

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

15 May 2022

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### **TODAY'S MASS**

*In the Son of Man,  
God has been Glorified*

Fr Brian writes...

Today's Gospel reading (*John 13:31-33a,34-35*) again comes from the Gospel of John, when Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper. For the Scripture scholars amongst us, John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative ie this is my body, this is my blood etc; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas following this act of loving service. Today's Gospel follows on from that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified.

This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show. John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another.

This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

# 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.**

**CELEBRATION OR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** This weekend many children of our parish are making their First Holy Communion. We pray for these children and their families, that it may be a happy time for them. Next weekend, Bishop Paul McAleenan, Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster diocese, will visit to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on some of our young people. These will be separately scheduled Masses open only to parents, candidates and invited guests. We pray for them and their families as well, that they may be bold in their witness to Christ in an increasingly hostile world.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND:** Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

**RACE FOR LIFE:** On 19 June, Serena Eynaud, Martin Eynaud and Alice Cullen are doing the 10K walk for Race for life for Cancer Research. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please donate to, [fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org](http://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org). under Alice and Friends. Many thanks in advance.

**BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES:** If your child has recently been baptised and you need a baptismal certificate, please email the full name of the child, parents, godparents and Christian witnesses (if appointed) and the date of the baptism to [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) and she will arrange a certificate for you.

**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/hemelhempesteadwest/sacramental-prep/baptism-preparation/> or go to the parish website.

**PARISH HALLS:** The key safe code for the halls will change on Monday 30 May. An email has been sent out to all hall users with the new code. If you have not received an email please contact Shirley at [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk).

**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. You can also sign up to Gift Aid your donation using the contactless machine. Thank you for your weekly offering. It is very much appreciated in these remaining uncertain times!

**CAFOD:** Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

#### **Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation**

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all consolation and hope.

Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.

Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.

Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2022 (Tuesday 17 May)

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

#### **GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:**

Mon:	John	14:21-26
Tues:	John	14:27-31
Wed:	John	15:1-8
Thurs:	John	15:9-11
Fri:	John	15:12-17
Sat:	John	15:18-21
Sunday:	John	14: 23-29

#### **Sunday Offertory Collection, Contactless Payments and Standing Orders for April 2022.**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>£200.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash &amp; Contactless</b>	<b>£575.33</b>
<b>Standing Orders</b>	<b>£4,101.48</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,876.81</b>

#### **Office Hours and Telephone cover for Hemel West.**

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Phone: 01442 391 759 option 2

Telephone cover for West	Hemel West Office Hours
<b>Monday</b> 12 noon-6pm	<b>Monday</b> 3pm-6pm
<b>Tuesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Tuesday</b> Closed
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm
<b>Thursday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Thursday</b> 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Friday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Friday</b> 9.30am-12.30pm

## HOLY MASS

<b>SUN 15 May</b>	<b>5th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 6pm (Vigil) <b>(SMSJ)</b> 8.30am <b>(SMSJ)</b> 10.15am <b>(SM)</b> 12 noon	Rosemarie Fernandopulle (RIP) Pro Populo
<b>MON 16 May</b>	Easter feria	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 10am	Marcia Massey Family & Adopted Children (INT)
<b>TUE 17 May</b>	Easter feria	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 10am	Rosemary Jones, Family & Close Friend's (INT)
<b>WED 18 May</b>	Easter feria	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 10am	Energy Companies & Their Employees & all of the Boxmoor Residents (INT)
<b>THU 19 May</b>	Easter feria		No Public Mass
<b>FRI 20 May</b>	Easter feria	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 10AM	
<b>SAT 21 May</b>	Easter feria	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 6pm	Thomas Conroy (1st RIP ANNIV)
<b>SUN 22 May</b>	<b>6th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 8.30am <b>(SMSJ)</b> 10.15am <b>(SM)</b> 12 noon	Pro Populo Michael Kelly (7th RIP ANNIV)

**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](mailto: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**

### MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

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