

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

## 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21st May 2023

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### ***TODAY'S MASS***

Father, it is time for you  
to glorify me

### Corpus Christi Parish Party

Sunday 11 June, 11am at John F Kennedy Catholic School,  
Hollybush Lane, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP1 2PH

Fr Brian writes....

Our annual parish celebration of **The Solemnity of Corpus Christi** will take place in the grounds of JFK school on the side field next to the church of St Marks. Do bring your umbrella and something to sit on! There is some parking in the school and plenty around the local streets. After Mass there will be a short procession around the field with the Blessed Sacrament. Do bring your friends, family and neighbours, especially those requiring any type of healing, whether physical or spiritual. Jesus will be passing by in the monstrance and will heal. Bring your neighbours as well, especially those who do not come to Mass, or have not been for a while. Let's get people back to church by showing them that **JESUS IS ALIVE!** There will be time for food and fellowship immediately after Mass. This is a great way of bringing together the whole parish of Hemel West and improving our friendship with each other. We are providing a BBQ but also invite others to bring food and drink to share. To cut down on waste, we encourage those coming to bring their own plastic cutlery, as we will not be able to wash up. Do note that there will only be one other Mass on Saturday 10 June, at 6pm in the parish church at Boxmoor, for those unable to join us on the Sunday. Looking forward to seeing you and others! All queries to Callum Moore, please.

# 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 01482 391 759.**

**PRADER WILLI SYNDROME MONTH:** Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) is a rare, complex genetic disorder that affects both males and females from birth and throughout their lives. It causes low muscle tone with consequent motor developmental delays, a mild to moderate learning difficulty, incomplete sexual development, and emotional and social immaturity, which can lead to challenging behaviours. During childhood, an overwhelming and insatiable chronic appetite usually develops which, without rigorous food management and exercise regimes, leads to food seeking, stealing and life-threatening obesity. PWS occurs randomly in about 1:22,000 births and it is estimated that there are about 2,000 living with PWS in the UK. Tiffany a 13 years old girl who suffers from this condition, and her mum have decided to bring awareness to our community. They attend Mass at St Mark's and many of us will know them. They are also fundraising for their charity PWSA UK. This Sunday, at St Mark's they will bring cakes and cupcakes for you to purchase for a donation, after the 12 noon Mass. Please join them. Every donation is appreciated.

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** The Scripture Group will not be meeting on 23 and 30 May. We will resume on Tuesday 6 June, 2.15pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor.

**DENS:** If you are in a position to donate to the DENS Foodbank, please see the list of essential items on their website: <https://www.dens.org.uk/our-services/foodbank/> Please place the requested donated items into the boxes provided at church. You can also make monetary donations if you would prefer, by going to the link: <https://www.dens.org.uk/support-us/donate/> Please note only the **essential** items on their website are required at the moment. Thank you to everyone for your continued support for DENS.

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEMEL HEMPSTEAD:**

This year we will gather at the New Life Pentecostal Church, on Lawn Lane, 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](mailto:info@nlpc.org.uk) with your numbers.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane in Covent Garden will be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from 3 until 11 June. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Full details can be found at [catholiclondon.org](http://catholiclondon.org). The Octave concludes with the Annual Corpus Christi Procession through central London, departing from Warwick Street at 3pm on Sunday 11 June.

**ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL:** The Open Evening for Secondary Transfer will be on Monday 26 June. Parents and girls who are interested in taking the entrance tests are invited to visit the school for a guided tour on Monday 26 June, between 5pm and 7pm. Headteacher talks will be held at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm in The Chapel. The online application to apply to sit the entrance tests for entry in September 2024 is now available at <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/admissions-2024-25/> The deadline for applications to be completed and Certificate of Catholic Practice provided to the School is 4pm on Tuesday 4 July 2023.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** Cardinal Nichols will lead the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21 until 28 July. People are encouraged to book now via the Tangney Tours portal at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes> to avoid disappointment as places are limited. For more details visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/) or contact Elizabeth Uwalaka at the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.

**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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

The last First Holy Communion session will be on **Saturday 24 June**, at 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](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk).

## 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 Thursdays 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.

**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.

**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.

## Prayer

Abundant God, you reach out to us in love. Open our hearts to the needs of others, and make us generous in our response. (CAFOD)

"I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian".

**St Ignatius of Antioch.**

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	16:29 – 33
Tues.	John	17:1 - 11
Wed.	John	17:11 - 19
Thurs.	John	17:20 - 26
Fri.	John	21:15- 19
Sat.	John	21:20 -25
Sun	John	20:19- 23

## 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](mailto: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 21 May</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	(SMSJ) 6pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon (SM) 12 noon	Tom Conroy (2nd RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo Michele & Mikey Torres (INT) Michael Kelly (8th RIP ANNIV) Baptism
<b>MON 22 May</b>	Easter feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
<b>TUE 23 May</b>	Easter feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
<b>WED 24 May</b>	Easter feria		No Mass
<b>THU 25 May</b>	St Bede the Venerable		No public Mass
<b>FRI 26 May</b>	St Philip Neri	(SMSJ) 10am	St Rose's School will be joining us for Mass
<b>SAT 27 May</b>	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	(SMSJ) 6pm	
<b>SUN 28 May</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Emerson Dall' Armellina (1st RIP ANNIV)

**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.

### MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

**Parish Priest:** Fr Brian McMahon      [brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk) (Opt 3)

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**Parish Catechetical Coordinator & Pastoral Assistant:** Callum Moore (Opt 4)

**Email:** [cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk)

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

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