

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
3 July 2022

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TODAY'S MASS

**Your peace will
rest on that man**

Fr Brian writes....

This Sunday we welcome Fr Emmanuel Ahua, who will make a Mission Appeal and collection to assist the essential missionary work of The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers.) The collection will be taken after Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language last week about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel. Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. They have to demonstrate total focus on the mission given to them by Jesus. Jesus makes demands on them. When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name, who said that he watched Satan fall like lightning. Jesus may have sent the 72 out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given real supernatural power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions. This power continues today in the baptised and particularly in the sacraments and the ordained ministers of the Church who administer them. But we must remember that a key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. You are those workers. Will you answer the call?

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.

SYNOD UPDATE! The bishops of England and Wales have produced a National Synthesis of diocesan responses, based on parish Listening Sessions. It has been sent to Rome as a contribution to the next steps in the unfolding Synod process. You'll find the link to it here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf> Sign up for e-alerts to read it online! A hard copy will be left in the parish church to read for those who are visiting the church or do not use the internet. Do keep up to speed with this 'current of grace' by reading the latest info at this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/>

SEA SUNDAY: There will be a collection on the weekend of 9/10 July for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work. If you would like to donate, there will a collection as you leave church or do use the envelopes available at the back of the church. You can also donate online at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk. Thank you for your generosity and remembering seafarers in your prayers.

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-weekendhendons-16th-to-17th-july-2022/>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022-2023 PARISH OF HEMEL WEST: The shared First Holy Communion programme between the parishes of Hemel West and Hemel East has now come to an end. For the Hemel West parish the First Holy Communion Programme 2022-2023, for children in year 3, will open on Tuesday 5 July and close on Sunday 31 July. A link to the online registration will be provided via the Hemel West parish website e-alert system on Tuesday 5 July. Do make sure you are signed up for e-alerts by visiting the Hemel West parish website and scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking 'Subscribe to Alerts'.://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempesteadwest/

There will be an introductory meeting for parents (not children) on Tuesday 13 September in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor between 7.30pm and 9pm, to explain the details of the programme, including dates, times and location of the preparation sessions for parents and children. Questions about the programme will only be answered then and not before, so please avoid ringing or emailing the parish at this stage. It is essential that if your child is to make their First Holy Communion in the summer of 2023, then at least one parent attends the meeting. Holy Communion Masses will take place provisionally on the weekend of the 15/16 July 2023. Places will be allocated. The numbers of guests allowed will be notified once we know how many children are on the programme.

Please note that only children living within the parish of Hemel West will be permitted onto the Hemel West parish First Holy Communion programme, or those children whose parents live elsewhere and are known to me, Fr Brian, and have consistently attended Mass at the Hemel West parish churches i.e. SS Mary & Joseph and St Mark. The parish boundary map will also be published at the time registration 'goes live' so that you can check which parish you are resident in, should there be doubt.

There are separate arrangements being made for the Hemel East parish, so do look out for any communications from that parish by regularly visiting their website, if you are an existing parishioner of Hemel East: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/mpsteadeast/>

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.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE: We will go before God to be judged, and God will ask us "Where are your wounds?" And we will say "We have no wounds". And God will ask Was nothing worth fighting for" Rev Allan Boesak, South Africa

Reflection

Laying our hearts totally open to God, leads to a love of ourselves that enables us to give wholehearted love to our fellow human beings.

(Henri Nouwen)

Prayer

God of wisdom, you gave us your Son, to show us how to love.

Help us to listen deeply to Him and learn how to choose His way of forgiveness and generosity.

Amen

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 9:18 -26
Tues: Matthew 9:32 -38
Wed: John 10:1-7
Thurs: Matthew 10:715
Fri: Matthew 10:16-23
Sat: Matthew 10:24-33
Sunday Luke 10:25-37

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 |
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| 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

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| SUN 3 July | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | (SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SMSJ) 12 noon | Barry Cryer (90th Birthday) Pro Populo Richard McQuinn (RIP) |
| MON 4 July | feria | (SMSJ) 10am | |
| TUE 5 July | feria | (SMSJ) 10am | |
| WED 6 July | feria | (SMSJ) 10am | |
| THU 7 July | feria | | No Public Mass |
| FRI 8 July | feria | (SMSJ) 10am | Fernandes Family (Thanksgiving) |
| SAT 10 July | feria | (SMSJ) 6pm | Kathy Wesch (RIP) |
| SUN 11 July | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon | Pro Populo John-William Joyce (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

MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

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