

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST**  
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
**20 November 2022**

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



***TODAY'S MASS***  
  
**'Today you will be  
with me in paradise'**

**Christ the King**

Fr Brian writes....

Today we arrive at the end of the Church year, when we celebrate the glorious Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, a new Church year, when we prepare for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnated Son and second person of the Blessed Trinity. Today's solemnity was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, the sixteenth centenary of the Council of Nicaea 325 AD. The Council of Nicaea was convened by the emperor Constantine to resolve the controversy of Arianism, a heresy that held that Christ was not divine but was a created being, subordinate to the Father. This heresy still exists in some forms even today. We reject this heresy every Sunday when we profess our faith by reciting in the Creed; *"God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father."* Christ's Kingdom begins in this world, but it is not of this world. It begins in the hearts of Christians like us, his followers, who believe in him and obey him. The Church and the saints are living signs of this Kingdom, as buds in springtime are signs of summer. And so, since his Kingdom transcends this world, it makes sense that Christ's throne is different from earthly thrones. Christ's Kingdom is built on the unconquerable power of God's unconditional love for each one of us. On the cross Jesus reveals that love by suffering and dying for our salvation, even while we were still sinners. In the Resurrection he will reveal that unconquerable power. And that's why our King reigns from such a throne.

**Commitment Weekend - Week 3. Planned Giving Drive**

Thank you for listening to Katy Kent from the Parish Finance Committee speak to us at Mass last week, as part of the Planned Giving Drive. Thank you Katy! This week is **Commitment Weekend**. When you come into church you will be given a Week 3 leaflet and a pen and a hymn book to lean on for writing. You will also be given a 'Sharing my Time and Talents' leaflet. I will guide us through the completion of all documentation during the homily period. By this Sunday you will have had an opportunity to read, reflect, discuss, and pray about the messages both verbal and written communicated over the last couple of weeks, as to how you can renew your commitment to the parish of Hemel West from your precious Time, Talents and Treasure. This weekend we bring it all together for the next three years.

# 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.**

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023:**

A number of parents have failed to pay their 'Administrative Fee' for the programme in a timely manner. Please ensure that your payment is made by **Sunday 27 November**. Payment can be made on the parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/> click on the 'Donate' button on the top right-hand side and select 'Other ways to give.' Scroll down to the 'Donate with Dona' button and click on it. Then select 'First Holy Communion' and put £30 into the 'What would you like to give?' box and select 'Donate' and 'Confirm' your payment. Please select 'Do you want to leave a message with your donation?' and enter your child's full name in the message box as the payment reference. Please do not enter any other details. If you are have difficulty affording the 'Administrative Fee' then please notify Fr Brian, so that you are not chased!

**HEMEL WEST PARISH CENSUS 2022:** Thank you for participating in the Hemel West Parish Census 2022 last Sunday. If you were not able to get to Mass last Sunday or worshipped elsewhere and are a permanent member of the Hemel West parish, please take a Census form and complete it. Please hand it to Fr Brian or place it in the collection basket.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The parish office will be closed on Monday 21 November.

**WHITE PARISH PRAYER BOX: They want to steal your money.** Please do not put any money in the white Parish Prayer Box, as it will be stolen by thieves! Money should be put into the collection basket or handed into the parish office during

office hours, as detailed in the parish newsletter. Better still use the contactless machine to reduce cash-handling where possible.

## **PARISH FUEL FUND - Assistance for parishioners:**

A few small donations have enabled the parish to open a Parish Fuel Fund and make grants. If a little help towards your fuel bill means you have a little more for food and other necessities, please ask for assistance. Any parishioner requiring a small grant from the fund should contact Fr Brian on 01442 391 759. There will be no means-testing, or request to see your fuel bill. You simply need to be a member of the parish of Hemel West. If the assistance that the Government is paying to some individuals is more than you yourself urgently need, you may consider contributing to the fund so that parishioners in need can benefit. Do contact Shirley if you wish to contribute to the Parish Fuel Fund. I have 'restricted' the Parish Fuel Fund within the parish accounts so that it cannot be used for any other purpose.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEMEL HEMPSTEAD:** If you would like to contribute to the plans for the CTHH Good Friday witness event 2023, please come to The Church of the Resurrection Grovehill Wednesday 23 November, at 7.30pm. If you have suggestions, please come along and be prepared to help make them a reality on Good Friday 2023.

**FIRE DRILL IN DECEMBER:** Get ready for a fire drill on the 3/4 December at the end of all Masses! When you hear the alarm sound, leave the church calmly but immediately via the nearest fire exit, not stopping to collect any items. Please do not re-enter the church once you have left, but disperse from the area around exits, avoiding bottlenecks, to allow people behind you to get out of the church to a place of safety. This is a necessary exercise to fulfil our legal duty of care under fire safety legislation. We are aiming to completely evacuate the church within 2 minutes 30 seconds.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you would like to make our churches lovely for Christmas, do contribute to the Christmas Flower Fund by putting your donation in the dedicated envelope or you can donate online with the message: CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. Here's the link: <https://>

parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/donate/

**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 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.

**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/hemelhempsteadwest/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/) Requests for CCP 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.

**CONFIRMATION 2023:** The confirmation preparation course for the Hemel parishes will be running from the 27 February 2023, on Monday evenings from 6.30pm until 8pm. Candidates are expected to attend all sessions as well as weekly Mass. If anyone in years 9 up to the age of 18 would like to take part in the programme please fill in the form following the link: <https://forms.gle/qAs6NzaiXVqNzMq76> If you would like further information please contact Callum at [cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk). The parent's information evening will be on the 12 December, 6.30pm at St Marks Church.

#### Prayer

Dear Lord, may we recognise the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects and shared dreams.

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 21: 1-4  
Tues. Luke 21: 5-11  
Wed. Luke 21:12-19  
Thurs. Luke 21: 20-28  
Fri. Luke 21: 29-33  
Sat. Luke 21: 34-36  
Sun. Matthew 24: 37-44

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

Loose Cash & Contactless	£2,376.65
Standing Orders	£4,011.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,388.47</b>

Thank you very much for your generous Sunday Offering. May God Bless you!

**N.B** Please consider making your Offering via Standing Order (with Gift Aid if a tax payer) or via Contactless, loose cash.

#### 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
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

<b>SUN 20 Nov</b>	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe</b>	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon (SM) 12 noon	William & Bella Hegarty (RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo The Faithful Departed 1 Baptism
<b>MON 21 Nov</b>	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	(SMSJ) 10am	Spencer Anthony (RIP ANNIV)
<b>TUE 22 Nov</b>	St Cecilia	(SMSJ) 10am	Pray for Good Eyesight
<b>WED 23 Nov</b>	feria	(SM) 1.30pm	Maureen Lucy (RIP)
<b>THU 24 Nov</b>	St Andrew Dũng-Lạc		No Public Mass
<b>FRI 25 Nov</b>	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Funeral for Patricia Susan Shirley (RIP)
<b>SAT 26 Nov</b>	feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	John Sweeney (RIP ANNIV)
<b>SUN 27 Nov</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Yvonne Wicks (RIP ANNIV) Pauline Ward & Coskeran Family (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](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


**Parish Priest:** Fr Brian McMahon      [brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk) ( Opt 3)

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**Hall Bookings:** via Shirley or [hemelwesthallbookings@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hemelwesthallbookings@rcdow.org.uk) (In Office Hours)

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