

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8 October 2023

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TODAY'S MASS

**This is the landlord's heir:
come, let us kill him**

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders

that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing

and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR SENIOR SCHOOL 2024: If you are concerned that the parish of Hemel West has not received your Certificate of Catholic Practice for Senior School 2024, please call Shirley in the parish office and she will check to see if she has received it.

If you need to apply for a Certificate of Catholic Practice please ensure that your application is received at the Hemel West parish office by **Friday 13 October**. Any applications for a CCP for Senior School 2024 will not be signed after this date, and it will **your** responsible for any late applications.

Certificates of Catholic Practice can be downloaded from the link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/wp-content/uploads/sites/238/2020/09/Cert-of-Catholic-Practice-BM-for-printing.pdf>

Once you have completed the form it should be posted through the Hemel West parish office letterbox at 186 St Johns Road. If everything is fine with your application it will be signed and sent to John F Kennedy school for processing. If your child is going to another school please make this clear when you apply and provide your contact number and Shirley will contact you when the CCP is ready to be collected. The Parish Office is behind the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. Just follow the signs outside the Presbytery to the Parish Office.

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.

A Message from Bishop Paul McAleenan

Dear Parishioners, as we know your Parish Priest, Fr Brian, is in hospital and naturally you are concerned about his welfare. Fr Brian is very grateful for your prayers and sends you his gratitude and best wishes. Fr Brian is mobile, engaging in conversation in his usual cheerful manner with his family members. The hospital staff continue to monitor him while he rests and are considering the next best steps that will aid his recuperation. Please do continue to pray for Fr Brian, his family and for all the staff of WGH who are caring for him so well. Fr Brian's family have requested that only family members visit him at this time to enable him to rest.

FR BRIAN REYNOLDS: Fr Brian Reynolds will be leaving Hemel Hempstead on Tuesday 24 October, for his new position as Chaplain at St Vincent's in Pinner. Fr Brian Reynolds has been a big part of the parishes of Hemel East and Hemel West over the last eleven years and has been a great support to our priests and parishioners and we will miss him greatly. We will be having a collection on the weekend of 14/15 October for Fr Brian to show our appreciation for everything he has done in our parish. Please join us in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor on Sunday 22 October, after the 9.45am Mass for tea/coffee and cake with Fr Brian.

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.

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.

CHARITY CURRY NIGHT: This will be in aid of the Rennie Grove Hospice, Monday 23 October, 6pm at the Sahara Indian Restaurant in Gadebridge. The cost is £20 per head. There will also be a raffle and a quiz and you will need to pay for your own drinks. Please contact Maria on 07950362875 or email mariaoare@aol.com.

CAFOD ENVELOPES: Please remember to return your CAFOD Envelopes this weekend. You can go on line at cafod.org.uk if you would like to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND RAFFLE: Thank you for your support and we raised £418.

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.

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.

Prayer for Homelessness Sunday 8 October.

Dear Lord, you promise us that you know every hair on our head. You value each of us - help us to value others as you do. Help us to be your love for all we meet. On this Sunday we pray especially for all who are homeless, we pray they are protected by you. We ask you to bless all who work with those experiencing homelessness and ask you to stir your spirit within us so we might help bring your love to all - especially those without a home. We ask this in Jesus name.

Amen

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

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/FKaEwyExCCKBrdD7>

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	10:25 – 27
Tues. Luke	10:38 – 42
Wed. Luke	11:1 - 4
Thurs. Luke	11:5 - 13
Fri. Luke	11:15 -26
Sat. Luke	11:27 - 28
Sun Matthew	22:1 - 14

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 8 Oct	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 5pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Fr Brian McMahon (INT) Peggy Hailes (1st RIP ANNIV) Martin Rego (2nd Birthday) Pro Populo
WED 11 Oct	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
FRI 13 Oct	ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR	(SMSJ) 10am	Michael & Paula Gallagher (RIP)
SAT 14 Oct	feria	(SMSJ) 5pm	Donal Dignan (RIP)
SUN 15 Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Donal Dignan (RIP) 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)**

Address: The Presbytery, 186 St John's Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP1 1NR

website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/>



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