

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST**  
**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**17 July 2022**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year C  
Weekday readings  
Year 2  
Divine Office  
Week 4

***TODAY'S MASS***

**Martha works;  
Mary listens**



**Gospel**

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

# 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.**

## **REGISTRATION FOR THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022-2023:**

Registration for the Hemel West parish First Holy Communion Programme 2022-2023, is now open and will run until Sunday 31 July. Here is the link to the News and Events section of the parish website, so that you can register your child <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemel Hempstead West/news/> Do remember to sign up for parish e-alerts too, so that you are always up to speed with the latest information about your parish! Questions about the programme will be answered at the initial parents meeting in September, so please avoid ringing or emailing the parish at this stage with questions.

**SS MARY & JOSEPH CHURCH:** The church was found unlocked on Thursday afternoon. Under no circumstances should the church be opened by any parishioner without permission from Fr Brian or Shirley once the church has been locked. If you have any concerns please contact Fr Brian.

**SIMPLE GUIDE TO CONFESSION:** You'll find in church a leaflet produced by Westminster Cathedral to assist you in making your sacramental Confession. I hope you find it helpful. I found it useful to review my practice of making my own Confession. Do help yourself to one. Parents registering for the First Holy Communion programme will particularly find it helpful, as they can speak with their children at the appropriate time of their own experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and help to prepare their children. Remember, it is Christ himself who gave us this sacrament (John 20:23) for the forgiveness of sins committed after baptism.

**CHURCH SECURITY BARRIER:** There is no need to move the barrier posts in the church from their location, to do so defeats their purpose. Please leave them where they have been placed and avoid moving them so that there are no gaps either side. They only need to be moved for cleaner access. The retractable safety belt just needs to be lifted up from its connector. It will then retract with very little assistance into the barrier post of origin. To re-secure the safety belt the end of Mass, just pull the retractable safety belt out of a barrier post and stretch it across to the opposite barrier post, sliding it down on a connecting point. The accompanying sign should then be placed in front of the security barrier. I will not patronise you by offering in-person or online training sessions, as practice makes perfect!

## **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 – LOOKING TO LISBON:**

World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage. These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk). Please apply by 31 July 2022.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS:** A big thank you to the pupils, parents and staff of St Rose's, St Cuthbert

Mayne and John F Kennedy schools who joined the Catholic community of Hemel West last week, with a tremendous contribution to the Dens Food Bank. It was a clear demonstration of what we can achieve when we come together.

**DENS:** On behalf of the Fundraising team and everyone at DENS, thank you, and all at St Marks, for your kind donation of £35 from your coffee morning. This will go a long way to helping local people access our services, whether that's due to someone facing homelessness, poverty or social exclusion.

**CHURCH KEYS & HALLS KEYS:** There are still keys that have not been returned to the parish office. 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.

### Reflection

In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger and hatred, we have the privilege vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.

Henri Nouwen

### Prayer

God of love and Father to all, you made humankind in your image and likeness. Grant that I may love all, as my neighbour, especially those who I most struggle to see goodness in, and the poor, who are so often forgotten.

Amen

(CAFOD)

**JUSTICE & PEACE:-** "God is not accountable to us for the senseless harm we cause one another. We are accountable to God" - Etty Hillesum, Concentration Camp Victim, An Interrupted life.

**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	12:38 -42
Tues.	Matthew	12:46 - 50
Wed.	Matthew	13:1 - 9
Thurs.	Matthew	13:10 - 17
Fri.	Matthew	13:18- 23
Sat.	Matthew	13:24 - 30
Sunday	Luke	11:1 - 13

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>£275.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash &amp; Contactless</b>	<b>£1,476.70</b>
<b>Standing Orders</b>	<b>£4,062.02</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,813.72</b>

### 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
<b>Monday</b> 12 noon-6pm	<b>Monday</b> 3pm-6pm
<b>Tuesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Tuesday</b> Closed
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm
<b>Thursday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Thursday</b> 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Friday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Friday</b> 9.30am-12.30pm

## HOLY MASS

<b>SUN 17 July</b>	<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SMSJ) 12 noon	Michael & Bridget Gavin (RIP) Pro Populo Private Intention Margaret Mary Moriarty (1st RIP ANNIV)
<b>MON 18 July</b>	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	John Luke-McDonald (RIP) & Ellen Luke-McDonald (10th Wedding)
<b>TUE 19 July</b>	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	In Thanksgiving on the 10th anniversary of Fr Brian's Diaconal Ordination
<b>WED 20 July</b>	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Funeral for Rose Kenny (RIP)
<b>THU 21 July</b>	feria		No Public Mass
<b>FRI 22 July</b>	ST MARY MAGDALENE	(SMSJ) 10am	Funeral For Bridget Connolly (RIP)
<b>SAT 23 July</b>	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	(SMSJ) 6pm	Zenon Dudek (6th RIP ANNIV)
<b>SUN 24 July</b>	<b>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo <i>No intention call the office to book</i> <i>No intention call the office to book</i>

**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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