

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

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TODAY'S MASS

Lord, teach us to pray

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

How to pray

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them:

'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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 is only open to parents from the Hemel West parish. The 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

FR BRIAN AWAY OVER THE SUMMER: Fr Brian will be away between Sunday 24 and Saturday 30 July, and he will also be away between Monday 8 August and Friday 26 August.

PARISH NEWSLETTER: Please note that there will not be a parish newsletter during August. The next newsletter will be on the weekend of 3/4 September.

PARISH OFFICE: The parish office will be closed from Friday 12 August until Friday 19 August and will also be closed from Friday 26 August until Monday 29 August.

BAPTISM: The next baptisms will take place on 8 and 15 October, 11am at Ss Mary & Joseph. Please call the parish office to book if you have completed the Baptism Preparation Class.

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. Please apply by 31 July 2022.

CAFOD: WORLD FOOD CRISIS WHAT CAN YOU

DO: Your support today can help our local experts stop this crisis turning into one of the worst humanitarian tragedies we have ever seen. Raise your voice and demand the Government take action to provide urgent help and fix the food system. Write to your MP and please pray and keep all the families affected by this crisis in your prayers. Please continue to support in any way you can more information can be found at cafod.org.uk.

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.

Prayer

Loving Father, during this time of rest and relaxation, please repair in me what is weary or broken and revive my drooping spirit.

Let this holiday be a graced time of recollection and rejuvenation, of deeper self-awareness and eager self-giving.

May it be an occasion of refreshment and reinvigoration – a time to reclaim my friendship with Jesus Christ, who is our Lord now and forever.

Amen

"Every day God passes by and sows a seed in the soil of our lives. Making that seed grow depends on us, on our prayer, on the open heart with which we approach the Scriptures so that it might become for us the Living Word".

Pope Francis

JUSTICE & PEACE: " Christ our Lord did not come to bring peace to the world as a kind of spiritual tranquilliser. He brought to his disciples a vocation and a task- to struggle in the world of violence to establish his peace not only in their own hearts but in society itself." Thomas Merton

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	13:31 - 35
Tues.	Matthew	13:36 - 43
Wed.	Matthew	13:44 - 46
Thurs.	Matthew	13:47 - 53
Fri.	Matthew	13:54 - 58
Sat.	Matthew	14:1 - 12
Sunday	Luke	12:13 - 21

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 24 July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SMSJ) 12 noon	Zenon Dudek (6th RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo
MON 25 July	ST JAMES	(SMSJ) 10am	Mary Gardner (RIP)
TUE 26 July	Ss Joachim & Anne	(SMSJ) 10am	No intention, call the office to book
WED 27 July	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	June Proctor (RIP)
THU 28 July	feria		No Public Mass
FRI 29 July	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	(SMSJ) 10am	No intention, call the office to book
SAT 30 July	feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	May & Len Chalkright (RIP ANNIV)
SUN 31 July	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo No intention, call the office to book No intention, call the office to book

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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