 for a synodal Church. Communion - participation - mission. Last week you would have received the handout that outlines how you can get involved, along with the question set for the 'listening process.' This process is being led in the parish of Hemel West by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC.) Do get involved as best as you can at in-person meetings, online or in writing. Note the deadline for all contributions to the PPC by the end of November, so that responses can be collated and forwarded to the diocese by mid-December. The PPC will also use the responses to formulate a plan as to how it can be of service in the parish, also taking account of the parish consultation that took place just before Covid hit us all in early 2020. If anyone has questions about the PPC they should be directed to me until such time as the PPC properly establishes itself. If you would like to join the PPC - let me know as many hands make light work! When all is said and done, the Synod and the PPC are not 'parliaments' or boring talk shops, but focused on Mission by listening to what the Spirit is saying to us through listening to each other, as indeed we all should be, in response to the instruction of the Lord in Matthew 28:19-20. If we are not doing that then we are wasting our time!

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment. Are you prepared for it!? Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope are found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

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! Sunday Mass times and venues 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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: There will be a brief service of Remembrance for all the fallen of WW1 & WW2 and later conflicts. This will take place in the small garden at Boxmoor immediately after the 12 Noon Mass. A poppy wreath will be blessed and placed on the memorial wall plaque. Details of six young parishioners who gave their lives in WW1 are on the plaque. A Roll of Honour will be displayed on the Sanctuary until the end of the month.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the parish office will be closed from, Tuesday 16 November until Friday 19 November and will reopen on Monday 22 November.

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.

LYNDA EVANS RIP: A Funeral Service will be held for the recently deceased parishioner, Lynda Mary Evans, on Thursday 18 November, 9.45am at Ss Mary & St Joseph's church. Lynda was the wife of Eoin Woods. We extend our deepest sympathy to Eoin and his family. May Lynda rest in peace and rise in glory.

NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: During November 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. 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

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon:	Luke	18:35-43
Tues:	Luke	19:1-10
Wed:	Luke	19:11-28
Thurs:	Luke	19:41-44
Fri:	Luke	19:45-48
Sat:	Luke	20:27-40
Sunday:	John	18:33-37

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**

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.

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.

DENS: Nicky Mansfield is sleeping out for DENS on 26 November at Hemel Hempstead School. If you would like to sponsor her please go to the link www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicola-mansfield1.

CHARITY CURRY NIGHT: The charity curry night on 24 November is now full. Thank you for your support.

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. Pope Francis rejects "recourse to war" as a failure of politics and he also takes issue with St Augustine's concept of the "Just War" in his 2020 Encyclical Fratelli Tui (261, 242). "

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 [hemelhempsteadwest/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/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.

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

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL: The school is consulting on their admissions arrangements for the school year 2023/24. Please go to the school website: www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk for more details.

NEWSLETTER: Please note there will not be a newsletter on the weekend of 20/21 November.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR PRAYER:
God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor.
Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploited.
Open our mouths to defend you in the public squares, as well as in private deeds.
Amen

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 14 Nov	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6pm (Vigil) 9am 10.30am 12 noon	Bridget Gavin (RIP) Pro Populo Baby Joshua Jones (15th RIP ANNIV) Watkins Family (INT)
MON 15 Nov	feria		No Public Mass
TUE 16 Nov	St Edmund of Abingdon		No Public Mass
WED 17 Nov	feria	10am	Watkins Family (INT)
THU 18 Nov	feria	9.45am	Funeral Service for Lynda Evans (RIP)
FRI 19 Nov	feria	10am	
SAT 20 Nov	feria	6pm (Vigil)	Pro Populo
SUN 21 Nov	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe	8.30am 10.15am 12 noon	Spencer Anthony (5th RIP ANNIV) Albert Price (RIP) William Devlin (RIP)

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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