

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
30 July 2023

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TODAY'S MASS
**He sells everything he
owns and buys the field**

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 11.45am. Confessions will be heard from 4pm until 4.30pm on Saturday at Boxmoor. Note the change of Mass time at St Mark's to 11.45am. The slightly earlier change to the Mass time makes it a little easier for people to attend Mass, without it eating into their afternoon. There is now a good spread of Masses across the parish for weekly attendance, so do please encourage your friends to come to one. I look forward to meeting them!

Baptisms will continue during the Sunday 11.45am 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 11.45am Mass. On those limited occasions, please consider coming to the parish church in Boxmoor for Mass and perhaps sharing the journey down with a friend if you drive. 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.

FR BRIAN HOLIDAY: Hello friends, I will be on holiday after Sunday Mass until Monday 21 August. Shirley Bailey will be able to assist you with any general queries until I return. Fr Brian Reynolds has kindly agreed to supply for Sunday Masses and weekday Masses. Check the newsletter for Mass times in the month ahead. I hope you are able to get some time for rest and relaxation too.

NEWSLETTER: The next newsletter will be on the weekend of 2/3 September.

HOSPITALITY AT ST MARK'S: Please join us after the 12 noon Mass for our last hospitality until we reconvene in September. There will be tea/coffee, a glass of wine, cakes and nibbles.

PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME ASSOCIATION UK: Thank you to the Parish of Hemel West for your kind donation of £275 and for supporting Aida and Tiffany to raise this amount for our PWS community. We provided a helpline for families along with information, advice and training. We also hold a range of events to allow our families to meet up and share experiences and fun.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: We invite you to join the Hemel West Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 4 October to 11 October, flying from Luton. Cost per person sharing will be £706 with single room supplement of £130. Accommodation is at Tomato House which is very close to St James Church and grounds. Our parish priest, Fr Brian, will also join us. Deposit of £100 due as soon as possible, payable to our fellow parishioner Pat Henry, who will transfer the money to Marian Pilgrimages. They will then send your invoice so you can book and pay in full online or by bank transfer. You must be insured for this trip. Contact Pat at pat@arthurmc.com for payment or queries. In June 1981, the Blessed Mother reportedly began appearing regularly to several children in the town of Medjugorje, which is now located in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The

Holy See, consistent with the rulings of the local bishops, has allowed pilgrimages to Medjugorje, provided they don't present the reported apparitions as approved by the Church, and has forbidden the faithful from participating in events where the reported seers present their reported apparitions as of supernatural origin. Nevertheless, it is clearly a place of faith and has influenced many people's return to Catholicism. With more than 16 million visitors, the site has become the scene of an exceptional spiritual revival. More confessions are heard in Medjugorje than in any other parish of the entire world. In the year 1990 (before the outbreak of civil war), 1,900,000 people took Communion (more than at Fatima); 30,000 priests and bishops have visited the site. Many conversions are reported, even among those who come out of curiosity, or simply to accompany friends or relatives. Full details of the visit and accommodation will be released before October. All queries please to Pat at pat@arthurmc.com Ave Maria!

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM IN REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: This will be led by the Most Rev Kevin McDonald on Saturday 5 August, commencing at 12 noon at the Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. The cost will be adults: £25, children/ students: £10. Please bring a packed lunch and drinks. For more details please contact Geraldine on 07971 028 415 or go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org to book. Please see the poster in the church foyer for the times the coach departs from each location.

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 13:31-35
 Tues. Matthew 13:36-43
 Wed. Matthew 13:44 - 46
 Thurs. Matthew 13:47 - 53
 Fri. Matthew 13:54 - 58
 Sat. Matthew 14:1 -12
 Sun Matthew 13:44 - 52

Dr Adeola Mary Kayode writes....'I can say it pays to serve Jesus. Thank you, God, for the successful completion of my PhD study. To you Lord be all the glory'. Congratulations also from all of the Parish of Hemel west on your graduation. Well done!



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 the 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.

GOING INTO 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.

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 30 Jul	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 6pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon (SM) 12 noon	Catherine Simmons (INT) Pro Populo John Schucroft (RIP) Baptism
MON 31 Jul	St Ignatius of Loyola		No Public Mass
TUES 1 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori		No Public Mass
WED 2 Aug	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
THU 3 Aug	feria		No public Mass
FRI 4 Aug	St John Vianney	(SMSJ) 10am	For The Persecuted Church
SAT 5 Aug	feria	(SMSJ) 6pm	Elizabeth Flanagan (RIP ANNIV)
SUN 6 Aug	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am	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

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