

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 26 March 2023

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



### **TODAY'S MASS**

**I am the resurrection  
and the life**

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES

	Date	Time	Church
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>1 April</b>	6pm (Sat Vigil)	Ss Mary & Joseph
	<b>2 April</b>	8.30am	Ss Mary & Joseph
		11am	Ss Mary & Joseph
		12 noon	St Mark's
<b>Funeral for Paula Gallagher RIP</b>	<b>3 April</b>	10am	Ss Mary & Joseph
<b>Mass</b>	<b>4 April</b>	10am	Ss Mary & Joseph
<b>Mass</b>	<b>5 April</b>	10am	Ss Mary & Joseph
<b>Mass of the Lords Supper</b>	<b>6 April</b>	8pm followed by 'Watching at the Altar of Repose', with Confessions	Ss Mary & Joseph
<b>Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord</b>	<b>7 April</b>	3pm Confessions will follow until clear	Ss Mary & Joseph
<b>Saturday Easter Vigil</b>	<b>8 April</b>	8.30pm	Ss Mary & Joseph
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>9 April</b>	8.30am	Ss Mary & Joseph
		10.15am	Ss Mary & Joseph
		12.30pm	St Mark's

**Please note that there will not be daily Masses at the Hemel West Parish,  
from Monday 10 April until Thursday 13 April inclusive**

# 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.**

## 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.

**LOVE IN ACTION BIG MEET UP:** The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the many challenges of modern society; especially as impacted by COVID and other world affairs, such as the war in Ukraine etc. At the heart of Catholic Social Teaching are several key themes, which you have been hearing about at very, very 'high-level' at the time of the homily, backed up with various colour handouts and displays in the church. **NOW! IMPORTANT:** Come to the **LIA BIG MEET UP** on Tuesday 28 March, in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor 7pm until 9.30pm, as we reflect on the needs of our community and establish for ourselves a path forward for the increase of the Gospel. See you then!

**LITTLE CHURCH:** Activities will primarily be aimed at 4-7-year olds. Provisional forthcoming dates are: 16 & 30 April and 14 & 28 May. There will be provision for children during the 3pm Good Friday Service at Ss Mary & Joseph.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN WITH ST JOHN'S CHURCH BOXMOOR:** This annual event of the Stations of the Cross, when we 'pilgrimage' across Boxmoor Common to St John's Church will be at 10am on Good Friday. It will last for an hour at the most. Please come and bring the kids!

**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](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk) for more information.

**THE BOOK OF HEAVEN:** The Call of the Creature to the Order, The Place and the Purpose for which He was Created by God: as revealed by Jesus to Luisa Piccarreta. - Living in the Divine Will - an introduction. Please join Jim Fitzpatrick in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor on Tuesday 4 April, at 7.30pm.

## ANIMATING PARISH SENIOR GROUPS CONFERENCE AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

**HALL:** Join our celebration of the Autumn of Life on Thursday 20 April, 10am until 4pm. This Conference is for parishes, agencies and groups who accompany or work with and alongside older people in the Diocese of Westminster. It is an opportunity to celebrate those in the autumn of life and to develop ministries for and with them. Lunch will be provided. Please sign-up on Eventbrite

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/animating-parish-seniors-groups-conference-1448.php>.

**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.

**KNOCK SHRINE:** Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland from London Heathrow, 15 May 2023. £699 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**FAIR TRADE:** Fair Trade Flower Farms take an active approach in making sure that women workers have the rights, power, protections, and pay they deserve. With more Fair Trade sales here in the UK, Fair Trade Flower Farm Workers across the world could drive even more positive change

for women in their communities. Too often there are stories of exploitation and injustice behind the colourful flowers we see in stores. Many of these flowers are grown in East Africa and Latin America by workers who do not earn enough for their essentials.

**THE ILLEGAL MIGRATION BILL:** Following the furore over Gary Lineker's spat with the BBC, our bishops have published the Catholic response to the issues surrounding Migrants. Please go to....

CBCEW\_Love\_the\_Stranger\_A4.pdf

**HOUSEBOUND OR SICK?** If you or any member of the parish are sick, or housebound and unable to get to Mass, do please let Fr Brian know.

**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.

**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.

**Reflection**

"Giving up for Lent" sometimes overshadows the other two Lenten disciplines - **Prayer and Alms Giving**. Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that Charity and Justice must always work together. During this time of Lent we can reflect on how we can raise our voices by advocating for our vulnerable sisters and brothers, and by alms giving.

**A Prayer at Lent**

Dear God, draw us closer to your heart, so that we might know you better, and understand you more completely.

We pray that we do not only give things up for Lent this year, but that we also give you glory through Lent.

May our actions reflect our hearts, and may we worship you through all that we say and do to others throughout the coming weeks.

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. John 8:1 - 11 Tues. John 8:21 - 30 Wed. John 8:31-42 Thurs. John 8:51 -59 Fri. John 10:31-42 Sat. John 11:45-56 Sun Matthew 26:14- 27:66	
PARISH FINANCES  <b>PLANNED GIVING:</b> 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:  <i>Account Name: WRCDT Hemel West</i> <i>Sort Code: 40-05-20</i> <i>Account No.: 31095048</i>  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

<b>SUN 26 Mar</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>(SMSJ) 6pm (Sat vigil)</b> <b>(SMSJ) 8.30am</b> <b>(SMSJ) 10.15am</b> <b>(SM) 12 noon</b>	Herman Fernandes (RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo Jean Heatley (RIP) Constance & Fred Smallwood & Minnie Jackson (RIP ANNIV)
<b>MON 27 Mar</b>	Lent feria	<b>(SMSJ) 10am</b>	
<b>TUE 28 Mar</b>	Lent feria	<b>(SMSJ) 10am</b>	Funeral for Alice Territt (RIP)
<b>WED 29 Mar</b>	Lent feria	<b>(SM) 1.45pm</b>	
<b>THU 30 Mar</b>	Lent feria		No public Mass
<b>FRI 31 Mar</b>	Lent feria	<b>(SMSJ) 10am</b>	
<b>SAT 1 Apr</b>	Lent feria	<b>(SMSJ) 6pm</b>	John Maxwell ISACCS (RIP)
<b>SUN 2 Apr</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>(SMSJ) 8.30am</b> <b>(SMSJ) 10.15am</b> <b>(SM) 12 noon</b>	Pro Populo Mary Soares (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.

### MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

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