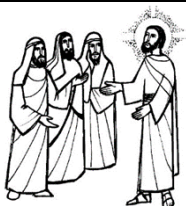


**CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST**  
**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**29 October 2023**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
Year 1  
Divine Office  
Week 2



***TODAY'S MASS***  
**The commandments  
of love**

**Gospel Matthew 22:34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbours as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

**Please see below the Mass times at Our Lady's for All Saints and Holy Souls.**

| <b>ALL SAINTS &amp; HOLY SOULS MASSES AT HEMEL HEMPSTEAD EAST</b> |                |  |
|---|----------------|--|
| <b>DATE</b>   | <b>TIME</b>    | <b>CHURCH</b>  |
| <b>All Saints<br/>1 November</b>                                  | <b>10am</b>    | <b>Our Lady's<br/>(with St Albert's<br/>School &amp; All Saints<br/>Academy)</b> |
| <b>All Saints<br/>1 November</b>                                  | <b>12 noon</b> | <b>Grovehill</b>   |
| <b>All Saints<br/>1 November</b>                                  | <b>7pm</b>     | <b>Our Lady's</b>  |
| <b>Holy Souls<br/>2 November</b>                                  | <b>10am</b>    | <b>Grovehill</b>   |
| <b>Holy Souls<br/>2 November</b>                                  | <b>12 noon</b> | <b>Our Lady's</b>  |
| <b>Holy Souls<br/>2 November</b>                                  | <b>7pm</b>     | <b>Our Lady's</b>  |

# 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

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS:** The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 82 retired priests, at a cost of £850,000. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) or using the QR Code on the poster in the church porch. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Thank you for your prayers, donations and ongoing support last weekend. There are still envelopes available on the table at the back of the church if you would like to donate. Please visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) for further information.

**BINGO:** Come and join the Knights of St Columba for their monthly bingo session in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor on Thursday 2 November, at 1.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.

**DINE FOR DENS:** There are a few places available on Wednesday 8 November, 7pm at the Curry Garden Berkhamsted. The cost is £18 per head excluding your drinks. There will be a raffle and quiz. Please call Val or Irene on 392527 or 07817421811. The Rennie Grove charity night raised £443. Thank you.

**CAFOD:** We have all been shocked and saddened by the images and stories in the media from Israel and Gaza and we join Pope Francis's urgent call for peace and an end to the violence. CAFOD is asking all parishes to pray for peace. At this stage CAFOD advises if anyone would like to donate directly to the emergency please go to the link: Israeli-Palestinian conflict: How you can help ([cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk))

**DACORUM INTERFAITH NETWORK:** They meet on the second Monday of each month 7.30pm, at The Friends Meeting House, Hemel Old Town, HP2 5ZB. They welcome all who are interested in networking with Faith groups. For more details call 216 768 for further information.

**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**

God, our Creator and Redeemer, may we see the sorrow of war in the eyes of those who suffer and have known only violence in their lives.

Give us a voice for those who have no voice and are not heard; those who know that there is no tomorrow in war, and that the violence of weapons destroys both the beauty of creation and the joy of life. That way, with your help, we will become true instruments of your peace.

Amen

(Adapted from Pope Francis' Address for the World Day of Prayer for Peace. Assisi, 2016.)

## 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](mailto:admin@stroses.herts.sch.uk). There is a virtual tour at Admissions | St Rose's Catholic Infant School ([secure-primarysite.net](https://secure-primarysite.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/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 17 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.

### GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| Mon. Luke   | 13:10– 17   |
| Tues. Luke  | 13:18 – 21  |
| Wed. Luke   | 13:22 - 30  |
| Thurs. Luke | 13:31 - 33  |
| Fri. Luke   | 14:1 - 6    |
| Sat. Luke   | 14:1,7 - 11 |
| Sun Matthew | 22:34 - 40  |

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](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk)

Phone: 01442 391 759 option 2

| Telephone cover for Hemel West | Hemel West Office Hours    |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Monday<br>12 noon-6pm          | Monday<br>3pm-6pm          |
| Tuesday<br>9.30am-3.30pm       | Tuesday<br>Closed          |
| Wednesday<br>9.30am-3.30pm     | Wednesday<br>9.30am-3.30pm |
| Thursday<br>9.30am-3.30pm      | Thursday<br>9.30am-12.30pm |
| Friday<br>9.30am-3.30pm        | Friday<br>9.30am-12.30pm   |

## HOLY MASS

|                   |                                     |  |   |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>SUN 29 Oct</b> | <b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> | (SMSJ) 5pm (Sat vigil)<br>(SMSJ) 8.30am<br>(SMSJ) 9.45am<br>(SM) 11.45am | Martin Mongan (RIP)<br>Fr Brian McMahon (INT)<br>Holy Souls<br>Pro Populo |
| <b>WED 1 Nov</b>  | <b>ALL SAINTS</b>                   | (SMSJ) 10am  | Celebration of the Word   |
| <b>SAT 4 Nov</b>  | St Charles Borromeo                 | (SMSJ) 5pm   | Baby Joshua Jones (17th RIP ANNIV)  |
| <b>SUN 5 Nov</b>  | <b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> | (SMSJ) 8.30am<br>(SMSJ) 9.45am<br>(SM) 11.45am                           | Pro Populo<br>For Truth & Justice<br>Jack O'Malley (RIP)                  |

**CELEBRATION OF THE WORD:** There will be a Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service) on Wednesday at Ss Mary & Joseph Church and on each subsequent Wednesday at 10am until further notice.

**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 parish newsletter for updates on Mass times at Ss Mary & Joseph. **Please note that there are weekday Masses at Our Lady's on a Monday and Tuesday at 10am, Thursday 10am at Grovehill and Friday 7pm at Our Lady's.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** There will not be Sacrament of Reconciliation at Ss Mary & Joseph until further notice. If you need to go to confession, you will be able to go to confession on a Saturday morning after the 10am Mass at Our Lady's. Please keep an eye on the Hemel East newsletter for any changes to the Hemel East Mass times.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk) (Opt 3)

**Parish Administrator:** Shirley Bailey      [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) (Opt 2)

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

**Email:** [cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk)

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

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