

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

12 June 2022

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### TODAY'S MASS

*The Spirit of truth will lead  
you to the complete truth*

Fr Brian writes....

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, launching into Week 11 from the platform of another glorious Catholic feast day - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This Sunday and next Sunday (Corpus Christi), are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity—one God in three persons. The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Incarnation of God's Son reveals that God is the eternal Father and that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, which means that, in the Father and with the Father the Son is one and the same God. The mission of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in the name of the Son (Jn 14:26) and by the Son "from the Father" (Jn 15:26), reveals that, with them, the Spirit is one and the same God. "With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified" (Nicene Creed, which we return to use to profess our faith, after Lent and Eastertide.)

The verses of today's Gospel come near the end of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. In the early part of this discourse, as we saw last week on Pentecost, Jesus offers assurances to the disciples. Even though he must leave the disciples, he tells them that they will have a future because of the help he will send them in the Holy Spirit. In this section he focuses more on the shape of the future, which will include Jesus' victory over the world that they will share in. The disciples of Jesus cannot know the future. They can only know that, whatever shape the future takes, they will not have to face it alone. They have the Spirit of Truth, who will continue to provide the teaching of Jesus in the future.

Reading this passage on Trinity Sunday reinforces our understanding of the unity shared by the members of the Trinity. Although the idea of one God in three persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share all. When we say it is a mystery we mean it is a truth of the faith revealed to us by God that surpasses the powers of natural reason; we give it the assent of faith and express that in our profession of faith in the Creed. Faith is not unreasonable. The mystery of the The Most Holy Trinity is a supernatural truth, one that of its very nature lies above our rational intelligences, which are limited. When we get to heaven it will all be made clear!

# 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.**

**THANK YOU:** Fr Brian & Fr Bernard would like to thank you all for your prayers, congratulations, cards and gifts on the occasion of their 60 anniversaries of their ordination to the priesthood (for Fr Bernard it was 62 years). Thanks to those who were able to take part in the 10.15am Mass and come to the Parish Centre, Boxmoor afterwards. It was a day that meant so much to both of them, although they have felt greatly welcomed all of the years they have been in the parish. And a special word of thanks to the CWL from Fr Brian & Fr Bernard for providing the delightful refreshments.

**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.

**JUBILEE LUNCH:** You may have noticed the new tree at Our Lady's that the Hemel East Catholic Women's League have planted in recognition of the Queen's Jubilee. They invite you to attend the blessing and dedication of the tree on 26 June at Our Lady's. There will also be a delicious lunch. Tickets will be on sale at £10 after all Masses at Our Lady's. Or call Pam on 252634 to reserve your tickets. Bring your own drinks.

**SUMMER STUDY RETREAT:** The Dominican Summer Study Retreat for students and young adults (18-35) will take place at Douai Abbey from 28 June until 1 July. A great opportunity for

anyone wanting to dive into theology and to gain a Catholic vision for life through a Thomistic lens. Workshop's include, Sacred and Saving Doctrine, the Trinity, Humanity's Beatitude, Grace, Theological virtues, Christ the way of Salvation, Church and Sacraments, preaching the Gospel in a secular age. Cost: £140 standard, £70 concession, full bed and board included. To express an interest or to register, please email Fr Joseph Bailham at [dym@english.op.org](mailto:dym@english.op.org)

**CAFOD:** CAFOD's Gap year programme, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022 go to [cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://cafod.org.uk/gapyear)

**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.

**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 be do her best to accommodate it.

**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.

## Pope Francis

The Holy Spirit is the gift of God who helps us to be free people, people who want and know how to love, people who understand that life is a mission to proclaim the wonders that the Lord accomplishes in those who trust in him. Come Holy Spirit.

### Prayer

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me O Holy Spirit that my work too, may be holy.

Amen

St Augustine

**JUSTICE & PEACE:** "If you want peace, work for Justice. Pope Paul VI "



**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 5:38 -42  
Tues: Matthew 5:43 -48  
Wed: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thurs: Matthew 6:7-15  
Fri: Matthew 6:19-23  
Sat: Matthew 6:24-34  
Sunday: Luke 9:11-17

### 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](mailto: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

<b>SUN 12 Jun</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am  (SM) 12 noon	Kathy Wesch (INT) Pro Populo Patrick Joyce (1st RIP ANNIV) & The Kenyan Elections in August
<b>MON 13 Jun</b>	St Anthony of Padua	(SMSJ) 10am	Funeral for Mr Vittorio De Angelis (RIP)
<b>TUE 14 Jun</b>	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
<b>WED 15 Jun</b>	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Funeral for Hilda May Glancy (RIP)
<b>THU 16 Jun</b>	feria		No Public Mass
<b>FRI 17 Jun</b>	feria	(SMSJ) 10AM	Shallet Rodrigues (Birthday Thanksgiving)
<b>SAT 18 Jun</b>	feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	Danuta Buras (1st RIP ANNIV)
<b>SUN 19 Jun</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST</b>	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Tommy Keegan (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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