

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

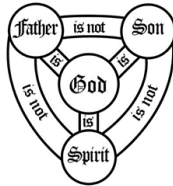
4th June 2023

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TODAY'S MASS

**God sent his Son so that
through him the world
might be saved**

Fr Brian writes....

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it. The crucifixion is an act of love.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Amen

ANNUAL PARISH PARTY & PARISH MASS: Our Annual Parish Party and Parish Mass will take place on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday 11 June, at 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. Thank you to those who have offered help already. 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 monsternace during the procession. Do please note that there will only be **one** Mass on this day and **NO OTHER SUNDAY MASSES** in Hemel West parish. Looking forward to seeing you!

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Many thanks to Bishop Paul for visiting us yesterday and conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on many of our young people. It was a wonderful celebration! We look forward to our young people taking their full place in the life of our parish, especially playing a part in the roll-out of Love In Action over the coming years.

FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN: For those who do not attend St Cuthbert Mayne primary school, your First Reconciliation (Confession) will be celebrated in the parish church at Boxmoor between 4.30pm and 5pm every Saturday until Saturday 8 July. All candidates for First Holy Communion must celebrate their First Reconciliation before celebrating their First Holy Communion.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: The Scripture Group will resume on Tuesday 6 June, 2.15pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the parish office will be closed from Tuesday 6 June, until Tuesday 13 June, and reopen on Wednesday 14 June.

NEWSLETTER: Please note that there will not be a newsletter on the weekend of 10/11 June.

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 be on Thursday 29 June, at 7pm. Full details can be found at the link <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempssteadwest/sacramental-prep/baptism-preparation/> or go to the parish website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: Many of our children who have been in the First Holy Communion programme since the autumn, will make their first

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Cuthbert Mayne school soon, in preparation for their First Holy Communion later in July in the parish church. Please do not come to these Masses, as numbers in the church will be strictly limited.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty): There will be two free money management courses over 3 weeks. One will be on a Wednesday from 7pm until 9pm or Mondays from 10am until noon. These will teach you budgeting skills and a simple, weekly money system. For more information and to book contact Janet Wright on 07944 203918 or capmoney@Libertytearooms.co.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Led by Rev Kevin McDonald Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark, on Saturday 5 August 2023. Coach departs from Harpenden at 7.30am and St Bartholomew's, St Albans, at 7.50am. Places: Adults £25 Child/Student £10. For more information visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

JUSTICE SUNDAY 11 JUNE

Dear God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts. Bless us with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that we may work for economic justice for all people.

Bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, hunger, homelessness and rejection, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. And bless us dear God with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in the world so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. 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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? If you're over the age of 18 and would like to make your Confirmation or become a Catholic, we will be running our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) course from October 2023. Please contact Callum at cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk or call 391759 and select option 4 for more information.

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 4 Jun	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo
MON 5 Jun	St Boniface	(SMSJ) 10am	
TUE 6 Jun	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
WED 7 Jun	feria		No Mass
THU 8 Jun	feria		No public Mass
FRI 9 Jun	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	For The Persecuted Church
SAT 10 Jun	feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	Kathy Wesch (1st RIP ANNIV)
SUN 11 Jun	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	John F Kennedy School at 11am	CORPUS CHRISTI ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION MASS

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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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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