

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
13 MARCH 2022

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TODAY'S MASS
*Jesus is Transfigured
before Them*

Fr Brian Writes....

Gospel Reading Luke 9:28b-36 Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert by that malevolent spiritual being known as the devil. Then, on the second Sunday of Lent, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. In a few weeks we will encounter them sleeping again, as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to build three tents for them. A voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son. Just as God speaks to each of us at our baptism, so also now he speaks to us through the words of the Gospel.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. The transfiguration of Jesus is also a promise for us, that our bodies will become like his when they are reunited to our souls at the general resurrection. Now, that's what I call awesome!

Additional Masses for St Patrick and St Joseph

There will be Mass at 10am on Thursday 17 March, to celebrate the Feast Day of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland at Ss Mary & Joseph.

There will be Mass at 10am on Saturday 19 March, to celebrate the patron of our church St Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Ss Mary & Joseph.

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.

LENT 2022

HOLY HOUR: (with Confessions, Adoration & Benediction) 7pm Fridays at Ss Mary & Joseph. This will also be Livestreamed. Please note there will not be Confessions, Adoration & Benediction on 18 March and 8 April.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please come and join St Mark's for the Way of the Cross, 7pm every Tuesday in Lent. If you cannot make it then please watch the Livestream on the YouTube account <https://www.youtube.com/c/HemelWestCatholic>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Thursday 11am at Ss Mary & Joseph lead by the Catholic Women's league.

TAIZE SERVICE at Ss Mary & Joseph Friday 18 March and Friday 8 April at 7pm.

CHANGE OF WEDNESDAY MASS TIME: As from Wednesday 16 March, Mass will be at **10am** every Wednesday. This is a permanent change from the current time of 11.30am.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: If you are wearing a mask, you'll find it easier to remove your mask just before you receive Holy Communion and then replace it. And just a reminder that you when you receive Holy Communion, you must immediately consume the Sacred Host and not walk away with the Sacred Host. I ask parents to be especially vigilant in regards to their children in this matter. There has been at least one situation recently where the Sacred Host has been found on the floor after Mass. This is an act of sacrilege, albeit unintentional, but none the less very serious for which there is no excuse. Please say a small prayer in reparation.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE: On Sunday 13 March, 3pm until 5pm, St Mary's Church in the Old Town will be hosting a community time of contemplation, vigil and prayer for the people of Ukraine and for

peace in Europe. All are welcome to come to Church to unite in support for those suffering as a result of this war.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Family Fast Day is a day when we are asked to eat simply and give generously. You can donate in Church using a CAFOD envelope; or go to cafod.org.uk/lent. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK: Do write and place the names of those who are sick inside a small sealed envelope, that you would like prayed for and remembered at Mass, into the bronze bowl on the sanctuary. You'll see it next to the lectern below the sign. Do let me know of any healings or favours received so that a Mass of Thanksgiving can be offered to the glory of God. Let the sick person know that their name is in the bowl and encourage them to have faith in God for healing.

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.

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

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon:	Luke	6:36-38
Tues:	Matthew	23:1-12
Wed:	Matthew	20:17-28
Thurs:	Luke	16:19-31
Fri:	Matthew	21:33-46
Sat:	Luke	15:1-3,-11-32
Sunday:	Luke	13: 1-19

Sunday Offertory Collection, Contactless Payments and Standing Orders for February 2022.

Envelopes	£221.00
Loose Cash & Contactless	£1,535.79
Standing Orders	£4,156.48
Total	£5,913.27

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.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY & STANDING ORDERS:

Contactless Sunday Offertory Collection or Standing Order with Gift Aid? The 'gold standard' of Sunday Offertory donation is a Standing Order with Gift Aid. Please do consider donating by Standing Order if you are member of the parish. Shirley Bailey, our Parish Administrator, can help you set up a Standing Order. However, for those one-off donations I encourage you to use the contactless machine at the church entrance. It's very simple to use and similar technology to what we use in shops such as the supermarket. There are benefits to the parish when you use it, such as removing the need to have volunteers count and manually record cash and coin and then take it for banking, with the associated personal security risks. Contactless technology is the way forward. So please help us by swiping! You can also make other offerings i.e. Mass stipends using the same machine, when you have a Mass offered for the living or dead. Thank you for your weekly offering, it is very much appreciated in these remaining uncertain times!

GOING TO HOSPITAL? If you are going into Hospital do ask to see Theresa Taylor-Brookes the Catholic Chaplain. Please call the Chaplaincy office on 01923 217994 or 07776598704 for Watford and St Albans.

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

Office Hours and Telephone cover for Hemel West.

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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

more than 60 words. Please email Shirley by Wednesday 12 Noon and she will be do her best to accommodate it.

E-ALERT: Please sign up for the parish e-alerts and keep up with all the parish news.

Prince of Peace

you were born into a world where terror reigned and fear ruled, and live today in a world crucified by war.

Fill us with your passion for justice that wherever we see evil abound we may live to disturb its path and strive to build bridges of reconciliation.

In the darkness, beckon us with your kindly light, that we never lose sight of your vision of peace - in which the lion lies down with the lamb.

Amen

"Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone".

Romans 12:18

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 13 Mar	2nd Sunday of Lent	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	John Palmer (RIP) Pro Populo Mary Nash (RIP) Kaz & Peg Sitkowski (RIP)
MON 14 Mar	Lent feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
TUE 15 Mar	Lent feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
WED 16 Mar	Lent feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
THU 17 Mar	ST PATRICK	(SMSJ) 10am	St Patrick
FRI 18 Mar	Lent feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
SAT 19 Mar	ST Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	(SMSJ) 10am (SMSJ) 6pm	ST Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
SUN 20 Mar	3rd 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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