

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe
26 November 2023

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TODAY'S MASS

**I was naked and you clothed
me; sick, and you visited me**

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

PARISH NEWS

UPDATE ON FR BRIAN: Fr Brian is in the process of transitioning to a Care Home that will cater to his long-term requirements. Let's keep Fr Brian and his family in our thoughts and prayers during this period. It's important to remember that due to his health condition, Fr Brian may experience moments of forgetfulness and confusion, something to bear in mind when communicating with him. For all matters regarding the parish, please refer them to Fr Kim.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Please see the sign up sheet on the table at the back of the church for sacristans and readers for the Christmas Masses.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: If you have submitted a CCP to the parish of Hemel West, you will be able to collect your certificate from the parish office, behind the Parish Centre, Boxmoor, on Monday 27 November, from 3.30pm until 5.30pm or Wednesday 29 November, from 10am until 3pm.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Westminster Cathedral the mother Church of our diocese has improved the lighting of its main sanctuary. The previous aged and inefficient system had to be replaced as spare parts were no longer available. The improved lighting is of great benefit on major occasions particularly if they are being broadcast or live streamed. The improvements are being funded by the Friends of Westminster Cathedral. They are asking for our help by supporting their Big Give Campaign with online donations. For donations made from 12 noon on Tuesday 28 November and before 12 noon on Tuesday 5 December, every £1 given is worth £2 with matched funding and £2.25 if you can tick the Gift Aid box. The link to the donation site is <https://bit.ly/FriendsBG23>

BOXMOOR CHRISTMAS MARKET SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER: The Boxmoor Christmas market and light switch-on will be on Saturday 2 December, held on St John's Road between Wharf Road and

Thorne Close and from the bottom of Anchor Lane to (but not including) Halwick Close. These road areas in Boxmoor will be closed from 1pm until 7pm on that day and parking will be suspended on St John's Road. Road diversions will be in operation during this time.

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.

TAIZE FOR ADVENT: There will be Taizé services on Tuesday 5 and Tuesday 12 December. We will meet at 7pm in St Joseph's hall for song, prayer, silence and reflection.

DIVINE MERCY ADVENT REFLECTION: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Advent Reflection at St Saviour's Roman Catholic Church Lewisham on Saturday 9 December, from 1.30pm to 4.30pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT: Please join us for Carols by Candlelight on Monday 18 December, 7.30pm in Ss Mary & Joseph's church. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor.

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. All sponsorship gratefully received. To donate please visit www.justgiving.com and search for nicola mansfield DENS.

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

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon. Luke	21: 1 – 4
Tues. Luke	21: 5 –11
Wed. Luke	21:12 - 19
Thurs. Luke	21: 20 - 28
Fri. Luke	21: 29- 33
Sat. Luke	21: 34 - 46
Sun Mark	13: 33 - 37

gifting one of these as Christmas presents to family and friends this year.

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 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 in the church foyer.

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

God of love, show us our place in this world, as channels of your love, for all creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor of the earth are crying out, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Amen (Pope Francis)

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 26 Nov	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe	(SMSJ) 5pm (Sat vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	John Sweeney (RIP ANNIV) People of the Parish Fr Brian Reynolds (INT) Kaz & Peggy Sitkowski (RIP)
WED 29 Nov	feria	(SMSJ) 10am	NO MASS Celebration of the Word
SAT 2 Dec	feria	(SMSJ) 5pm	Harry Bailey (21st Birthday)
SUN 3 Dec	1st Sunday of Advent	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Adrian (Birthday) For World Peace & Justice People of the Parish

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 (emergencies 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

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