

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
PENTECOST SUNDAY
5 June 2022

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TODAY'S MASS

***The Holy Spirit will
teach you everything***

Fr Brian writes....

The season of Easter ends with today's Eucharistic celebration, the feast of Pentecost. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. It reminds us that the Church is of divine origin, given to us, not created by us, but born from the invisible world in wind and fire into the visible world. The account in today's Gospel also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. After his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world. This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, given to us by Christ, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins committed after baptism. As Catholics we are called to participate in the sacramental life of the Church. The Catholic Church is of divine origin and the sacraments are the supernatural lifeblood of its presence in the world. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Last Sunday was a wonderful and joyous occasion for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee (60 years) of priestly service since ordination for Fr Brian Reynolds and Fr Bernard Scholes. Thank you to everyone who played a part in the parish celebration, especially to the CWL for all the hard work to make the celebration in the Parish Centre Boxmoor, such a success. Cakes were yummy!

And speaking of jubilees, this Sunday we mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen who becomes the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. We will offer a prayer at Mass for The Queen. Copies of the prayer will be available at all Masses so that everyone can join in. I think we can all agree that Her Majesty has given a remarkable example of Christian service and devotion to duty according to her state in life.

Next Sunday members of the Kenyan Community will celebrate with us at our 10.15am Mass. There will be a visiting retired bishop (Rt Rev Charles Kaweesi) and other Kenyan priests on the sanctuary. Many members of the wider Kenyan community will also be attending. I'm limbering up this week and getting ready for some liturgical dancing! It will be a glorious Eucharistic parish celebration which will continue in the parish centre – all welcome!

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.

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 until 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: 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 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.

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.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE: "Instead of loving what you think is peace, love other men and women and love God above all else. Instead of hating all the people you think are warmongers, hate the

appetites and disorders in your own soul which are the causes of war". Thomas Merton

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: 'Is Freedom of Religion Threatened Today?' a talk by John Duddington ' at St Bartholomew's Church, AL1 2PE 11 June, 2.30pm until 4pm, hosted by Herts Circle of the Newman Association. John is the editor of Law and Justice; The Christian Law Review. Everyone welcome!

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.

MASS: Please be on time for Mass as a sign of respect for the community and the Lord. Silence should also be observed in the church, as far as practicable before Mass to enable us all to prepare for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Do bring children to the front of the church so that they can see the actions of the priest and parents can answer their questions at home after Mass.

ACCOMPANIMENT OF CHILDREN TO THE TOILET: Please ensure that children are accompanied by an adult when going to the church toilet. Thank you.

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 do her best to accommodate it.

Blessings of Love (God, come live in us)

May the mystery of God enfold us;

May the wisdom of God uphold us;

May the fragrance of God be in us;

May the brightness of God flow through us;

May the peace of God move us;

May the presence of God refresh us

Amen

We ask God for the grace to receive His love and presence in the Eucharist.

We ask Him for the grace to see how He is present in all people and all things.

Hozana Team



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: Matthew 5:1 -12
Tues: Matthew 5:13 -16
Wed: Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs: Matthew 5:20-26
Fri: Matthew 5:27-32
Sat: Matthew 5:33-37
Sunday: John 16:12-15

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 5 Jun	PENTECOST	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Kathy Wesch (Recovery from illness) Pro Populo Jimmy Slattery (2nd RIP ANNIV) Fr Kevin McDevitt (RIP)
MON 6 Jun	The Blessed Virgin Mary	(SMSJ) 10am	
TUE 7 Jun	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
WED 8 Jun	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
THU 9 Jun	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST		No Public Mass
FRI 10 Jun	feria	(SMSJ) 10AM	Funeral for Richard McQuinn (RIP)
SAT 11 Jun	St Barnabas	(SMSJ) 6pm	
SUN 12 Jun	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Patrick Joyce (1st 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 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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