

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10 September 2023

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



TODAY'S MASS

**If your brother listens to you,
you have won back your brother**

Fr Brian writes....

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the early Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church. Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance. Or do we prefer the worldly route of dispute settling through gossip, back-stabbing and going above people to achieve our ends?

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.

SEASON OF CREATION 1 SEPTEMBER UNTIL 4 OCTOBER: This is an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home; a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During this season, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. The theme is: 'Let Justice and Peace Flow' (Amos 5:24). We are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, to speak out for communities most impacted by climate injustice and loss of biodiversity.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead are planning a Vision and Prayer Day on Saturday 16 September, and would like all churches to be represented. It will take place at St Barnabas Church, Queen's Square, Adeyfield from 10.30am until 2pm. Lunch will be included at 1pm. To help with catering please email the secretary at secretary@cthh.org.uk to let them know you will be attending.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Tuesday 19 September, 7pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. This is a whole Parish Meeting with CAP (Christians Against Poverty). Please come and hear about the work CAP are doing in Dacorum.

YOUNG CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE: During the weekend of the 21-22 October, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York and will visit the shrine of St Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St Mary's Abbey. This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history. For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more information go to <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2023>

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING: This will take place on Monday 2 October, 7pm at St Mark's.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING: This will take place on Monday 16 October, 7pm at St Mark's. Please contact Callum at cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk or call 01442 391759 and select option 4 for more information

RED BOX: We would like to collect your Red Box during September. There will be a large red box at the back of both churches for your boxes, or you can take one of the brown envelopes and empty your box into it and return it to church. Please make sure that you mark the envelope with your name and address. Contact Janice on 07847167969 if you have any queries or would like your box to be collected.

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 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.

SCHOOLS

JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL: Applications for secondary transfer 2024-25 opens in September 2023 and closes on 31 October 2023. Please view our 2024-25 Admissions Policy on the school website, which details the application process and supplementary forms for completion and submission to JFK. There will be an Open Evening on Tuesday 3 October, from 6pm until 9pm. Tours of the school during the evening with 2 bookable presentations by the Headteacher, at 6pm and 7pm, with limited seats and requiring booking in advance. Open Morning, Wednesday 11 October, at 9.30am with limited availability and you are advised to book if unable to attend the Open Evening at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/>

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR SENIOR SCHOOL 2024: If you are a parent who is looking to have your child attend a Catholic school in September 2024, you will find it helpful to read the guidance for the issuing of such a document, on the Hemel West parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/> and click on the link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/> Requests for CCP will close on Monday 25 September. The closing date to collect certificates from the parish office, behind the Parish Centre, Boxmoor, will be Friday 29 September 2023.

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon. Luke	6:6–11
Tues. Luke	6:12–19
Wed. Luke	6:20–26
Thurs. Luke	6:27–38
Fri. Luke	6:39–42
Sat. Luke	6:43–49
Sun Matthew	18:21–35

Please join us for tea/coffee, in St Joseph's Hall after the 9.45am 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 Hemel 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 10 Sep	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 5pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Pro Populo Jane Kimotho (Sick)
WED 13 Sep	St John Chrysostom	(SMSJ) 10am	
FRI 15 Sep	Our Lady of Sorrows	(SMSJ) 10am	
SAT 16 Sep	Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian	(SMSJ) 5pm	John Ward (RIP)
SUN 17 Sep	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am (SM) 11.45am	Pro Populo Margaret Howard (RIP ANNIV) 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: 4pm-4.30pm 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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