

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
25th June 2023

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Year 1
Divine Office
Week 4



TODAY'S MASS
Do not be afraid of those
who kill the body



Fr Brian writes....

Do read for yourself the latest output from the Synod at the link: <https://shorturl.at/iCNQ5>. I have left a couple of copies at the back of the Boxmoor church for you to read through and prepare for the world -wide opening of the Synod in October in Rome. By convoking this Synod, Pope Francis is inviting **all the baptised** to participate in this Synodal Process that begins at the diocesan level. The main subjects of this synodal experience are all the baptised because all the baptised are the subject of the *sensus fidelium*, the living voice of the **People of God**.

At the same time, in order to participate fully in the act of discerning, it is important for the baptised to hear the voices of other people in their local context, including people who have left the practice of the faith, people of other faith traditions, people of no religious belief. Special care should be taken to involve those persons who may risk being excluded: women, the disabled, refugees, migrants, the elderly, people who live in poverty, Catholics who rarely or never practice their faith, etc.

As a parish we began this process, though it was rushed and consequently the Church extended the discussion period. I'm not sure all the key groups were involved as we were given little time to engage people. However, our discussions were sent to the diocese who forwarded it to Rome to be part of contributions from the global Church.

Appetite for the Synod seems not particularly strong in this country, so we shall see what occurs during the next year or so, though acceptance and resistance of change will begin and outlast many of us! We will have more gatherings to discuss the outcomes from the Synod as the years go by and more importantly put changes in place, inspired by the Holy Spirit!

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.

SS PETER & PAUL: Thursday 29 June, is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at Ss Mary & Joseph at 10am.

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 this weekend for Day for Life.

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS: Sr Mary Sebastian Ogwuiké, would like to express her sincere gratitude to you for giving her the opportunity to come to our parish for her annual mission appeal. She would like to thank you for your kind generosity. The parishioners of Hemel West, raised £1045.40 for her appeal. Sr Mary said it was an honour and a great opportunity to experience such a lovely community of faith and sends the blessings of Almighty God on you all.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: The next general meeting will on Monday 26 June, 7pm at South Hill Church, Cemetery Hill, HP1 1JF. For more information please contact the secretary at secretary@cthh.org.uk.

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.

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 Most 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.

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

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.

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.

Pope Francis has called compassion "the language of God" and "the path of true justice". He also says that "'closeness, tenderness, compassion, are 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/>

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 7:1 – 5

Tues. Matthew 7:26, 12 - 14

Wed. Matthew 7:15 - 20

Thurs. Matthew 7:21 - 29

Fri. Matthew 8:1 - 4

Sat. Matthew 8:5 -17

Sun Matthew 10:37 - 42

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 25 Jun	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 6pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SMSJ) 12 noon	Mary Ellen McDonagh (7th RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo
MON 26 Jun	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
TUE 27 Jun	St John Southworth	(SMSJ) 10am	
WED 28 Jun	St Irenaeus		No Mass
THU 29 Jun	SS PETER & PAUL, Apostles. St Peter, Prince of Apostles, Patron of the Diocese	(SMSJ) 10am	Holy Day of Obligation
FRI 30 Jun	feria	(SMSJ) 11.30am	Funeral for Jeanette Harrison (RIP)
SAT 1 Jul	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	(SMSJ) 6pm	Valerie Moten (20th RIP ANNIV)
SUN 2 Jul	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 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 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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