

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

2nd April 2023

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TODAY'S MASS

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES

	Date	Time	Church
Palm Sunday	1 April	6pm (Sat Vigil)	Ss Mary & Joseph
	2 April	8.30am	Ss Mary & Joseph
		11am	Ss Mary & Joseph
		12 noon	St Mark's
Funeral for Paula Gallagher RIP	3 April	10am	Ss Mary & Joseph
Mass	4 April	10am	Ss Mary & Joseph
Mass	5 April	10am	Ss Mary & Joseph
Mass of the Lord's Supper	6 April	8pm followed by 'Watching at the Altar of Repose', with Confessions	Ss Mary & Joseph
Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	7 April	3pm Confessions will follow until clear	Ss Mary & Joseph
Saturday Easter Vigil	8 April	8.30pm	Ss Mary & Joseph
Easter Sunday	9 April	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 Friday 14 April

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.

HELPERS AT MASS: It would be good to have a few more helpers to open and close the church for Mass, and assist the priest to set-up for Mass on those occasions that Fr Brian will be away. Do call Fr Brian to discuss on 391 759.

ST MARK'S: Please note that the Mass on Sunday 9 April, at St Mark's will be at **12.30pm**.

ASSISTANCE AT MASS (A note from Callum Moore, Parish Catechetical Coordinator and Pastoral Assistant): Thank you for offering to help with Mass. Those who have put themselves forward for assisting with the liturgy will be added to the next rota that starts in May. Training for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion to be arranged on Thursday evenings for after Easter. So, keep an eye on the newsletter! Those who have said they'd be happy to help altar serving have been put in touch with our Parish Safeguarding Representative to arrange a Disclosure Barring Service check (DBS) with the diocese. Those who have put themselves forward for assisting with Catechetical work have also been put in contact with Loretta. I've had several conversations with individuals about the various different catechetical classes we're running and how we'd get them involved once the DBS check comes through. Details will be published of all catechetical sessions, for all age groups including adults, once I have drawn them up and agreed them with Fr Brian.

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.

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. We will meet in SS Mary & Joseph for a 10am start. It will last for an hour at the most. Please come and bring the kids!

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: On Good Friday we will be gathering from 10.45am for 11am at Riverside, near where Debenhams used to be, to walk to the Rainbow Stage in Marlowes for the service. We are looking for a few marshals to help on the day. If you are able to help please call Sheila Daly on 07775644960.

NEWSLETTER: Please note that there will not be a newsletter on the weekend of 15/16 April.

CHARITY CURRY NIGHT: Thank you to the parishioners who attended the curry night on 20 March. We raised £466, this will be distributed as follows: £200 to Air Ambulance, £200, to the Day Centre in Gadebridge Park and £66 to the British Heart Foundation.

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.

VOCATIONS OPEN EVENING: On Wednesday 17 May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6pm, and will be followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre for a short presentation and informal conversations and refreshments. Do come and join us if you can. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR: John F Kennedy School is looking to appoint a Foundation Governor starting in September 2023. Please contact Heather Houston at houston@jfk.herts.sch.uk or Eva Final, Clerk, at efinal@jfk.herts.sch.uk if you are interested.

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.

Prayer (CAFOD)

Cultivate in us Lord, attentiveness to your call.
Give us hope to dream of a better world, and strength to play our part to make it a reality.
Grow in us Lord, your ways of peace and courage, so that we may bear witness to your love, revealed to us in Jesus.

Amen

"Piety, piety, but where is the love that moves mountains?" Mother Maria Skobtsova

JUSTICE & PEACE: Any political or economic system which can preach an ideological crusade against the poor, punctuating it with napalm and T.N.T....deserves not allegiance, but uprooting. James Douglass, Author & Catholic Worker.

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](#)

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 12:1 - 11
Tues. John 13:21 - 38
Wed. Matthew 26:14 - 25
Thurs. John 13:1 - 15
Fri. John 18:1 - 19:42
Sat. Matthew 28:1-10
Sun John 20:1 - 9

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 2 Apr	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	(SMSJ) 6pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 11am (SM) 12 noon	John Maxwell Isaccs (RIP) Brendan Michael Darker (RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo Mary Soares (RIP)
MON 3 Apr	Holy Week	(SMSJ) 10am	Funeral for Paula Gallagher (RIP)
TUE 4 Apr	Holy Week	(SMSJ) 10am	George Gardner Snr (RIP)
WED 5 Apr	Holy Week	(SMSJ) 10am	For the Good of All
THU 6 Apr	MAUNDY THURSDAY	(SMSJ) 8pm followed by 'Watching at the Altar of Repose', with Confessions	Mass of the Lords Supper
FRI 7 Apr	GOOD FRIDAY	(SMSJ) 3pm Confessions will follow until clear	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
SAT 8 Apr	HOLY SATURDAY	(SMSJ) 8.30pm	Easter Vigil
SUN 9 Apr	EASTER SUNDAY	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12.30pm	Pro Populo In Thanksgiving for Retirement

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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