

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 October 2023

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TODAY'S MASS

**Tax collectors and prostitutes are
entering the kingdom
of God before you**



Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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 and have submitted a Certificate of Catholic Practice to Fr Brian McMahon, please keep an eye on the parish newsletter regarding collection of the Certificate of Catholic Practice. We are waiting for the school admissions team to advise us on what we need to do regarding getting the certificates signed.

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 MCMAHON: Thank you all for your kind wishes and prayers for Fr Brian. Fr Brian is being well looked after at Watford hospital and his family is also with him. Please be advised that only his family is able to visit him at the moment. Please keep Fr Brian in your prayers.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Please note that there will not be a weekday Mass on Wednesday 25 & Friday 27 October.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Please note that there will be not be any sacrament of reconciliation at Ss Mary & Joseph church at 4pm on a Saturday evening until further notice. If you need to go confession, you will be able to go to Our Lady's on a Saturday morning after the 10am Mass.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER: Please collect your envelope after Mass this Weekend and return next weekend. You can donate to CAFOD today to ensure families can get the help they need. You can also donate on line at cafod.org.uk

RAFFLE: There will be a raffle for Macmillan Cancer Support on Sunday, after the 11.45am Mass at St Mark's. Tickets are £1 a strip.

BINGO: Come and join the Knights of St Columba for their monthly bingo session in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor Thursday 5 October, at 1.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.

PRISONER SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER: PACT, the Prison Advice and Care Trust, supports prisoners, people with convictions and their children and families to live lives that bear good fruit. Your donations enable them to deliver their services in England and Wales. Please see the poster in the church foyer with a QR code if you would like to donate to this cause.

CANDLELIT PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN: Join the procession at Allen Hall Seminary 7pm on Sunday 8 October, in praying the

Rosary for the protection of London and the gift of Vocations.

PHONES OR GLASSES: If you have any mobile phones or glasses, please can you give them to Fr Gregory for his charity in Ghana. Please drop them off to the presbytery at Our Lady's and not to the presbytery at Boxmoor as Fr Gregory will not receive them. Thank you.

DENS: Due to unprecedented demand for their foodbank, stocks have depleted to the lowest levels they have ever seen and DENS now need our community's support. We are continuing with the food collections for DENS and any donations are gratefully received. Please place your donation into the DENS box provided. Please go to their website to see the list of items needed at <https://www.dens.org.uk/support-us/high-needs-list/>

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS: If you would like to donate for flowers for the churches in the parish of Hemel West, please put your donation into an envelope marked flower donation and either place the envelope into the Mass collection basket or hand it to Shirley in the parish office. If you would like to donate for flowers for the altar to mark a special occasion, please contact the parish office.

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED ACADEMY CONVERSION OF ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL AND ST ROSE'S INFANT SCHOOL: St Cuthbert Mayne and St Rose's are proposing to convert to academy status. A four-week consultation will take place from Monday 25 September. Further information and a response form can be found on the schools' websites at: <https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/cat-consultation> & <https://www.stroses.herts.sch.uk/cat-consultation-2>

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.

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.

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

First Holy Communion Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/FKaEwyExCckBrjDD7>

Confirmation Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/QEFXAx7GUNu91upG6>

Both of these links are google documents, and so please be aware the forms may not open on some browsers. If you encounter issues, I recommend that you open the link through Google Chrome. Please contact Callum at cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk or call 01442 391759 and select option 4 if you have any problems with this process or for more information.

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon. Luke	9:46 – 50
Tues. Luke	9:51 – 56
Wed. Luke	9:57 - 62
Thurs. Luke	10:1 - 12
Fri. Luke	10:13 -16
Sat. Luke	10:17 - 24
Sun Matthew	21:33 – 43

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, after the 9.45am & 11.45am Masses. 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 1 Oct	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 5pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Eve Davis & Family (INT) Pro Populo We Pray for the Medical Professions & Health Services Fr Brian McMahon (INT)
WED 4 Oct	St Francis of Assisi	(SMSJ) 10am	We Pray for People of all Faith
FRI 6 Oct	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	For The Persecuted Church
SAT 7 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	(SMSJ) 5pm	Fr Brian McMahon (INT)
SUN 8 Oct	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Peggy Hailes (1st RIP ANNIV) Martin Rego (2nd Birthday) 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.

MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Priest: Fr Brian McMahon brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk (Opt 3)

Parish Administrator: Shirley Bailey shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk (Opt 2)

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

Email: cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk

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

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