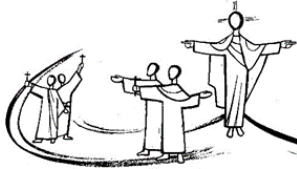


**CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST**  
**11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**18th June 2023**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
Year 1  
Divine Office  
Week 3



***TODAY'S MASS***

**The harvest is rich but  
the labourers are few**

**Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8**

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When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

# 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.**

**DAY FOR LIFE COLLECTON:** The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on 17/18 June. For the first time, it will be celebrated in Scotland and Ireland on the same day. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. Each year a message is released, usually by the Church's Lead Bishop for Life Issues, offering a reflection on the year's theme. The 2023 message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation. There will be a collection on the weekend of 24/25 June for Day for Life.

**WORLD REFUGEE DAY:** Every year on the 20 June marks the 25th anniversary of Refugee Week, which is an initiative founded in the UK. The theme for this year's Refugee Week is COMPASSION. Pope Francis has called compassion 'the language of God' and 'the path of true justice'. He also says that 'closeness, tenderness, compassion is the style of God. God draws near, and he draws near with tenderness and compassion.' Recently the Catholic Bishops' Conference shared the new document 'Love the Stranger'. You can read this at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/>

**TOILETRIES FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES:** We need toiletries for families in the Dacorum area. We are asking especially for deodorants, for both men and women, also body washes and shampoos. Please leave your donated items at the back of both Churches in the containers provided.

**GOVERNOR ROLE:** St Cuthbert Mayne's Governing Body are looking for volunteers to apply for the roles of school governor or Foundation Governor.

To find out more about what it involves please contact the Clerk to the governor at [governorsclerk@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk](mailto:governorsclerk@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk).

**DENS:** Thank you to the parish of Hemel West for your kind donations given in support of our Foodbank service over the last year April 2022 – March 2023. You have donated 1,181 kg. Your donation has enabled us to continue offering emergency food parcels to local people, supporting them through crisis. Weekly, the Foodbank provides food to the DENS Elms Hostel, which accommodates 44 residents, and to the Day Centre who have provided 2045 meals throughout the year. Last year we provided 9,798 people, of which 4,016 were children, with emergency food parcels. This is a 56% increase on the previous year. Your contribution enables DENS services to provide vital support to those most in need. If you would like to know more about our services please visit [www.dens.org.uk](http://www.dens.org.uk).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** Led by Rev Kevin McDonald Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark, on Saturday 5 August 2023. Coach departs from

**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](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk) or call 391759 and select option 4 for more information.

### 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).

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](http://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](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) and she will arrange a certificate to be printed 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.

**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.

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. Matthew 5:38 – 42

Tues. Matthew 5:43 - 48

Wed. Matthew 6:1-6,16 - 18

Thurs. Matthew 6:7 - 15

Fri. Matthew 6:19 - 23

Sat. Matthew 6:24 -34

Sun Matthew 10:23 – 33

### 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
<b>Monday</b> 12 noon-6pm	<b>Monday</b> 3pm-6pm
<b>Tuesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Tuesday</b> Closed
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm
<b>Thursday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Thursday</b> 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Friday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Friday</b> 9.30am-12.30pm

## HOLY MASS

<b>SUN 18 Jun</b>	<b>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(SMSJ) 6pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon (SM) 12 noon	Marie-Celeste Khan (RIP) Pro Populo John Quinn (RIP) Baptism
<b>MON 19 Jun</b>	feria	(SMSJ) 10am (SMSJ) 1pm	Funeral for Doreen Rogers (RIP)
<b>TUE 20 Jun</b>	St Alban	(SMSJ) 10am	
<b>WED 21 Jun</b>	St Aloysius Gonzaga	(SMSJ) 11am	Funeral for Muriel Quirke (RIP)
<b>THU 22 Jun</b>	SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE		No public Mass
<b>FRI 23 Jun</b>	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Antonieta Ferrao (RIP ANNIV)
<b>SAT 24 Jun</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	(SMSJ) 6pm	Mary Ellen McDonagh (7th RIP ANNIV)
<b>SUN 25 Jun</b>	<b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SMSJ) 12 noon	Pro Populo

**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

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

**Parish Administrator:** Shirley Bailey      [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) (Opt 2)

**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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