

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7th May 2023

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TODAY'S MASS

**I am the Way,
the Truth and the Life**

ANNUAL PARISH PARTY AND PARISH MASS

Fr Brian writes....

Our **Annual Parish Party & Parish Mass** will now take place on the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday 11 June, 11am** in the grounds of John F Kennedy school accessed via Hollybush Lane, HP1. Please God the rain holds off! Callum Moore our Pastoral Assistant Catechetical Co-Ordinator is in charge of the Event and may well ask for some of us (you!) to help. Do pop your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the church as soon as possible, so that Callum can start planning. Immediately after the Mass there will be a short but solemn procession around the school playing fields with the Blessed Sacrament to honour the Lord on this day, followed by a party. Please bring your friends and neighbours, especially anyone who has not been to church before, or is thinking of a way of reconnecting with their faith that doesn't require them to enter a church building. Very important - do bring anyone who is sick and wishes for physical, spiritual and emotional healing as the Lord passes by in the monstrance during the procession. If we are expectant, miracles will follow. Why should Lourdes have all the fun!? **Do please note that there will only be one Mass on this day and NO OTHER SUNDAY MASSES in the Hemel West parish.**

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.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to donate if you wish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to donate visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

MISSIO (Red Box): Thank you to everyone who emptied their red boxes to be counted during March. We collected and banked £220.31. Missio have also advised, that the Parish of Hemel West contributed a total of £1253.97 through the red box scheme (including direct debit payments) during 2022. Thank you for your generosity.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: This year we will gather at the New Life Pentecostal Church, Lawn Lane, on Sunday 28 May, at 1pm for a BBQ. The service of praise will be at 2pm. To confirm your attendance for catering purposes, please email info@nlpc.org.uk with your numbers.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: We meet in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor on Tuesdays from 2.15pm until 4pm to read and discuss the readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome to join us.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER DURING THE DAY: Just a reminder that Ss Mary & Joseph church is open during the day until 5pm for personal prayer (not communal prayer). The exceptions are only Thursday or closure for operational reasons. Do pop in and say a prayer. Invite your friends to join you and light a votive candle for your deceased relatives and friends.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: If you are a new parent, congratulations! You should now be thinking about having your child baptised. You will need to prepare for this important sacramental event, for when your child becomes a member of God's family. The next Baptism Preparation Class will take place on Thursday 25 May, 7pm in St Mark's Parish Room. Full details can be found on the parish website, please follow the link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/sacramental-prep/baptism-preparation/>

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES: If your child has recently been baptised and you need a baptismal certificate, please send the full name of the child, parents and godparents and full address to shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk and she will arrange a certificate for you.

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 with no more than 60 words. Please email Shirley by Wednesday 12 Noon and she will do her best to accommodate it.

Tuesday 9 May - Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation.

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all consolation and hope.

Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.

Help us all, and make us one with you in your love for justice, as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.

Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

The next dates for the First Holy Communion sessions are as follows:

Saturday 20 May

Saturday 24 June

St Cuthbert Mayne School, Clover Way, Gadebridge Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP1 3EA. Group A will meet at 11am and Group B will meet at 12.45pm.

The First Holy Communion Masses will take place on the following dates and times below:

Saturday 15 July 10am

Saturday 15 July 2pm

Sunday 16 July 12pm

Sunday 16 July 3pm

The First Holy Communion Masses will be held at Ss Mary & Joseph Church, Boxmoor. Please contact Callum Moore on 391 759 and select option 4 or email cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk.



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	14:21 - 26
Tues.	John	14:27 - 31
Wed.	John	15:1 - 8
Thurs.	John	15:9 - 11
Fri.	John	15:12- 17
Sat.	John	15:18 -21
Sun	John	14:1- 12

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 7 May	5th Sunday of Easter	(SMSJ) 6pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Bridie McDonagh (RIP) Pro Populo Peter Carron (RIP) Kevin Gavin (RIP)
MON 8 May	Easter feria		No Mass
TUE 9 May	Easter feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Rita Crowley Turner & Deceased Members of the Crowley Family (RIP)
WED 10 May	Easter feria		No Mass
THU 11 May	Easter feria		No public Mass
FRI 12 May	Easter feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Matthew Hay (RIP)
SAT 13 May	Easter feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	Carlo Martil (RIP)
SUN 14 May	6th Sunday of Easter	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Fr John Turner (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 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 (Opt 4)

Email: cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk

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

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