



LOVE IN ACTION!

Hello friends!

This is the second weekend, of **LOVE IN ACTION!**

What is Love in Action?

Love in Action is an engagement programme which is designed to introduce the parish to the principles of **Catholic Social Teaching (CST)**. Our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Do remember that poverty comes in many different disguises. Following in the footsteps of Christ, we hope to make present in our unjust and broken world, the justice, love and peace of God.

What are the principles of Catholic social teaching?

Modern Catholic social teaching is said to have originated in 1891 with the encyclical letter, *Rerum Novarum*, written by Pope Leo XIII. Do read it my friends! https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html Since then, a wealth of teaching from the Church continues to give new life to the Scriptures and shape the Church's response to our modern world. From Catholic social teaching documents, we derive core principles. They are: Dignity. Community and Participation. **Dignity of Workers. Solidarity and Peace. Care of Creation. Option for the Poor.**

Why 'Love in Action'?

As members of the Catholic Church, we are all called upon to preserve the dignity of all human beings, to care for creation, and to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need. These principles form part of CST, a body of work developed by Church leaders over the centuries. Pope Francis emphasises that it is our duty to work together to bring about a more just and peaceful world: to put **love** into **action**.

How does it work?

Through **Love in Action**, we are introduced to the six principles of CST through Sunday Mass. Each week we will explore a different theme from CST, as preached in a homily during Sunday Mass by Fr Brian. This week we will be looking at Community and Participation. So, stay awake!

What happens when the programme finishes?

At the end of the homily period the Parish Pastoral Council will invite you to a workshop which will help you to consider how the principles of CST can be put into practice in this parish. There is much that you are doing every day and perhaps the Holy Spirit is calling us to get behind it. Thank you for that! You will be given the resources to help you work together to recognise the needs in your parish or local area, and to plan achievable and effective social actions. All this helps to show that Jesus is Alive!

Fr Brian
Parish Priest

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.

SAVE THE DATE: ST JOSEPH'S INTERNATIONAL FOOD CELEBRATION: Saturday 18 March, 6pm until 9pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. To celebrate one of our parishes patron saints after the 6pm Mass. Please bring and share international food. There will be a quiz on the night and further details will follow.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: Saturday 11 February, is the 31st World Day of the Sick, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. There will be a Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2.30pm, celebrated by the Cardinal, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. To help us with planning for the Mass and the anointing, please can you book tickets through the simple booking system, using the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-of-the-sick-with-anointing-tickets-513878322897> Your tickets will be posted to you directly from the Precentor's Office. Please note that when you have booked your tickets you will see a message saying 'your tickets will be waiting for you at the venue's pick-up location on the day of the event.' Unfortunately, this is a message we cannot remove from the Eventbrite website platform. Again, tickets will be **sent** to you in the post.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGY LECTURES AT HEMEL WEST: Hemel West will be hosting the Catholic Theology lecture series starting in February. We are inviting expert theologians as lecturers to look at Catholicism holistically. The program is organised so that each interlink therefore we recommend you attend as many as possible. The lecture is free to attend but we would appreciate a pot of food to share and a donation for the lecturers on the day. Any help on the day will be received gratefully. Please check the Hemel West website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/> for more details. All events will take place in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor starting from 10am until 3pm. Registration will soon be set up. Please see below the dates of the lectures.

18 February, Early Church History, Fr Peter Dwyer
22 April, Later Church History, Fr Peter Dwyer
29 April, New Testament, Fr John Deehan (Kentish Town Parish)

20 May, Old Testament, lecturer, Fr John Hemer (Mill Hill Missionary/Allen Hall).

CHARITY CURRY NIGHT (Charity to be decided): The Curry Garden Berkhamsted 7pm on Monday 20 March. The cost will £16 per head and you will need to pay for your own drinks. There will be a raffle and a quiz. Please contact Tony or Linda on 246351 or email buckhse104@gmail.com to book a place.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The 3rd Boxmoor Scout Group are looking for volunteers to join their team. If you are passionate about giving young people skills for Life then this could be for you. No scouting experience necessary as training will be provided. For more details contact moore_deborah@icloud.com.

MARY'S MEALS: Thank you so much to the parish of Hemel West for your precious gift of £680.90, which is helping us to transform the lives of hungry children around the world with a nutritious daily meal in school.

BAPTISM: Please note there will not be any baptisms until after the Easter Vigil, unless there is an emergency.

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 Christian witnesses (if appointed) and full address to shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk and she will arrange a certificate for you.

LITTLE CHURCH: Maria Lawler will soon be starting a fortnightly Little Church at the 10.15am Mass. The content will be aimed at children between the ages of 4-7 years old. We are keen to expand our team to gradually increase its regularity and remit.

ALTAR SERVERS: We are blessed to have over 10 servers across our Masses but are always keen to grow our ranks. As long as you or your child has received first holy communion you are welcome to join in.

ALTAR SERVER MCs: If you are over 18 and have experience as an Altar Server we are keen to expand our number of 'Master of Ceremonies', ideally so we have one at each of the Sunday Masses. Training can be provided.

Please email Callum Moore for more information on any of the above at cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk.

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.

Racial Justice Sunday 5 February

"All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together."

Prayer

God of our past, present and future, you created each one of us in your image and likeness, help us to recognise you in each person.

As we pray for an end to suffering caused by racism lead us this day to walk with one another, pray with one another and work together, so that we create a future based on justice and healing, where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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. Mark	6:53 - 56
Tues. Mark	7:1 - 13
Wed. Mark	7:14 - 23
Thurs. Mark	7:24 - 30
Fri. Mark	7:31 - 37
Sat. Mark	8:11 - 13
Sun Matthew	5: 17 - 37

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 5 Feb	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 6pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon (SM) 12 noon	Fr Brian Reynolds (INT) Pro Populo Robert Frampton (4th RIP ANNIV) Baptism
MON 6 Feb	St Paul Miki & Companions	(SMSJ) 10am	
TUE 7 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Donovan Allen (1st RIP ANNIV)
WED 8 Feb	feria	(SM) 1.30pm	
THU 9 Feb	feria		No public Mass
FRI 10 Feb	St Scholastica	(SMSJ) 10am	
SAT 11 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	
SUN 12 Feb	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo

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.

MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Parish Administrator: Shirley Bailey shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk (Opt 2)

Parish Catechetical Coordinator & Pastoral Assistant: Callum Moore cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk

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

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