

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27 February 2022

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TODAY'S MASS
Can the blind lead the blind?

LENT 2022

Fr Brian writes....

Seems almost like almost yesterday that I was putting away the Christmas crib! Nevertheless, Lent starts on Wednesday – ASH WEDNESDAY. Are you ready for our annual penitential round, when we make reparation for our sins and offences against almighty God and others, as we prepare for Easter? Characteristic of this liturgical season are the elements of prayer, alms-giving and fasting. It's also a good time to make your confession, receiving sacramental absolution. For your alms giving you might like to contribute to the Cardinal's annual appeal. Take an envelope as you come into church, or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

This Lent

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Ss Mary & Joseph: 11.30am

St Mark's: 7.30pm

Holy Hour: (with Confessions, Adoration & Benediction) 7pm Fridays at Ss Mary & Joseph. Livestreamed.

Stations of the Cross: 11am Thursdays (starting on 10 March). At Ss Mary & Joseph.

Stations of the Cross: 7pm Tuesdays at St Mark's. Livestreamed.

Have a Good Lent!

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.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL: HEAT or EAT? Help those facing this choice. This year, we celebrate 10 years of Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the Diocese, working with parishes to restore hope, and enable people to lead a life of dignity. Funds raised in this year's Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for all. Price rises mean many families face an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? The Church is responding, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. Just as a mosaic is made up of many different coloured pieces, each one unique, each person's contribution to this mosaic of hope will bring light into the lives of people across our Diocese. Please take a donation envelope, alternatively you can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your anticipated generosity this season of Lent.. You can view two short films about the impact of your previous support, on the website www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: We meet in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor on Tuesdays from 2pm until 4pm to read and discuss the readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome to join us.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAUGE: We have **changed** the date of the meeting on Thursday 3 March, to Thursday 10 March, 7.30pm at St Joseph's Hall. All ladies of the Parishes are welcome, as we will be discussing arrangements for our forthcoming Flower Festival on the May bank holiday weekend. Any help with flower arranging and sponsorship for flowers welcome.

BIG BREW 2022! Fairtrade fortnight is from February 21 to 6 March: Do go online at Fairtrade.org.uk to see what it's about. To

celebrate this fortnight and play our part, do join us online via Zoom on Monday 28 February at 7pm for a BIG BREW and a nice chunk of Fairtrade cake. You'll need to go shopping this week for your Fairtrade coffee and cake – or else you'll just have to watch me stuffing my face! I'll also share via Zoom some of the promotional materials from Traidcraft to help us increase our awareness of the necessity of fair trade. See you then! Please see the Zoom link! [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85436735673?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85436735673?pwd=MEtLcDVORjBQczliVzFRNOU4dmhEQTO9)

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THE PASSAGE a Catholic Charity, working with people who are homeless, is holding a St David's Day concert on Thursday 3 March, 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square with The London Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloist tenor Ryan Vaughan Davies. All tickets are £20. For tickets please call 020 75921856.

We pray for the Sick in our Parish

Lucy Chapman

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon:	Mark	10:17-27
Tues:	Mark	10:28- 31
Wed:	Matthew	6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs:	Luke	9:22-25
Fri:	Matthew	9:14- 15
Sat:	Luke	5:27-32
Sunday:	Luke	6: 39-45

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: This will be held at the Methodist Church, 270 Northridge Way on Friday 4 March, at 11am. Join others from Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead in a global wave of prayer. All are welcome. If you would like to take a reading part please contact Lynn at Lynnbassett@gmail.com or call 07803 986716.

CAFOD'S 'Walk Against Hunger' Lent challenge: There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give Hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, and you'll conquer your 200k target in time for Easter, and help people around the world to live free from Hunger. See: cafod.org.uk/lent for more details.

CAFOD'S Family Fast Day Friday 11 March: Coming soon to this parish.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony : Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14 May 2022 at 3pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email Fr Brian the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by Friday 25 March.

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.

Office Hours and Telephone cover for Hemel West.

Email: shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk
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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

Church Action on Poverty Sunday Reflection

The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavoured, the accused, the incarcerated and the condemned.

The opposite of poverty is not wealth; the opposite of poverty is injustice.

Prayer

Christ, Jesus, You came and You spent time with those on the margins.

Open our hearts to reach out to our brothers and sisters living in poverty.

Through our encounter with them, may we be transformed.

Amen (CAFOD)

Proverbs 31:9

Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 27 Feb	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Lucy Chapman (Sick) Peggy & Kaz Sitkowski (RIP)
MON 28 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 10.30am	Funeral for Ann Palmer (RIP)
TUE 1 Mar	ST DAVID	(SMSJ) 10am	Philomena Quinn (INT)
WED 2 Mar	ASH WEDNESDAY	(SMSJ) 11.30am (SM) 7.30pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish
THU 3 Mar	Lent feria		NO PUBLIC MASS
FRI 4 Mar	Lent feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
SAT 5 Mar	Lent feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	Michael Flanagan (RIP ANNIV)
SUN 6 Mar	1st Sunday of Lent	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo

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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