

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 15 January 2023

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
Year 1  
Divine Office  
Week 2



### TODAY'S MASS

'Look: there is the  
Lamb of God'

Peace Sunday 15 January, 2023

This Sunday is Peace Sunday and the Holy Father's 2023 Message for World Peace Day is: **"No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace."** You can download and read the full text <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html>

For those who would like copies of the pope's letter a number have been printed and left at the back of the church. The three phrases that struck me were very simple:

*Only rarely do individuals and societies achieve progress in conditions that generate such feelings of despondency and bitterness, which weaken efforts to ensure peace while provoking social conflict, frustration and various forms of violence. Indeed, the pandemic seems to have upset even the most peaceful parts of our world, and exposed any number of forms of fragility.*

This experience has made us all the more aware of the need for everyone, including peoples and nations, to restore the word "together" to a central place. For it is together, in fraternity and solidarity, that we build peace, ensure justice and emerge from the greatest disasters. Indeed, the most effective responses to the pandemic came from social groups, public and private institutions, and international organizations that put aside their particular interests and joined forces to meet the challenges. Only the peace that comes from a fraternal and disinterested love can help us overcome personal, societal and global crises.

*Certainly, after directly experiencing the fragility of our own lives and the world around us, we can say that the greatest lesson we learned from Covid-19 was the realization that we all need one another. That our greatest and yet most fragile treasure is our shared humanity as brothers and sisters, children of God. And that none of us can be saved alone. Consequently, we urgently need to join together in seeking and promoting the universal values that can guide the growth of this human fraternity. We also learned that the trust we put in progress, technology and the effects of globalization was not only excessive, but turned into an individualistic and idolatrous intoxication, compromising the very promise of justice, harmony and peace that we so ardently sought. In our fast-paced world, the widespread problems of inequality, injustice, poverty and marginalization continue to fuel unrest and conflict, and generate violence and even wars.*

Peace Sunday is promoted with the support of the International Affairs Department of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

# 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.**

**FRIDAY 20 JANUARY:** Please note there will **not** be a 10am Mass on Friday 20 January, at Ss Mary & Joseph church due to electrical works being carried out in the church.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** to Callum Moore who has been appointed on a part-time basis as Pastoral Assistant Catechetical Co-Ordinator for the parish of Hemel West. Whilst Callum will be retained by the diocese at the Catholic secondary school of JFK, he will also be contactable for many Hemel West parish related factors at [cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk). Callum's role will be to manage the catechetical offer for all age groups across the parish. Initially this will start at 40 hours per month. As his role grows it will increase to 60 hours per month. The purpose of catechesis is to make a person's faith become "living, conscious, and active, through the light of Christian instruction."

**YEAR BOOK:** The Westminster 2023 Year book is available to purchase from the parish office at the cost of £5.

**ONLINE CATECHETICS TEAM:** We are keen to build a 'Catechetics Team' to script and/or record videos with us on various aspects of the faith. These would go up on our youtube channel 'Benedictine Wisdom'. Videos are animated so it wouldn't have to be on camera. Any help is appreciated! Please email me Callum Moore, Pastoral Assistant and Catechetical Coordinator at [cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk) for more details.

**ONLINE FORMATION:** Answering Jack's question on 'Why do we have a pope?' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXi698GQUJ8&t=145s>

**CARITAS:** The Caritas Annual General Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday 23 January, at 7.45pm. The speaker will be Dena Tyler M.B.E. from Dacorum Community Trust. Please go to the

link below to join the meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89297160973>

**DENS:** You are invited to take part in our **NEW DENS** Duathlon on Saturday 28 January, from 7.30am. Please follow the link <https://www.dens.org.uk/event/duathlon/> to register. Join us for an action packed morning in Potten End. Every penny raised will make a big difference to individuals and families facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion. We hope to see you there. You can contact our fundraising team at [fundraising@dens.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@dens.org.uk) with any questions you may have.

**CAFOD:** We would like to thank all of the parishioners of Hemel West for your generous support for CAFOD this year, and for your generous donation of £1,198 which we have received.

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** We meet in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor on Tuesdays from 2.15pm until 4pm to read and discuss the readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome to join us.

**JUSTICE & PEACE 19 JANUARY, 5pm-6.30pm:** Centre for Catholic Studies Online Seminar 'Doing THE work: Anti-racism and the Catholic Church' with Dr Tia Noelle Pratt - Dr Pratt, will discuss her research regarding systemic racism in the U.S. Catholic Church and its impact on African American Catholics. She will also discuss ways to engage the Church in anti-racism efforts. All are welcome. Register on Eventbrite.

**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.

**BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES:** If your child has recently been baptised and you need a baptismal certificate, please send the full name of the child, parents, godparents and full address to [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) and she will arrange a certificate for you.

**THOSE UNWELL AT HOME, OR IN CARE HOMES:**

Just a reminder to please let Fr Brian know of anyone who is chronically unwell and unable to get to church, so that he can arrange to visit them.

**GOING TO HOSPITAL?** If you are going into Hospital do ask to see Theresa Taylor-Brookes the Catholic Chaplain. Please call the Chaplaincy office on 01923 217994 or 07776598704 for Watford and St Albans.

**Prayer**

May we become Instruments of Peace.

God, our Creator and Redeemer, may we see the sorrow of war in the eyes of those who suffer, and have known only violence in their lives.

Give us a voice for those who have no voice and are not heard; those who know that there is no tomorrow in war, and that the violence of weapons destroys both the beauty of creation and the joy of life.

That way, with your help, will we become true instruments of your peace.

Amen

(Pax Christi 2023 Prayer Card)

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.	Mark	2:18 - 22
Tues.	Mark	2: 23 - 28
Wed.	Mark	3:1 - 6
Thurs.	Mark	3:7 - 12
Fri.	Mark	3:13- 19
Sat.	Mark	3: 20-21
Sun	Matthew	4: 12 - 23

**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](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 15 Jan</b>	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(SMSJ) 6pm <b>(Sat vigil)</b> (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Edward Stokes (RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo Margaret McMahon (RIP) Pray for Media & Telephone Companies
<b>MON 16 Jan</b>	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Elizabeth Crane (Sick)
<b>TUE 17 Jan</b>	St Anthony	(SMSJ) 10am	John Luke-McDonald (RIP)
<b>WED 18 Jan</b>	feria	(SM) 1.30pm	Barry O'Dwyer (1st RIP ANNIV)
<b>THU 19 Jan</b>	feria		No public Mass
<b>FRI 20 Jan</b>	feria		No public Mass
<b>SAT 21 Jan</b>	St Agnes	(SMSJ) 6pm	Irene Wilkins (RIP)
<b>SUN 22 Jan</b>	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon (SM) 12 noon	Michael Flannery (RIP ANNIV) Olga Percy (RIP) Pro Populo Baptism

**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.

### MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

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


**Parish Administrator:** Shirley Bailey      [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) ( Opt 2)

**Parish Catechetical Coordinator & Pastoral Assistant:** Callum Moore      [cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk)

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

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