

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
22 October 2023

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Week 1



TODAY'S MASS
**Give back to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar**

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

FR BRIAN REYNOLDS: Please join us in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor, after the 9.45am Mass for tea/coffee and cake, to wish Fr Brian well in his new position as Chaplain at St Vincent's in Pinner.

SS MARY & JOSEPH CAR PARK: Please note that Ss Mary & Joseph's car park will be closed on Tuesday 24 October, as Fr Brian's removal van needs access to the car park. Ss Mary & Joseph's car park will also be closed on Friday 27 October, as the lines in the car park are being repainted. This was cancelled last Friday due to the weather.

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.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: There will be Remembrance folders in the sanctuary of our Churches during November. Masses and prayers will be offered during the month for the Holy Souls including those listed in these folders. If you would like to include the names of your loved ones, please take a purple prayer sheet and an offering envelope on the way out of Church. Fill them in and return them, with your offering in the envelope over the coming weeks. You can put your form and donation envelope in with the offertory collection at Sunday Mass or you can post it into the Hemel West parish office post box

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD: There will be a Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service) on Wednesday 25 October, 10am in Ss Mary & Joseph Church and on each subsequent Wednesday at 10am until further notice. The format of the service will be in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Bishops. See: <https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/CWC/CWAC.pdf>

WEEKDAY MASSES: Please note that there will not be a weekday Mass at Ss Mary & Joseph until further notice. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates on Mass times.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (MISSIO): World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 22 October, in every Catholic parish around the world. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please take an envelope from the back of the church or call 020 7821 9755 or visit Missio's website: missio.org.uk to donate.

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.

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.

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.

Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

Oh God, who cares for all, let the whole of humanity who have one origin from you, form one family, without violence, without absurd wars and with brotherly spirit, live united in peace and concord for our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son who is God, lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon. Luke	12:13– 21
Tues. Luke	12:35 – 38
Wed. Luke	12:39 - 48
Thurs. Luke	12:49 - 53
Fri. Luke	12:54 -59
Sat. Luke	13:1 - 9
Sun Matthew	22:34 - 40

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)

ST ALBERT THE GREAT PRIMARY SCHOOL 2024: You are invited to join a school tour for Reception 2024 on: Tuesday 7 November, at 9.15am, Thursday 30 November, at 2pm, Tuesday 5 December, at 2pm and Thursday 7 December, at 9.30am. Tours can be booked online via the school website under Key Information, Admissions, Reception Admissions 2024/2025 or via the school office on 264835. School applications open on Wednesday 1 November and close on Monday 15 January.

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/hemel Hempsteadwest/> and click on the link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemel Hempsteadwest/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/> Requests for CCP will open on Thursday 2 November, and close on Friday 27 November. Please do not request a certificate of CCP before this date as your request will not be accepted. Please keep an eye on the newsletter regarding collection of your CCP.

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 22 Oct	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 5pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Fr Brian McMahon (INT) Pro Populo Pro Populo Peter Davis (RIP) & Eve Davis (INT) For all the Adopted & Missing Children (INT)
WED 25 Oct	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Celebration of the Word
FRI 27 Oct	feria		No Mass
SAT 28 Oct	SS SIMON & JUDE	(SMSJ) 5pm	Martin Mongan (RIP)
SUN 29 Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Fr Brian McMahon (INT) Holy Souls 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)

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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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