

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

## 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 2 July 2023

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



**TODAY'S MASS**  
Anyone who loses his life  
for my sake will find it

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!

**VERY IMPORTANT!!:** Permanent changes to Mass times at Hemel West starting soon! Please note the permanent changes to Mass times coming up over the next few weeks. Additionally, please note that on those Sundays when I am away for holiday or other events, there will most likely be no Mass at St Mark's church, which is only used for one Mass per week. This most importantly eases additional pressure on our retired priests to celebrate four Sunday Masses. I'm sure you can understand this decision, especially now that in particular Fr Bernard now no longer drives. But so that your Sunday Mass Obligation can be discharged, parishioners are invited to one of the three parish Masses at the parish church in Boxmoor, over the weekends when I am away. Thank you for your understanding. New Mass times will be Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8am, 10am and 12.30pm. The later Mass at 12.30pm will allow me to meet socially with parishioners for tea/coffee after the 10am Mass, before I travel to St Mark's for the 12.30pm Mass. **Dates when Mass times will come into existence will be confirmed in the newsletter nearer the times of the changes - so keep your eyes on it and listen to announcements at Mass!**

# 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.**

**CAFOD - Campaign "Fix the Food System" Seeds for All:** After this Weekends Masses, and following an appeal for signatures to a letter to the World Bank President, at the end of Masses, CAFOD volunteers will be at the back of Ss Mary & Joseph and St Mark's with a giant letter to the World Bank President for parishioners to sign, in solidarity with small farmers. Farmers seeds are under threat and CAFOD is asking the World Bank President to support Salina a small farmer from Bangladesh who wants protection for the rights of small farmers to save, use, exchange and sell their own varieties of seeds. Let's follow Pope Francis's call and play our part in transforming the food system for the benefit of people and planet.

**MONDAY 3 JULY:** Please note that there will **not** be a 10am Mass at SS Mary & Joseph on Monday 3 July.

**DONA CONTACTLESS MACHINE:** The contactless machine at Ss Mary & Joseph is currently out of order. We have provided a poster with a QR code in the church foyer and beside the contactless machine to enable you to make your Sunday offering. Thank you for your ongoing support of the parish.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA SUNDAY:** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is on Sunday 9 July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church on the weekend of 8/9 July, or by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/)

donate or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work. Please give generously. Thank you.

**INTERNAL PARISH AUDIT:** The Internal Parish Audit takes place every 5 years by an auditor sent by the Cardinal to assure him that the parish is performing to the required high standard, especially in regard to due diligence over money and physical assets and working procedures. The results are discussed with the parish priest and the parish administrator and then notified to the Archbishops' Council, chaired by the Cardinal and attended by the bishops and others. I'm pleased to say that the parish achieved a very high provisional score this week, with some easy to fix issues recorded. A very big THANK YOU is given to Shirley who spent a lot of time preparing for the audit and has a good habit of positive working practices. Thank you also to our team of Sunday Offertory counters, Parish Finance Council members, Mick and several others. WELL DONE!

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP:** Callum Moore will be establishing a SVP group in response to Love in Action. There will be a meeting on Tuesday 18 July, 7pm in St Joseph's hall for all those interested in being part of a parish care team supporting those most in need in our parish and beyond. We plan to launch the group as a member of the SVP society. For more about their work and mission, check out their website: <https://svp.org.uk/>

**BINGO:** Come and join The Knights of St Columba in their monthly Bingo session on Thursday 6 July, 1.30pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. Tea and cake will be provided. For any enquiries please contact Tom Joyce on 07825 173878.

**MISSO (Red Box holders):** Please take a copy of the Mission Today magazine for Summer 2023. It includes the financial report for 2022.

**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](mailto: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: **Saturday 15 July 10am, Saturday 15 July 2pm, Sunday 16 July 12pm and Sunday 16 July 3pm.** The First Holy Communion Masses will be held at Ss Mary & Joseph Church. I would ask you please not to enter the church at these times unless you are a member of the family of one of the children and have received a personal invitation. We need to manage the numbers in the church to ensure a satisfactory atmosphere for this BIG DAY!

**FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN:** For those who do not attend St Cuthbert Mayne, 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.

**ST ROSE'S SCHOOL:** St Rose's have vacancies for Reception September 2023. Please take a look at their virtual tour on their website <https://www.stroses.herts.sch.uk/admissions/> For enquiries or for more information please contact the school office on 398855 or email [admin@stroses.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stroses.herts.sch.uk).

**DENS JURASSIC COAST TREK:** Explore the stunning landscape of Dorset's coastline from 20 October until 22 October. A 25 mile trek to support local people facing crisis. Please register at [dens.org.uk/trek](https://dens.org.uk/trek). Please also see the poster on the notice board in the church foyer.

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 8:18 – 22  
Tues. Matthew 8:23 - 27  
Wed. Matthew 8:28 -34  
Thurs. Matthew 9:1 - 8  
Fri. Matthew 9:9 - 13  
Sat. Matthew 9:14 -17  
Sun Matthew 11:25 - 30

#### **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 2 Jul</b>	<b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 6pm (Sat vigil) <b>(SMSJ)</b> 8.30am <b>(SMSJ)</b> 10.15am <b>(SM)</b> 12 noon	Valerie Moten (20th RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo Bridget Connolly (RIP)
<b>MON 3 Jul</b>	ST THOMAS		No Mass
<b>TUE 4 Jul</b>	feria	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 10am	Dugald Gonsal (RIP)
<b>WED 5 Jul</b>	feria		No Mass
<b>THU 6 Jul</b>	feria		No public Mass
<b>FRI 7 Jul</b>	feria	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 10am	For The Persecuted Church
<b>SAT 8 Jul</b>	feria	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 6pm	Varkey Joseph (1st RIP ANNIV)
<b>SUN 9 Jul</b>	<b>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 8.30am <b>(SMSJ)</b> 10.15am <b>(SM)</b> 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

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

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

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