

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
12 March 2023

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TODAY'S MASS
**A spring of water welling
up to eternal life**

Fr Brian writes....

Thank you!

Thank you for coming to worship at last week's Sunday Mass, celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan, as he preached the final topic for **Love In Action; Option for the Poor**. 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 **Catholic Social Teaching**, 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**. Through **Love in Action**, we have been introduced to the six principles of **Catholic Social Teaching** during the Sunday Mass homily, associated with various handouts for reflective prayer. Do come along to the Love in Action **Big Meet Up in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor 7pm until 9.30pm on Tuesday 28 March**, when we will move on with our next steps. See you then!

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.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL: Thank you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. This year's funds will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster, as well as initiatives run by parishes. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to continue this work throughout our Diocese. You can view a short film by clicking on the link: The People of Caritas Westminster - YouTube. Please also see the poster in the church foyer on how you can volunteer in the diocese and help those in need. You can use the QR code on the poster in the church foyer to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

LENT 2023

SS MARY & JOSEPH: During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be on a Friday morning at 10.30am after the 10am Mass at Ss Mary & Joseph.

ST MARK'S: During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be at 7pm on a Thursday evening at St Mark's.

ST MARK'S: Please note there will **not** be a 1.45pm Mass at St Mark's on Wednesday 15 March.

CAFOD: This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church Network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give, and please Pray for CAFOD and their work all over the world. There will be appeals after all Masses this weekend. Please return your envelopes next Weekend.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the parish office will be closed on Friday 17 March.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD CELEBRATION: Saturday 18 March, 6pm until 9pm in the Parish Centre,

Boxmoor. If you have not already signed up for the St Joseph's international food night but would like to come, you can speak to Callum at the end of all Masses this weekend.

LITTLE CHURCH: Little Church will be restarting at the 10.15am Mass. Activities will primarily be aimed at 4-7-year olds. The provisional first dates are: 19 March, 16 & 30 April and 14 & 28 May. There will be provision for children during the 3pm Good Friday Service at Ss Mary & Joseph.

FLAME 2023: We had a fantastic celebration at Wembley last weekend. We took just under 40 Confirmation candidates to the largest Catholic youth gathering in the UK, where there were incredible international speakers, music, Eucharistic Adoration and much more. Thank you to all who helped out!

TOYS NEEDED: We have a growing number of families with young children and would like to offer further care by having an assortment of small toys for them to play with during the tea/coffee after Mass. If you have any going spare please contact Callum at cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk

ST ROSE'S NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2023: If you have a child who is born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 now is the time to apply. Admissions close on Friday 24 March. There is an opportunity to visit our school on Tuesday 21 March, at 9.30am. There is also a virtual tour on the website: Admissions | St Rose's Catholic Infant School (secure-primarysite.net). Please email admin@stroses.herts.sch.uk to book onto a tour.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the parish office will be closed on Thursday 23 March and Friday 24 March. Newsletter items will need to be sent to Shirley by Monday 20 March, to appear in the newsletter on the weekend of 25/26 March.

MISSIO (Red box): Thank you to all of you who are still putting money into your red boxes. We will be collecting the money during March. There will be a large box at the back of both churches for your boxes, or you can take one of the envelopes, empty your box into it and return it to church. Contact 07847167969 if you have any queries or would like your box to be collected.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Booking-in will open via the parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/> on the Events page on Friday 30 June, at 7pm and close on Monday 10 July, at 5pm. Please see below the days and times of the First Holy Communion Masses at Ss Mary & Joseph.

Saturday 15 July, at 10am

Saturday 15 July, at 3pm

Sunday 16 July, at 2pm

Sunday 16 July, at 5pm

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM DENS: Thank you to everyone who has recently supported our Foodbank with generous donations. We are now extremely well stocked, with enough provisions to meet the needs of our community for the coming months. Therefore, we ask that if you are able to, please make a financial donation to help cover the staff and operational costs of our vital service. If you still wish to donate food or hygiene items, please ensure they are on the High Needs List, which you can find at: <https://www.dens.org.uk/our-services/foodbank/>

PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL SATURDAY 1 APRIL: Get ready for Holy Week with a walk through the countryside. There will be time for reflection, a meal, Mass and hopefully a tour of Northampton Cathedral. Email Callum at cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk for more information.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Westminster Cathedral Saturday 13 May, at 2.30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the following details to Shirley by Friday 24 March: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Prayer

Compassionate God, we thank you for your gifts. Give us generous hearts, inspire us to share our own gifts, our time, our talents, our care, so that through us others may know your love. Amen (CAFOD)

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 4:24 - 30

Tues. Matthew 18:21 - 35

Wed. Matthew 5:17-19

Thurs. Luke 11:14 -23

Fri. Mark 12:28 - 34

Sat. Luke 18:9-14

Sun John 9: 1 - 41

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

Loose Cash & Contactless £3,816.45

Standing Orders £4,328.82

Total £8,145.27

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.

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 Mar	3rd Sunday of Lent	(SMSJ) 6pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Paul Bailey (INT) Pro Populo Stephen Gardner (RIP) Carmel Bowe-Saunders (RIP)
MON 13 Mar	Lent feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Mary Nash (RIP ANNIV)
TUE 14 Mar	Lent feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Eamonn McCluskey Snr (RIP)
WED 15 Mar	Lent feria	(SMSJ) 11am	Funeral for Kathleen Keegan (RIP)
THU 16 Mar	Lent feria		No public Mass
FRI 17 Mar	ST PATRICK	(SMSJ) 10am	For those killed & for Peace in Ukraine
SAT 18 Mar	Lent feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	
SUN 19 Mar	4th Sunday of Lent	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Giuseppe & Iolanda Gazzano (RIP ANNIV) 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)

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