

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

19 June 2022

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TODAY'S MASS

***Jesus Feeds Five
Thousand Men***

Fr Brian writes....

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, Latin for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our theological understanding of the Eucharistic. The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022-

2023: Early heads-up for you. Since the merger of the Hemel parishes in early 2019 and the creation of two new parishes from the previous four; Hemel West and Hemel East, the catechetical programme for Hemel West has been concentrated in the Hemel East parish, with programmes held at the church of Our Lady Queen of All Creation. As from September, catechetical programmes will gradually come back to our parish of Hemel West. The first to be impacted will be the First Holy Communion Programme for 2022-2023. This programme will only be for children who live within the parish boundary of Hemel West or are known to me as worshipping here regularly on Sunday. Details of registration will be communicated to parents via the parish website, before primary schools break up for the summer. So do sign up for e-alerts so that you are always up to speed with news about the parish. My future intention is to employ an individual in early 2023 who, amongst a number of other pastoral duties under my supervision, will oversee a fuller catechetical programme that includes adult catechesis. Is it true that many Catholics don't know their faith?

SUNDAY MASS - the Lord's Day: If you haven't joined us yet, we look forward to welcoming you back to worship at Sunday Mass. Sunday Mass remains the Foundation of all Christian Practice, when we can best express ourselves visibly as the Body of Christ, in contrast to the voluntary nature of weekday Mass, attended by only a few. Every Sunday is like a mini Easter Sunday! The full-bodied form of the communal Eucharistic

Celebration has the added value towards strengthening the faith of participants. The Kenyan Catholic Women's Association really showed us at the 10.15am Mass last week what it is to worship joyfully in Spirit and in Truth on a Sunday! Such generosity in the offertory collection, not least in the super abundance of food items brought up in the offertory procession, which has now been donated via our food box to the local Food Bank.

BOOK LAUNCH of "The Father Wants to Heal You - A Retreat with the Lord's Prayer" by Fr Nigel

Woollen (Veritas, 2022): Either Friday 8 July 7.30pm, St Joseph's Church hall, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage SG1 1NJ - launch by Fr Michael Doherty SDS; or Saturday 9 July 12.30pm, at St Paul's Catholic Bookstore, Morpeth Terrace SW1P 1EP (next door to Westminster Cathedral) - launch by Mgr Martin Hayes, Vicar-General. Refreshments provided at both events. The book is also available online from Veritas.ie or Amazon. Fr Nigel took over from me when I moved from Stevenage to Hemel. I recommend his writings to you. I don't know how he finds the time perhaps he must get up earlier than me!

AN INVITATION FROM ST MARK'S: Please join us on Sunday 26 June, for coffee at St Mark's, after the 12 noon Mass. We will be going yellow for Dens. Join this worthy cause.

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.

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.

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.

Prayer

God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere. We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than enough, because in reality everything and everyone is connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all reaction, because we know this is what You desire: as Jesus prayed, that all may be one. We offer our prayer together with all the holy names of God, we offer our prayer together with Christ, our Lord.

Amen

(Fr Richard Rohr, Centre for Action and Contemplation)

*Happy
Father's
Day*

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	7:1 -5
Tues:	Matthew	7:6,12 -14
Wed:	Matthew	7:15-20
Thurs:	Matthew	7:21-29
Fri:	Matthew	8:1-4
Sat:	Matthew	8:5-17
Sunday:	Luke	9:51-62

Sunday Offertory Collection, Contactless Payments and Standing Orders for May 2022.

Envelopes	£440.00
Loose Cash & Contactless	£1,756.34
Standing Orders	£4,102.02
Total	£6,298.36

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 19 Jun	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Danuta Buras (1st RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo Tommy Keegan (RIP ANNIV)
MON 20 Jun	St Alban	(SMSJ) 10am	Antonieta Ferrao (RIP ANNIV)
TUE 21 Jun	St Aloysius Gonzaga	(SMSJ) 10am	
WED 22 Jun	SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	(SMSJ) 10am	Funeral for Kathy Wesch (RIP)
THU 23 Jun	THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST		No Public Mass
FRI 24 Jun	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	(SMSJ) 10AM	In thanksgiving on the 5th Anniversary of Fr Brian's Priestly Ordination
SAT 25 Jun	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	(SMSJ) 6pm	
SUN 26 Jun	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Eamon 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 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.



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all mobile phones

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