

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST**  
**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**5 November 2023**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A

Weekday readings

Year 1

Divine Office  
Week 3



***TODAY'S MASS***

**They do not practise  
what they preach**

**Gospel Matthew 23:1-12**

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practice, what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

# 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:** Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes at the back of the church. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/) donations or use the QR Code on the poster in the church porch. You may also wish to consider becoming a Patron of our Sick & Retired Priests Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today, for more information. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

**ST MARK'S:** The boiler in JFK school is being replaced and so there will not be any heating in the church for the next few weeks. Please wrap up warm.

**VERITAS CATHOLIC LECTURE:** Advent Special by Fr John Deehan (NT professor at Allen Hall), Gospels of Masses and Christmas Missal, Holy Family and Christology. Saturday 11 November, in the Parish

Centre, Boxmoor from 10am until 3pm. Recommended pre reading - An Adult Christ at Christmas by Raymond Brown. Donations for the lecturer and lunch to share are gratefully received! All are welcome.

**CAFOD PRINTER CARTRIDGE COLLECTING BOX:** Get rid of your used printer cartridges during November easily by using the new CAFOD BOX at the back of the church.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** There will be a brief service of Remembrance for all the fallen of WW1 & WW2 and later conflicts next weekend. This will take place immediately after the 9.45am Mass. A poppy wreath will be blessed and placed on the memorial wall plaque. Details of the six young parishioners who gave their lives in WW1 are on the plaque. A Roll of Honour will be displayed on the Sanctuary until the end of the month.

**CROCHET HOOKS:** Crochet hooks and wool needed. Please contact Camille on 01442 245316. (Evenings only). 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

When the burden of grief is heavy, lighten our load and lift our spirits. When despair darkens our horizon, shine forth your light and lead the way. When our hearts feel broken, comfort us and hold us in your embrace. When we rage against the injustice of loss, channel this power into all that is good. When sorrow surrounds us, wrap us in hope that we may endure. When we are overwhelmed in the dark of night, may the breaking of dawn bring peace. For we know, O Lord, our God, that you hear our cries for help, and so we ask you to turn our mourning into dancing, to take away our sadness and to clothe us with joy.

Amen (CAFOD)

## SCHOOLS

**ST ROSE'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION 2024:** This process opened on Wednesday 1 November 2023 and closes on Monday 15 January 2024. Tours of the school will be on 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-primariesite.net](https://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 opened on Wednesday 1 November and close on Monday 15 January.

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR INFANT/JUNIOR 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 opened on Thursday 2 November, and close on Friday 17 November. Please keep an eye on the newsletter regarding collection of your CCP.

## GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon. Luke	14:12– 14
Tues. Luke	14:15 – 21
Wed. Luke	14:25 - 33
Thurs. Luke	15: 1 - 10
Fri. Luke	16: 1 - 8
Sat. Luke	16: 9 - 15
Sun Matthew	23:1 - 12

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 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

<b>SUN 5 Nov</b>	<b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 5pm (Sat vigil) <b>(SMSJ)</b> 8.30am <b>(SMSJ)</b> 9.45am <b>(SM)</b> 11.45am	Baby Joshua Jones (17th RIP ANNIV) Pro Populo For Truth & Justice Jack O'Malley (RIP)
<b>WED 8 Nov</b>	feria	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 10am	NO MASS Celebration of the Word
<b>SAT 11 Nov</b>	St Martin of Tours	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 5pm	Michael Joe Kilbane (RIP)
<b>SUN 12 Nov</b>	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 8.30am <b>(SMSJ)</b> 9.45am <b>(SM)</b> 11.45am	Pro Populo Eileen Whitehouse (INT) Michael Prendiville (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)

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

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

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