

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
26 June 2022

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TODAY'S MASS

*Jesus sets out
for Jerusalem*

Fr Brian writes....

Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to start a punch-up call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on.

There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory. The life of the recently deceased peace campaigner, Bruce Kent, reminds us that working in the interests of peace and justice mirrors the example of Christ. The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plough you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

The call from Jesus is radical and subversive of the call of the world to allegiance to political elites, militarism, globalism and uncontrolled capitalism. Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back. Have we soft-pedalled his message and reduced it to a comfortable and undemanding compromise with the world?

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.

ST MARK'S 12 NOON MASS SUNDAY 26 JUNE:

Please note that St Mark's 12 noon Mass has had to be moved to Ss Mary & Joseph at 12 noon on Sunday 26 June, due to the late notice of an event taking place at the John F Kennedy school. If you have any concerns please contact the parish. There will also be limited parking in the church car park at Ss Mary & Joseph as there is an event taking place in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor.

ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: The annual Peter's Pence collection takes place on Sunday 26 June. The proceeds of the collection are used to assist the Holy Father in his work. The collection will be taken outside the church as you leave, so that it is separate from your regular Sunday Offering, which is for the needs of the parish.

SS PETER & PAUL: The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. St Peter, Prince of Apostles, Patron of the Diocese. Wednesday 29 June. The church invites us to attend Mass on this day to give thanks to Almighty God for the supernatural graces given to SS Peter and Paul. St Peter, who denied Christ three times, is the first of the popes and St Paul, complicit in murder, took the Good News to the non-Jews following his dramatic conversion. They are key people called by Jesus Christ for the establishment and extension of his church throughout the world. To celebrate this great Catholic solemnity, Mass will be celebrated at 10am and 8pm at Boxmoor. It is only right that we should come together on this day, just as we do on Sunday, to give thanks to God for the witness of these apostles and martyrs. The

election to the papacy of Pope Francis is also observed on this day.

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?

SAVE THE DATE: Marriage Encounter are hosting a non-residential marriage enrichment weekend on 16/17 July 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity for couples to spend time reflecting on, refreshing and rejoicing in their wonderful vocation. For more details go to: <https://wwme.org.uk/weekend/me-weekendhend-on-16th-to-17th-july-2022/>

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!

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR: The St Rose's Governing Board is seeking to appoint a volunteer Foundation Governor. For a role description, or to find out more, please contact Dr Sarah Kelly at sarahk@stroses.herts.sch.uk or call the school on 398855.

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 do her best to accommodate it.

Prayer

May the Virgin Mary, solace of migrants, help us discover the face of her Son in all our brothers and sisters forced to flee their homeland because of the many injustices that continue to afflict our world.

Amen

(Pope Francis)

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	8:18 -22
Tues:	Matthew	8:23 -27
Wed:	John	21:15-19
Thurs:	Matthew	9:1-8
Fri:	Matthew	9:9-13
Sat:	Matthew	9:14-17
Sunday:	Luke	10:1-12,17-20

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

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 26 Jun	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SMSJ) 12 noon	Marie Crowley (RIP) Eamon Keegan (RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo
MON 27 Jun	St John Southworth	(SMSJ) 10am	Gwyneth Wright (RIP)
TUE 28 Jun	St Irenaeus	(SMSJ) 10am	
WED 29 Jun	SS PETER & PAUL	(SMSJ) 10am (SMSJ) 8pm	Mary Kerwick (RIP)
THU 30 Jun	feria		No Public Mass
FRI 1 July	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	(SMSJ) 10AM	Melvin Rodrigues (Thanksgiving)
SAT 2 July	feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	
SUN 3 July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Richard McQuinn (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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