

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST**  
**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**19 November 2023**

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



***TODAY'S MASS***

**You have been faithful in  
small things: come and join  
in your master's happiness**

Dear Parishioners

As we reflect on Fr Brian McMahon's retirement, our prayers continue to be with him. Following Bishop Paul McAleenan's recent announcement, I've been appointed as the Parochial Administrator of the parish until a new Parish Priest is appointed. Our collective prayer is that despite the current shortage of priests, the Diocese will soon find a Parish Priest for our community.

In my role as Parochial Administrator, I am committed to tending to the needs of the parish to the best of my ability. However, it's important to note that I will also continue my duties in the Parish of Hemel East, where I serve as the Parish Priest. While I'll be available for emergency calls and funerals, we'll be relying on the generosity and availability of supply priests for weekend Masses and baptisms.

For the time being, there won't be weekday Masses, but you're welcome to attend the daily Mass in the Parish of Hemel East on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. As we await the appointment of a new Parish Priest for Hemel West, we find ourselves in an interim period of prayer and anticipation. Although some may have ideas about what should be done during this time, out of respect for Fr Brian's vision and in anticipation of the new Parish Priest, we won't be making any changes or initiating new endeavours.

While this situation may not be ideal it is where we find ourselves but rest assured that they are doing all that they can to provide for the people in this parish. Let us approach the Lord with humility, praying for our parish and for God's mission for all His people.

God Bless you all...Fr Kim Addison

# 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 this 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.

**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.

**DENS:** Nicky Mansfield is sleeping out for DENS on 24 November. All sponsorship gratefully received. To donate please visit [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and search for nicola mansfield DENS.

**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](mailto:valsoares@aol.com).

**CAFOD:** CAFOD World Gifts Catalogues can be found on the table at the back of the church at Boxmoor and in the entrance porch at St Mark's. Please do take one home with you and consider gifting one of these as Christmas presents to family and friends this year.

**CAFOD:** Please donate to the CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call

0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Thank you for your prayers.

**BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES:** If your child has recently been baptised and you need a baptismal certificate, please send the full name of the child, parents, godparents and Christian witnesses (if appointed) and full address to [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) and she will arrange a certificate for you.

**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.

**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 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.

## Prayer

Loving Father, your risen Son sent us out into the world as ambassadors for the Kingdom of God; inspire us with your Spirit of compassion, justice and truth to declare the Good News to those who are poor, to work for the relief, defence and liberation of all who are trapped in oppressive circumstances. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

## GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon.	Luke	18: 35 – 43
Tues.	Luke	19: 1 –10
Wed.	Luke	19:11 - 28
Thurs.	Luke	19: 41 - 44
Fri.	Luke	19: 45- 48
Sat.	Luke	20: 27 - 40
Sun	Matthew	25: 31 - 46

## SCHOOLS

**ST ROSE'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION 2024:** Tours of the school will be on 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: 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/hemel Hempsteadwest/> and click on the link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemel Hempsteadwest/parish-forms/certificate-of-catholic-practice/> Please post the Certificate of Catholic Practice into the parish office post box. The Parish Office is behind the Parish Centre, Boxmoor. Just follow the signs outside the Presbytery to the Parish Office. Requests for CCP opened on Thursday 2 November, and closed on Friday 17 November. Please keep an eye on the newsletter regarding collection of your CCP.

### Sunday Offertory Collection, Contactless Payments and Standing Orders for October 2023.

<b>Loose Cash &amp; Contactless</b>	<b>£2,205.55</b>
<b>Standing Orders</b>	<b>£4,732.02</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,937.57</b>

Thank you very much for your generous Sunday Offering. May God Bless you!

**N.B** Please consider making your Offering via Standing Order (with Gift Aid if a tax payer) or via Contactless, rather than loose cash.

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 19 Nov</b>	<b>33rd 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	Bridget & Michael Gavin (RIP) People of the Parish William & Bella Hegarty (RIP) Fr Brian McMahon (INT)
<b>WED 22 Nov</b>	St Cecilia	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 10am	NO MASS Celebration of the Word
<b>SAT 25 Nov</b>	feria	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 5pm	John Sweeney (RIP ANNIV)
<b>SUN 26 Nov</b>	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe</b>	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 8.30am <b>(SMSJ)</b> 9.45am <b>(SM)</b> 11.45am	People of the Parish Fr Brian Reynolds (INT) Kaz & Peggy Sitkowski (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

**Parochial Administrator:** Fr Kim Addison (emergencies only) (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)

**Address:** The Presbytery, 186 St John's Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP1 1NR

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