

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
12 November 2023

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TODAY'S MASS
The wise and foolish virgins

Dear Parishioners of Hemel Hempstead West

Thank you for your support of your parish and the Church. Fr Brian McMahon, due to current and continuing health issues, has retired as Parish Priest of SS Mary and St Joseph & St Mark's, Hemel Hempstead West. I appreciate that this is difficult news for you to receive. We acknowledge all that Fr Brian has undertaken and achieved in his time as your Parish Priest. At present Fr Brian remains in a Care Home where his medical condition and needs are being assessed.

To ensure that your parish is adequately provided for in this interim period Fr Kim Addison has been appointed Parochial Administrator of Hemel Hempstead West while remaining Parish Priest of Hemel Hempstead East. As Parochial Administrator, Fr Kim will have responsibility for all aspects of the life and work of your parish.

We are very grateful to Fr Kim for his generosity in accepting this additional duty. He will need and appreciate all the support you can give him. Please do keep both Fr Kim and Fr Brian in your prayers. Please also pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious life that the spiritual and pastoral needs of all our parishes can be provided. I pray that God will continue to guide your parish, enabling it to continue to witness to the Gospel.

+Paul McAleenan

PARISH NEWS

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

MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION: There will be a collection next weekend for Mary's Meals. A volunteer from Mary's Meals will be speaking at the end of all the Masses and they will update us on its work. If you would like to become a volunteer for Mary's Meals there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the Hemel West parish office will closed on Friday 17 November and Monday 20 November.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you would like to make our churches look lovely for Christmas, do contribute to the Christmas Flower Fund by putting your donation in the dedicated envelope at the back of the church. Please put your envelope into the collection basket. Thank you.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS: Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. You may also wish to consider becoming a Patron of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

CHARITY CURRY NIGHT: This will be at the Mazza Indian Restaurant 43 Marlowes, on Wednesday 6 December, at 7pm. The cost is £20 per head

excluding your drinks. There will be a raffle and quiz. Contact Irene or Val Soares on 392527 or email valsoares@aol.com. Thank you for supporting Dens. We raised £681.

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.

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 this weekend, 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.

INTERFAITH WEEK 12-19 NOVEMBER: Why not use the opportunity this week to reach out for a conversation with someone of a different faith or belief, and talk about things that we may find we have in common. A stranger is a friend I haven't yet met.

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

Dear God

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen

(Adapted from Laudato Si, Pope Francis 2015)

SCHOOLS

ST ROSE'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION 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. There is a virtual tour at Admissions | St Rose's Catholic Infant School (secure-primarysite.net)

ST ALBERT THE GREAT PRIMARY SCHOOL 2024: You are invited to join a school tour for Reception 2024 on: 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.

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/hemelhempsteadwest/> and click on the link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/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	17: 1– 6
Tues. Luke	17: 7 –10
Wed. Luke	17:11 - 19
Thurs. Luke	17: 20 - 25
Fri. Luke	17: 26- 37
Sat. Luke	18: 1 - 8
Sun Matthew	25:1 - 13

GOING TO 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 12 Nov	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 5pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Michael Joe Kilbane (RIP) People of the parish Eileen Whitehouse (INT) Michael Prendiville (RIP)
WED 15 Nov	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	NO MASS Celebration of the Word
SAT 18 Nov	St Martin of Tours	(SMSJ) 5pm	Bridget & Michael Gavin (RIP)
SUN 19 Nov	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	People of the Parish William & Bella Hegarty (RIP) Fr Brian McMahon (INT)

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 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

Parochial Administrator: Fr Kim Addison (emergency's only) (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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