

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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TODAY'S MASS

*They left everything and
followed him*



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.

PRIVATE PRAYER: Ss Mary & Joseph's church will be open for private prayer after Mass, excepting Thursday, until about 4pm each day. On Saturday the church will open at 11am. There may be times, for operational reasons, when the church will not be open. It may not always be possible to notify such situations in advance; additional and discreet security measures will be in place to deter anyone who may wish to steal from our church or vandalise the interior. Why not pop in and say a prayer? Let your friends know as well, if they are looking for a place and a moment of peace and spiritual refreshment. Parents may like to pop in and say a prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament with their children at the end of the school day. If you have any concerns about the church at the time of your visit, please do contact Fr Brian on 01442 391 759.

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.

CADFOD: 2022 is CAFOD'S 60th Anniversary, and you might like to know its origins. In 1962 the Bishops Conference of England and Wales registered CAFOD as an official Charity. This came about when an incredible group of Catholic women successfully fundraised to help mothers and babies in Dominica, the first ever Family Fast Day. Find out more at cafod.org.uk.

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE: Please could R Gungadoo and M Whittaker contact Shirley in the parish office.

ST ALBERT THE GREAT SCHOOL: St Albert's welcomes you to attend a school tour on either Tuesday 22 February, at 2pm or Friday 4 March, at 9.15am. Please see the school website or call the school office on 01442264835 for more information.

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon:	Mark	6:53-56
Tues:	Mark	7:1-13
Wed:	Mark	7:14-23
Thurs:	Mark	7:24-30
Fri:	Mark	7:31-37
Sat:	Mark	8:1-10
Sunday	Luke	6:17, 20-26

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER HEMEL: They are holding an open forum on Tuesday 22 February at St Barnabas Church, 7pm gather for 7.30pm start. The Guest Speaker is Maggie Dodd from The Anna Chaplaincy for Older People, Offering spiritual care in later life. All welcome.

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.

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.

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

Prayer

Dear God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere.

We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than enough, because in reality everything and everyone is connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire: as Jesus prayed, that all may be one. We offer our prayer together with all the holy names of God, we offer our prayer together with Christ, our Lord.

Amen (Fr Richard Rohr)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 6 Feb	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Quentin Gill (RIP)
MON 7 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	For the Sick, the Dying & for the release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE 8 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	For the Sick, the Dying & for the release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED 9 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 11.30am	For the Sick, the Dying & for the release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
THU 10 Feb	St Scholastica		NO PUBLIC MASS
FRI 12 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 10.30am	For the Sick, the Dying & for the release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT 13 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	For the Sick, the Dying & for the release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
SUN 14 Feb	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo For the Sick, the Dying & for the release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory Deceased Members of the Stiffle Family (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.

MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Priest: Fr Brian McMahon brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk (Opt 3)


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