

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
15 October 2023

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Year 1
Divine Office
Week 4



TODAY'S MASS
**Invite everyone you
can to the wedding**

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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. Any applications for a CCP for Senior School 2024 will not be signed after Friday 20 October and it will be your responsible for any late applications.

SS MARY & JOSEPH CAR PARK: Please note that Ss Mary & Joseph's car park will be closed on Friday 20 October, as the lines in the car park are being repainted.

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 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 this weekend 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.

PRAYER AFTER THE 9.45AM MASS FOR FR BRIAN MCMAHON: After the 9.45am Mass, you are welcome to join us in praying the Divine Mercy chaplet for Fr Brian's recovery each week.

THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER AT ST MARK'S: On Thursday evenings we are running various faith exploration and sacramental preparation groups in St Marks parish room at 7pm. The church will open for private prayer every week from 6pm-9pm. Evening Prayer will usually be sung at 6pm and Night Prayer will be sung at 8.50pm before the church closes. Everyone is very welcome for either communal or private worship.

ALL SAINTS BRING & SHARE INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER AT 6PM: To celebrate and pray for all those loved ones who we pray are now with God, we will be hosting an

evening celebration in JFK School's Main Hall. If you would like to come please reserve a space with Callum or Clare Sitkowski either at the end of Mass or via cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk. The suggested donation is £5 per adult and children are free. The money will go towards establishing an emergency relief fund for the St Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need.

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 mariasoare@aol.com.

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.

CAFOD FAST DAY: Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal which raised £482.65. It's not too late to give on line at: cafod.org.uk

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.

Season of Creation Prayer

God of all creation, help us to cherish the gifts you have given us. Give us the courage and hope to raise our voices alongside our sisters and brothers seeking justice and protection of the earth.

Amen

(CAFOD)

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.

SCHOOLS

ST ROSE'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION 2024: This process opens on Wednesday 1 November 2023 and closes on Monday 15 January 2024. Tours of the school will be on Wednesday 1 November, at 2pm, Monday 13 November, at 9.30am and Tuesday 9 January, at 2pm. To book onto a tour please email Mrs Taylor at admin@stroses.herts.sch.uk. There is a virtual tour at Admissions | St Rose's Catholic Infant School (secure-primariesite.net)

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR INFANT ADMISSIONS 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 open on Thursday 2 November, and close on Friday 27 November. Please keep an eye on the newsletter regarding collection of your CCP.

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon. Luke	11:29 – 32
Tues. Luke	11:39 – 41
Wed. Luke	11:42 - 46
Thurs. Luke	11:47 - 54
Fri. Luke	12:1 - 7
Sat. Luke	12:9 - 12
Sun Matthew	22:15 - 21

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 15 Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 5pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Donal Dignan (RIP) Bridget Hassett (INT) Donal Dignan (RIP) Pro Populo
WED 18 Oct	ST LUKE	(SMSJ) 10am	
FRI 20 Oct	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
SAT 21 Oct	feria	(SMSJ) 5pm	Fr Brian McMahon (INT)
SUN 22 Oct	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	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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