

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
6 November 2022

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TODAY'S MASS

**He is God, not of the dead,
but of the living**

NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Fr Brian writes....

It is now November, when we remember the **Holy Souls** who are in Purgatory. Amongst them may be members of our deceased family and friends, just as many of our family and friends may already be in Heaven and we celebrated them at Mass on **All Saints**. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of Heaven. Purgatory is not eternal. Its duration varies according to the nature of our particular judgment, immediately following our death. It is a time of mercy to enable us to be purified of all attachments to sin and desire only God himself, so that we may enter Heaven. Our deceased family and friends, if they are in Purgatory, are completely in the hands of God and therefore rely on our prayers for the repose of their souls. I encourage you to write their names on the purple sheets provided and place them directly into the white Parish Prayer Box. The box will be placed at the foot of the altar and the names of loved ones remembered at all Masses during November. If you would like to make an offering, then please place it in the blue 'how you can help our parish' envelope, and pop it into the offertory basket or better still use the contactless machine. Please tick the Holy Souls box on the envelope and Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer. An offering of £10 or more is suggested. Please note that it is not necessary to make a donation and your list of names can be put into the white Parish Prayer Box directly, without making an offering. Please do not place any money in the Prayer Box as it will be stolen by thieves. Money always into the collection basket, please.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: The next Baptism Preparation Class will take place on Monday 12 December, 7.30pm until 9pm via Zoom. You must provide your **email** address when making your booking to enable the Zoom link to be sent to you nearer the time. Full details can be found at the link <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/sacramental-prep/baptism-preparation/> or go to the parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/> where your attendance can be booked on the Events page.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE: Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services of the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. We know that coping with the cost-of-living-crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter, but if you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we would love to hear from you. Please visit <https://siog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

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.

PLANNED GIVING DRIVE

This weekend we launch our Planned Giving Drive, focusing on how we contribute to the parish from our ***time, talents and treasure***. I will introduce it this Sunday and next week Katy Kent, from the Parish Finance Committee, will speak to us in greater detail. In week three I will bring it all together and enable us to record our commitment in terms of our ***time, talents and treasure***. We will do this in a spirit of prayer during Mass.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS: There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/ donations or scan the QR Code on the poster in the church foyer to donate. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

WEDNESDAY WEEKDAY MASS: A reminder that the Wednesday Mass is now held at St Mark's church, in the grounds of John F Kennedy school, during **term-time only** at 1.30pm. This will be followed by hospitality in the parish room. Parking is available in the local area. Please be at the main reception of the school for no later than 1.15pm. From there Callum Moore will escort you down to St Marks for Mass. Do note that outside of term-time, Mass will revert to 10am at Boxmoor. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for any variations to Mass schedules, or

alternatively check Mass times on the parish website.

PARISH PRAYER BOX – NEW INITIATIVE FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC):

Requests for prayers for the deceased, sick, or general private intentions can be placed in the new white Prayer Box. You can find the prayer box at the back of the church. It will be brought forward on Sundays with the Offertory gifts of bread and wine and placed on the sanctuary. In this way, prayers, general requests and intentions of the community can be offered to Almighty God along with the gifts of bread and wine during the Offertory. As God through the power of the Holy Spirit transforms the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, we pray that he transforms and grants our prayers to his glory. There is a 'prayer form' available by the Prayer Box for use, if you so wish, or you can place what you have already written into the Prayer Box. **Note:** This initiative does not replace, but complements the request for the priest to offer a Mass for any specific Mass intention that you have, normally supported by an offering/stipend of £10. Such Mass offerings should always be arranged directly with Shirley Bailey, the Parish Administrator on 01442 391 759. Please do not place money into the box, unless specifically instructed to do so. For privacy and confidentiality, the box will be kept locked and emptied at the end of each month and the contents securely recycled. We hope you appreciate this initiative from the PPC as we work to build community and respond to suggestions from across the parish of Hemel West.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: There will be a brief service of Remembrance for all the fallen of WW1 & WW2 and later conflicts on Sunday 13 November. This will take place in the small garden at Boxmoor immediately after the 10.15am Mass. A poppy wreath will be blessed and placed on the memorial wall plaque. Details of six young parishioners who gave their lives in WW1 are on the plaque.

SCHOOLS

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2024/25: The Proposed Admission Policy documents are available on the link: St Cuthbert Mayne School Admissions 2024-2025 Consultation.

ST ALBERT THE GREAT SCHOOL: We invite you to join our school tour for Reception 2023. Please call 264 835 or email admin@albertthegreat.herts.sch.uk to book. Applications close on Sunday 15 January.

ST ALBERT THE GREAT SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2024/25: The proposed arrangements and more information are available on the school website: <https://albertthegreat.herts.sch.uk/>

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR INFANT SCHOOL: If you are a parent who is looking to have your child attend a Catholic school in September 2023, you will find it helpful to read the guidance for the issuing of such a document, on the Hemel West parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/> and click on the link [hemelhempsteadwest/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/certificate-of-catholic-practice/) Requests for CCP opened on Tuesday 1 November and will close on Monday 21 November. The closing date to collect certificates from the parish office, behind the Parish Centre, Boxmoor, will be Thursday 1 December 2022.

THANK YOU to St Rose's, St Cuthbert Mayne and John F Kennedy schools for their generous contributions to DENS.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday 7 November.

CAFOD: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sunday coffee morning in October, to raise money for CAFOD. The total raised was £75.

Prayer

Dear God, grant us the privilege of breaking bread with those who the powerful have marginalised. Amen

Please join us for tea/coffee, in St Joseph's Hall after the 10.15am Mass. All are welcome.

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. Luke 17: 1-6
Tues. Luke 17: 7-10
Wed. Luke 17: 11-19
Thurs. Luke 17: 20-25
Fri. Luke 17: 26-37
Sat. Luke 18: 1-8
Sun Luke 21: 5-19

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 6 Nov | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | (SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SMSJ) 12 noon | Pray for the Utilities Companies Pro Populo The Faithful Departed Jack O'Malley (RIP) |
| MON 7 Nov | feria | (SMSJ) 10am | Funeral for Joe Smyth (RIP) |
| TUE 8 Nov | feria | (SMSJ) 10am | Ernest Gruber (RIP) |
| WED 9 Nov | THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA | (SM) 1.30pm | In honour the Holy Trinity |
| THU 10 Nov | St Leo the Great | | No Public Mass |
| FRI 11 Nov | St Martin of Tours | (SMSJ) 10am | Joanne-Pascale Threnchard (RIP) |
| SAT 12 Nov | St Josaphat | (SMSJ) 6pm | Baby Joshua Jones (16th RIP ANNIV) |
| SUN 13 Nov | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon | Pro Populo Holy Souls Michael Prindiville (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

MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH


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