



LOVE IN ACTION!

Hello friends!

This is the third 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 Solidarity and Peace. 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.

CAFOD APPEAL: Syria/Turkey Emergency Appeal. More than 17, 000 have died and many more injured. CAFOD's Emergency Response Team are currently assessing needs on the ground. Please consider donating to CAFOD today as we Pray for our suffering brothers and sisters at this time. Donate to Syria-Turkey Appeal at cafod.org.uk

CAFOD: The CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day is Friday 3 March, and we will be making appeals at all Masses all on the weekend of 25/26 February.

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 next week.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGY LECTURES AT HEMEL WEST: **18 February**, Early Church History, lecturer Fr Peter Dwyer (Historian to the Cardinal)

22 April, Later Church History, lecturer Fr Peter Dwyer

29 April, New Testament, Fr John Deehan (Kentish Town Parish, MA, STB, LSS)

20 May, Old Testament, lecturer, Fr John Hemer (Mill Hill Missionary, LSS)

The Parish of Hemel West will be hosting the Catholic Theology lecture series starting on 18 February. We are inviting expert theologians as lecturers to look at Catholicism holistically. Let's know God so we can truly love Him! The lecture is free to attend but we would appreciate **a pot of food to share and a donation for the lecturers**. Any help on the day will be gratefully received i.e putting out chairs, tidying up, coffee/tea etc. All lectures will be in the **Parish Centre, Boxmoor, HP1 1NR, next to Three Blackbird pub, from 10am until 3pm**. The course is organised so that each topic relates to provide holistic understanding of Catholicism. We recommend you attend as much as possible. To register please go to the link:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/> and select the date of the lecture you wish to attend. **Please see below the recommended pre-attendance reading (not mandatory but would be beneficial).**

For all lectures: Sheed Frank, Theology for Beginners (San Francisco, Ignatius press, 1957), this one is short and easy to read.

Church History - Duffy Eamon, Saints and Sinners, A history of the popes, (London, Yale University Press, 1997). Or, look for the TV series on YouTube by searching "A History of the Popes, Saints & Sinners, upon this rock".

Old Testament - Bible, obviously but try to at least read some of the narrative books (Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Ezra abd Nehemiah).

New Testament - Again, Bible, but try to at least read Matthew, Romans and Revelation.

BAPTISM: There will be baptisms on 23 April and 21 May at St Mark's. Please go to the Events page <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/>

[hemelhempsteadwest/events/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/events/) on the parish website for more details, or contact Shirley in the parish office if you have attended a baptism Preparation Class.

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.

PRAYER BOX: There are prayer forms available at the back of the church. Please place your form into the Prayer Box, and the box will be placed on the alter during the Offertory. The box is emptied at the end of each month. Please note this does not replace the booking of a Mass intention for a departed or love one. If you would like to book a Mass intention, please contact Shirley in the parish office.

DENS: On behalf of everyone at DENS, thank you, to the Parish of Hemel West, for your kind gifts totalling £92.98. We really appreciate your

thoughtfulness to individuals and families who are most in need.

NURSERY TOUR: St Albert the Great Primary school invites you to join them for a school tour of the Nursery for 2023: Thursday 23 February, at 9.15am and Tuesday 7 March, at 2.30pm. Please email admin@albertthegreat.herts.sch.uk or call 264 835 to book. Applications open on Monday 20 February and close on Friday 24 March. Please see the school website for more details.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR ST ALBERT THE GREAT NURSERY 2023:

If you are a parent who is looking to have your child attend St Albert the Great Nursey 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/please-click-on-the-link hemel Hempsteadwest/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/please-click-on-the-link-hemel Hempsteadwest/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/). Requests for CCP will close on Friday 24 March. The closing date to collect certificates from the parish office, behind the Parish Centre, Boxmoor, will be Monday 27 March.

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	8:11 - 13
Tues.	Mark	8:14 - 21
Wed.	Mark	8:22 - 26
Thurs.	Mark	8:27 - 33
Fri.	Mark	8:34 - 9:1
Sat.	Mark	9:2 - 13
Sun	Matthew	5: 38 - 48

Sunday Offertory Collection, Contactless Payments and Standing Orders for January 2023.

Loose Cash & Contactless	£2,433.90
Standing Orders	£4,601.82
Total	£7,035.72

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, rather than loose cash.

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.

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 12 Feb	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 6pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Donovan Allen (1st RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo
MON 13 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Inmaculada Carr (RIP)
TUE 14 Feb	SS CYRIL, Monk and METHODIUS, Bishop	(SMSJ) 10am	
WED 15 Feb	Feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
THU 16 Feb	feria		No public Mass
FRI 17 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Funeral for Elsie Sones (RIP)
SAT 18 Feb	feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	George & Yvonne Xavier (RIP)
SUN 19 Feb	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Dr Ramjan De Zoysa (RIP) Bernard Lewis (RIP) 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 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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