

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22 May 2022

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TODAY'S MASS

***A peace the world cannot
give is my gift to you***

Fr Brian writes...

What wonderful and glorious Catholic celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation we have had over the last two weekends! 60 of our children made their First Holy Communion, receiving not something, but someone in the Eucharist, Jesus himself. 39 of our young people received the gift of the Holy Spirit, when Bishop Paul visited to confer the sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you so much to everyone who made these sacramental occasions so wonderful. We look forward to these children and young people coming to Mass every week.

In regard to the Holy Spirit, and looking forward to Pentecost, we get an intimation of the nature Jesus' relationship with the Father in today's Gospel reading when Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace. Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence (Ascension Thursday 26 May) so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father.

After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries, until he comes again. This is what the children who made their First Holy Communion now experience in Holy Communion and the young people who received the gift of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation also experience. These are spiritual and true realities that do not depend on feelings, but the certainty of faith as revealed to us about God, by Jesus, who teaches us everything we need to know, that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Trinity who brings us peace.

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.

FR BRIAN REYNOLDS & FR BERNARD SCHOLES:

We will be having a collection after all Masses next weekend, for Fr Brian & Fr Bernard in Thanksgiving of their 60 Year's of Priesthood.

ASCENSION DAY MASS TIMES THURSDAY 26

MAY: Ascension Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation, when the Church invites us to come to Mass. Masses will be celebrated at 10am and 8pm at Ss Mary & Joseph's Church. There will also be Mass at St Mark's at 7pm using the Ordinariate Rite. The Ascension is the event, where Jesus ascended to heaven, at the end of his time on earth after his resurrection, until he comes again in glory to judge the living and the dead. What an event that will be! Prepare for it now by coming to church!

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE: Come and celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 5 June. We will be serving tea/coffee and cake after the 10.15am Mass and after the 12 noon Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community. Everyone is welcome, especially on this day, Pentecost Sunday, the birth of the Church when the Holy Spirit descended in wind and fire.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY: The Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony, was attended by well over 430 couples from 144 parishes, representing all 22 Deaneries. Each couple who joined us in the cathedral are heralds of married love, a beautiful and demanding vocation, each of which tells a unique story. Through them, the good news of married love and the quietly lived out vocation of that love, will

gleam, glisten and sparkle. Now that is something to celebrate!

Can you help a parishioner, please? A parishioner is urgently in need of temporary accommodation for herself and some storage space and nearby parking. She has sold her home and the buyers need to move in. Can you help her temporarily please through this period of transition? Do let Fr Brian know and he can put her in touch with you.

MISSIO/APF: Pauline Jaricot, the founder of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith (APF) is to be beatified in Lyon on Sunday 22 May 2022. Find out more about this remarkable lay woman at Missio.org.uk/Pauline.

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.

CHURCH KEYS & HALLS KEYS: If you hold keys for either the church, the parish halls or safes, please return them to Shirley in the parish office and let her know if you need to be added to the key safe code holders list by emailing her. This is a diocesan audit requirement, as part of the overall security arrangements, that it is necessary for us to have in place.

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 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 and she will arrange a certificate for you.

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!

Reflection

We need a change from an acquisitive society to a functional society, from a society of go getters to a society of go givers.

The love of money, will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth with gain.

This also is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Prayer

Dear God, please empty us of greed, for it will never satisfy.

Instead fill us with generosity, for it will elevate one another.

Amen (Taken from Sojourners.)

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 15:26 -16:4
 Tues: John 16:5 -11
 Wed: John 16:12-15
 Thurs: Luke 24:46 - 53
 Fri: John 16:20-23
 Sat: John 16:23-28
 Sunday: John 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.

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

HOLY MASS

SUN 22 May	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Thomas Conroy (1st RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo Richard McQuinn (RIP) Michael Kelly (7th RIP ANNIV)
MON 23 May	Easter feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
TUE 24 May	Easter feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
WED 25 May	St Bede the Venerable	(SMSJ) 10am	
THU 26 May	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	(SMSJ) 10am (SM) 7pm (Ordinariate) (SMSJ) 8pm	
FRI 27 May	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	(SMSJ) 10AM	
SAT 28 May	Easter feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	Richard McQuinn (RIP)
SUN 29 May	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo In Thanksgiving for 60 Year's of Priesthood for Fr Brian Reynolds & Fr Bernard Scholes

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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