

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
23 July 2023

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TODAY'S MASS
**Let them both grow
till the harvest**

Fr Brian writes....

Changes to Mass times in the parish of Hemel West.

New Weekday Mass times starting on Wednesday 2 August, will be celebrated at Ss Mary & Joseph Boxmoor on Wednesday and Friday at 10am. There will be no Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, unless there is a funeral or a Holyday of Obligation.

The new Sunday Mass times start on Saturday 2 September. These will be **Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am and 12 noon.** Confessions will be heard at **4pm until 4.30pm on Saturday** or in the confessional at a mutually agreed time. Please note that the Sunday 12 noon Mass **may** start up to fifteen minutes later than scheduled, so that I can have time to meet socially with parishioners in St Joseph's hall after the 9.45am Mass. Do let your friends and neighbours know and most importantly invite them along! Baptisms will continue during the 12 noon Mass, but will be shortened so that Mass is contained within the hour.

Please note that on those Sundays when I am not available, there will most likely be no 12 noon Mass at St Mark's. This will be during my holidays throughout the year and other rare events. Fr Bernard Scholes no longer drives and Fr Brian Reynolds is unavailable to commit to four Sunday Masses. On those limited occasions, please consider coming to the parish church in Boxmoor, for Mass and perhaps sharing the journey down with a friend.

Mass times for the week ahead can always be found on the back of the newsletter if in any doubt about changes.

Have a great summer and keep smiling!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are now able to take Mass intentions, as the IT issues have now been resolved. Please email Shirley at shirleybailey@rcdow.or.uk or call 01442 391 759 and select option 2.

EUCCHARISTIC CANVAS: We had a wonderful time with the Corpus Christi celebration this year and have taken many notes to improve it for next year. One of which is to create a proper canvas to be held over the Eucharist during the procession. If you are talented with textiles and would like a project for the summer, we would love to get your help. Please contact Callum for further details.

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 27 July, at 7pm. Full details can be found at the link <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemel Hempsteadwest/sacramental-prep/baptism-preparation/> or go to the parish website.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP (SVP): We had a very good turn out to the initial meeting with personnel from the central SVP group, as the parish begins to prepare for setting one up, as a contribution to the 'Love In Action' initiative. Thank you for coming! Callum will be taking it forward and developing it for the parish. Come and join us!

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM MONDAY 28 AUGUST: If you are interested in going on the pilgrimage please email Pat at pat.henry1@ntlworld.com or call 07866224671. If there is sufficient interest, we will travel by coach. The cost would be roughly £20 each for a 53-seater coach.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SUMMER PICNIC: Join Westminster Youth Ministry on 2 September, for a taste of Lisbon at their Summer Picnic. This event is aimed at any young person (12-35) in the

Diocese who wasn't able to make it to World Youth Day. It will explore the theme for World Youth Day, 'Mary arose and went with haste', with workshops activities, testimonies and Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan. Sign up at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic/> Please note, for Safeguarding reasons any young person 12-16-year-old will need to be accompanied either by a parent or by a group leader of a parish/school group. For 16-18-year old's additional sign up requirements are in place.

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY: Westminster Youth Ministry is taking a group of 45 young people (16-25) by coach to Walsingham as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage on 23 September. The coach leaves at 7am from Westminster Cathedral, and should return around 8pm. The cost is £35, which includes the pilgrimage contribution. Bookings are open until 16 September, so sign up now at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/pilgrimage-to-walsingham/>

CATECHISTS PROGRAMMES FOR 2024: Next year we will be running Confirmation, First Holy Communion and RCIA formation for those wishing to take the next step in their faith. We would be very grateful to anyone who would be willing to support with the RCIA program and First Holy Communion programme in particular. Sessions would be once a month and your main role would be to support discussions. If you would like to lead prayer, reading or other elements of the sessions you would be very welcome also. Please contact Callum to take part.

ILLEGAL MIGRATION Bill: Caritas Westminster, along with other Charities, including CAFOD and the Jesuit Refugee Service, are asking people to write to their MPs, opposing this Bill. Let us flood, Sir Mike Penning with letters. This new legislation passed by the Government treats migrants and refugees as a problem to be solved, rather than our sisters and brothers towards whom we have responsibilities. You can read more on Caritas's website: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/caritas-bakhita-house-signs-statement-demanding>

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.

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon. Matthew 10:34,-11:1
 Tues. Matthew 11:20 – 24
 Wed. Matthew 11:25 - 2 7
 Thurs. Matthew 11:28 -30
 Fri. Matthew 12:1 - 8
 Sat. Matthew 12:14 -21
 Sun Matthew 13:24 - 43

-amendments-to-the-illegal-migration-bill-1526.php

CHARITY CURRY NIGHT: This will take place on either 2 or 14 August at the Sahara Restaurant in Gadebridge. The cost will be £17.50 per head, and you will pay extra for your drinks. There will be a raffle and a quiz. All the money raised will go to the Jumbulance Trust. To book email valsoares@aol.com or call 392527.

NEWSLETTER: The last newsletter before the summer break will be on the weekend of 29/30 July. The next newsletter on our return from the summer break will be on the weekend of 2/3 September.

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.

Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis's theme - "His Mercy is from Age to Age."

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.

DONA DONATIONS: To help support our parish of Hemel West, we are providing you with an Online Donations Webpage. The donation page works across browsers, on a mobile phone, desktop and tablet devices, so that you can donate from home. Please scan the QR code to donate. Thank you for your continued support.



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 23 Jul	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 6pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo
MON 24 Jul	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
TUE 25 Jul	ST JAMES	(SMSJ) 10am	
WED 26 Jul	Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary		No Public Mass
THU 27 Jul	feria		No public Mass
FRI 28 Jul	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
SAT 29 Jul	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	(SMSJ) 6pm	
SUN 30 Jul	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Baptism

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

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