

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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TODAY'S MASS

*No prophet is ever accepted in his
own country*

Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth

Fr Brian writes...

Recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah and announced that this Scripture was now fulfilled. In today's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection. After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.

Ukraine

At the time of writing (Wednesday afternoon), I have just come back from the 11.30am Mass, which was offered for the intention of peace in regard to the huge build-up of Russian military on the Ukraine border. After Mass, I recited the Prayer to St Michael the Archangel for his intervention and assistance to dispel malevolent spiritual entities that will inevitably take advantage of this worsening situation. The rosary was also prayed collectively after Mass, by a number of parishioners, for the blessing of God's peace. Remember that Our Lady of Fatima asked the child seers, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco to pray the rosary everyday for peace. I commend this practice to us all, especially within families, as well as taking opportunities to work for and support the wider interests of Justice and Peace through agencies such as CAFOD and Pax Christi.

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.

WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH: The wearing of face coverings in church has now ceased to be a **legal** requirement. The wearing of a face covering is therefore completely discretionary. However, given that the virus has not gone away, you may consider it prudent, as an act of charity and in the interests of the Common Good, to still wear a face covering when in church, as invariably you will come into contact with some people you do not normally meet. Our usual virus mitigation measures will continue i.e. increased ventilation of the church and scheduled cleaning by contract cleaners.

MISSIO (APF Red Box scheme): Now the pandemic is easing, we will be collecting the red boxes again. Please place them in the marked box at the back of church, or take one of the envelopes home with you to complete and return with your money. If you are unable to get to church please contact Janice Varney on 07847 167969 and she will arrange for your box to be collected. The World Mission collection on Sunday 24 October 2021, raised £1,565.50. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES: If your child has recently been baptised and you need a baptismal certificate, please send the full name of the child, parents, godparents and full address to shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk and she will arrange a certificate for you.

CWL: The Catholic Women's League will be meeting on Thursday 3 February, 7.45pm in St Joseph's hall. All are welcome.

CARETAKER VACANCY: St Cuthbert Mayne Junior School is looking to appoint a caretaker/site manager from 21 February. If you are interested in the role please contact the school on 253347. The closing date for applications is 2 February.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS: The Nursery 2022 admissions process opens on Tuesday 1 February, at St Roses School. If you have a child born between 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019 this will be the time to apply. There will be a webinar on 7 February at 6pm via Zoom, please contact the school office if you would like to attend. There will also be school tours happening on 9 February and 2 March at 9.15am please email admin@stroses.herts.sch.uk if you wish to book a place.

CAFOD: A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon: Mark	5:1-20
Tues.: Mark	5:21-43
Wed: Mark	6:1-6
Thurs: Mark	6:7-13
Fri: Mark	6:14-29
Sat: Mark	6:30-34
Sunday Luke	6:1-11

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

The offertory collection income figures are published on a monthly basis once the bank reconciliation is completed.

ways you can get involved such as: in the parish, in our local schools or coordinating volunteers to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers. Please contact Tony at tsheen@cafod.org.uk for more details.

CARITAS: The Caritas Annual General Meeting will be held via Zoom Monday 31 January, at 7.45pm. They will be discussing the donations that they have made to Dacorum Community Trust and their plans to re-start the Sunday Teas. Click on this link to join the meeting: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79163239294?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79163239294?pwd=_zQRWt1BK9X-u7CDp_d90ApaAlfCGV.1)

[pwd=_zQRWt1BK9X-u7CDp_d90ApaAlfCGV.1](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79163239294?pwd=_zQRWt1BK9X-u7CDp_d90ApaAlfCGV.1) or go to the Zoom website and use these details to join. Meeting ID: 791 6323 9294: Passcode: 0VqNDj

MARY'S MEALS: Thank you for your precious gift of £266.60, which is helping us to transform the lives of hungry children.

PARISH NEWSLETTER: There is now a substantially reduced number of newsletters printed for every Sunday. Wasting paper, ink and toner doesn't make economic or environmental sense. Do go to the parish website to sign up for the parish e-alerts, so that you can get notified when the newsletter is published and of other topical news items. Please **do not** take a printed copy of the newsletter, but leave them for parishioners who do not use the internet.

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. Please keep your item to no more than 60 words. Please email Shirley by Wednesday 12 Noon and she will be do her best to accommodate it.

HOUSEBOUND OR SICK? If you or any member of the parish are sick, or housebound and unable to get to Mass, do please let Fr Brian know.

E-ALERT: Please sign up for the parish e-alerts and keep up with all the parish news. You can do this by going to the parish website.

YEAR BOOK: The Westminster 2022 Year book is available to purchase from the parish office at the cost of £4.50.

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

Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January

Prayer

Eternal God, you hold all of our days in your hands.

We come before you to remember the victims of the Holocaust. We lament the loss of the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust, the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and victims of other genocides. May our minds be clear and attentive to their memory and our hearts be moved to bear witness to their lives. Help us to remember and recognise the sanctity of each human life, that all people are made in Your image. One day, we pray that genocide and hatred will be no more, and that love will triumph over evil. In our prayers and in our actions, help us to show this love in the world today.

Amen

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 30 JAN	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Thomas Durcan (RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo Ivy & Henry Albert (RIP)
MON 31 Jan	St John Bosco	(SMSJ) 10am	Funeral for Kenneth (Ted) Turvey (RIP)
TUE 1 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
WED 2 Feb	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	(SMSJ) 11.30am	
THU 3 Feb	Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore		NO PUBLIC MASS
FRI 4 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 10.30am	Funeral for Anne O'Toole (RIP)
SAT 5 Feb	St Agatha	(SMSJ) 6pm	
SUN 6 Feb	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Quentin Gill (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. If this is unaffordable for you, please feel free to make an offering you can afford.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: **Saturday:** 5pm-5.30pm at SS Mary & Joseph church and by appointment.



Please switch off all mobile phones

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