

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
29 May 2022

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TODAY'S MASS

***Father, may they be
completely one***

Fr Brian writes...

Pentecost, the end of the Easter season, and is next Sunday. The Paschal Candle which has been lit during all liturgical celebrations since the Easter Vigil, is removed from the sanctuary only to appear again at baptisms and funerals. Ordinary time kicks- in with the wearing of green Mass vestments. Today's readings remind us that, like the first apostles and disciples, we must let ourselves be shaped by the Word and his Spirit. In addition to the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses as found in the Old Testament (Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21) that oblige Jews and Christians to this very day, the Catholic Church has established its own set of particular commandments or "precepts" that bind the baptised Catholic faithful. We call these requirements the Precepts of the Church. If you like, they are the 'rules of the club.' The Precepts of the Church describe the minimum effort we must make in prayer and in living a moral life. All Catholics are called to move beyond the minimum by growing in love of God and love of neighbour.

The Precepts of the Church are as follows:

- 1.Attendance at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labour
- 2.Confession of sin at least once a year
3. Reception of Holy Communion at least during the Easter season
4. Observance of the days of fast and abstinence
5. Providing for the needs of the Church

As we approach Pentecost, the birth of the Church in wind and fire with the descent of the Holy Spirit, it's a good opportunity to ask ourselves how we are doing in regards to being Catholics. The Precepts of the Church can assist us by marking us out in terms of our witness as "called out of darkness." 1 Peter 2:9-10

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 this weekend, for Fr Brian & Fr Bernard in Thanksgiving of their 60 Year's of Priesthood.

RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST: As COVID restrictions have been lifted, most of us are now in a position to return to church on Sunday, especially as the R value (transmission rate) is in the estimated range of 0.7 to 0.9. The bishops invite us to once again make Sunday worship a regular part of our weekly life. Do spread the word to family and friends that you know are Catholic and invite them to Mass with you on Sunday.

NEWSLETTER: Please send your newsletter items for the weekend of 4/5 June by Tuesday 31 May. Please note that the parish office will be closed on 2/3 June.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE: Come and celebrate the Queen's Platinum 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.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE: The Bishops' Conference establishes that, at all Sunday Masses on 4/5 June 2022, each parish prays for Her Majesty the Queen to mark her Platinum Jubilee by including an intention in the Prayer of the Faithful and by reciting at the end of Mass (after the Prayer after Communion and before the Final Blessing) the Prayer for the Queen. We will

provide copies of the prayer for all to use and take home on the day.

SUNDAY TEAS: Sunday Teas for older members of our community are held on the third Sunday of the month in the Parish Hall at Our Lady's from 2pm to 4pm. We provide tea, sandwiches, cake, entertainment and bingo. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. We welcome new guests and volunteers. Please contact Paul at paul.heatley1@btinternet.com or call 07711 384 061 if you would like to know more.

DENS FOOD BANK: As you may be aware Hemel West is coming together as a community to collect weekly donations for the DENS Food Bank. There is a list at each church, or on the DENS website <https://www.dens.org.uk/our-services/foodbank/> of items they are specifically in need of. If you haven't had a chance to see the list, perhaps concentrate on tinned fruit or tinned vegetables until you have a chance to see the full list. If your household is one that is finding the present financial situation particularly challenging, please feel free to contact Deacon Simon in confidence, as he may be able to direct you to appropriate help and support.

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.

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.

NEW PARISH CENTRE CHAIRS: I hope you like them – you paid for them! Next job in the Parish Centre refurbishment is to replace the 20-year-old window blinds. We will be sourcing replacement blinds, same style, but in blue. All budgeted for out of your generous donations in the weekly Sunday offertory donation. Thank you!

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.

Pope Francis - "The urgent challenge to protect our common home, includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."

(LS 13)

Prayer

Lover of the poor, we pray for all families that they may be “the place in which life – the gift of God – can be properly welcomed and protected.” May families be especially attentive to the cry of the poor and work toward the fullness of life for all, especially for the most vulnerable and neglected members of our common home.

Prayer for Families

Laudato Si Week 2022 - 22-29 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	16:29 -33
Tues:	John	17:1 -11
Wed:	John	17:11-19
Thurs:	Luke	17:20-26
Fri:	John	21:15-19
Sat:	John	21:20-25
Sunday:	John	14:15-16, 23-26

PARISH FINANCES
<p>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:</p> <p>Account Name: <i>WRCDT Hemel West</i> Sort Code: <i>40-05-20</i> Account No.: <i>31095048</i></p> <p>The offertory collection income figures are published on a monthly basis once the bank reconciliation is completed.</p>

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

HOLY MASS

SUN 29 May	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am	Richard McQuinn (RIP) Pro Populo In Thanksgiving for 60 Year's of Priesthood for Fr Brian Reynolds & Fr Bernard Scholes
		(SM) 12 noon	
MON 30 May	Easter feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
TUE 31 May	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	(SMSJ) 10am	
WED 1 Jun	St Justin	(SMSJ) 10am	
THU 2 Jun	Easter feria		No Public Mass
FRI 3 Jun	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	(SMSJ) 10AM	Jayden Fernandes (Birthday)
SAT 4 Jun	Easter feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	Kathy Wesch (Recovery from illness)
SUN 5 Jun	PENTCOST	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Jimmy Slattery (2nd RIP ANNIV) Fr Kevin McDevitt (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.



**Please switch off
all mobile phones**

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