

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 4th February 2024

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### **TODAY'S MASS**

**He cast out devils and cured many  
who were suffering from disease**

#### ***What are Mass intentions?***

There is a long and venerable tradition in the Catholic Church that the faithful ask their priests to celebrate Holy Mass for particular, specified intentions. This custom, well understood in former generations past, is perhaps not so widely understood today.

***Why have intentions at Holy Mass?*** Holy Mass makes present among us the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. There is no greater prayer known to humanity, because Holy Mass is the perfect offering of the Son of God to his heavenly Father. In offering Holy Mass for a specific intention, the priest prays to God that the fruits of Christ's redemptive sacrifice be applied to the requested intention, for the spiritual and temporal good of the person(s) concerned.

***Who can offer up an intention at Holy Mass?*** Any Catholic may offer up a Holy Mass which he or she attends for any good intention. At Holy Mass you are free to associate your prayer with the intention of the priest, or you are free to offer up your own participation at the Mass for any number of personal intentions.

***How is that different to the priest's intention at Mass?*** The ordained priest has a particular role as an ordained minister of the Church. In offering the Holy Mass, the priest acts *in persona Christi capitis*, that is, in the person of Christ the Head of the Mystical Body, which is the Church. Thus, the Church has long taught, special graces may be obtained when the priest celebrating Holy Mass dedicates it to a particular intention.

***Who can Holy Mass be offered for?*** Holy Mass can be offered for anyone, or any number of people, living or dead, with some exceptions. They do not have to be Catholics, but the offering must not cause scandal to the faithful, and it must not be for an intention that offends against Christian sentiment. You can also ask for Mass to be offered for a "private intention" if you do not want a person's name to be published.

#### ***What happens to the stipend? How much is it?***

Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priest. All Mass stipends are sent on to the diocese. It is a donation, but our diocese recommends a minimum of £10.

#### ***How to request a priest offers Holy Mass for your intentions.***

Please contact the office to book a Mass intention by email or telephone and Shirley will explain how to make your donation.

#### ***Names of the Sick and Departed***

If you would like prayers for a sick or departed person please let Shirley in the office know by email or telephone so that their name can be printed on the weekly newsletter. Don't forget to ask permission from the sick person first. The names will not normally be read out at Mass as the list could be too long, but you can use the list to include them in your intentions. The name will be there for one month and then removed. You can request for it to be put on again, of course.

Thank you for all you do. I am most grateful to you all for your welcome in the parish and encouragement.

With my prayers and thanksgivings,

Fr David

# PARISH NEWS

**Welcome to the parish of Hemel West. If you are new to the parish, please make yourself known to Fr David, by speaking to him after Mass or by contacting him on 01442 391 759.**

## **SACRISTANS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND AND**

**WEEK DAY MASSES:** Thank you to those who have volunteered to be Sacristans. The duties include opening the Church (you'll need a key code) 30 minutes before Mass, turning on the lights and sound system, lighting candles, setting up the tray with the Chalice behind the Altar etc. After Mass vessels need to be returned to the safe and the lights and sound system turned off and the Church locked again. Please email Shirley at shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk with your contact details and she will pass these onto Fr David.

**RENNIE GROVE PEACE HOSPICE:** Two Year 7 girls from JFK school will be selling home-made bracelets after Mass, at St Marks. Lauren and Freya are hoping to raise money for Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care as part of a wider class project. Please bring along some extra coins and support their charitable efforts.

**PALM CROSSES:** If you have any old palm crosses, please bring them to church before 11 February and we will burn them for ash.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:** There will be Mass at 9.30am and 7pm on Ash Wednesday at Ss Mary & Joseph. The new week day Mass times will be at 9.30am starting from Wednesday 14 February.

**GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK:** On Saturday 10 February, the Vigil of the Feast Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

**DIVINE MERCY AFTERNOON:** The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy

Afternoon of Reflection on Saturday 10 February, 1.30pm until 4.30pm at St George's R.C. Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London. SE1 7HY. The Reflection will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, The Way of the Cross, 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.

**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION:** Saturday 24 February, 10.30am for 11am start the Newman Association are holding a Lent Quiet Day, led by Clare Bick and Anne Casson of the Ignatian School of Prayer, at the Focolare Centre, Parkway. AL8 6JG. Everyone welcome. Email [mscooke044@btinternet.com](mailto:mscooke044@btinternet.com) before 10 February for a booking form.

**HOSPITALITY AT ST MARK'S:** Hospitality during February and March at St Marks will be donated to CAFOD. Everyone is welcome to stay for tea/coffee after Mass.

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE:** Escorted Tour to Knock and Co Mayo, from 10 March 2024. The cost is £899 person and includes flights, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Please contact Patricia or Natali on 01268762278 or 07740175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

**TOILETRIES NEEDED:** Please see the items we need for the Refugee/Asylum Seekers in the Dacorum area. Shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, tooth paste and Body Lotion. Please put these into the toiletries box at the back of our churches. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**CHARITY CURRY NIGHT:** Thank you for your support at the Children with Cancer UK Indian charity curry night. We raised £977.

**MATERIALS FOR A RE-WILDING PROJECT:** If you have any logs, branches or broken terra cotta pots for a re-wilding project in King's Langley, please call Louise on 07799543532.

## GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon. Mark	6: 53 – 56
Tues. Mark	7: 1– 13
Wed. Mark	7: 14 - 23
Thurs. Mark	7: 24 - 30
Fri. Mark	7 31 - 37
Sat. Mark	8: 1 - 10
Sun Mark	1: 40 - 345

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:** If you are a new parent, congratulations! You should now be thinking about having your child baptised. You will need to prepare for this important sacramental event, for when your child becomes a member of God's family. Please go to the Events page on the parish website for up and coming Baptism Preparation classes, or follow the link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/events/>

**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.

**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 full address to [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) and she will arrange a certificate for you.

**Day for Victims of Trafficking - Thursday 8 February (St Josephine Bakhita)**

### Prayer

Dear God, we ask justice for your children who have been wronged, and just as you helped Moses and Aaron as they spoke boldly to Pharaoh on behalf of the Hebrew slaves in Egypt, help us to speak up for modern-day slaves around the world. We pray that through our actions we can help bring an end to human trafficking. Amen

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
<b>Monday</b> 12 noon-6pm	<b>Monday</b> 3pm-6pm
<b>Tuesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Tuesday</b> Closed
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm
<b>Thursday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Thursday</b> 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Friday</b> 9.30am-3.30pm	<b>Friday</b> 9.30am-12.30pm

## HOLY MASS

<b>SUN 4 Feb</b>	<b>5th 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	Tadeusz (Ted) & Danuta Buras (8th RIP ANNIV) People of the Parish Lorraine Breakspear (RIP) Ann Lynn (RIP)
<b>Mon 5 Feb</b>	Saint Agatha	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 10am	Dallas & Ronald Gill (RIP)
<b>Tues 6 Feb</b>	Saint Paul Miki & Companions	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 10am	Eve Davis, Family & Friends (INT)
<b>Wed 7 Feb</b>	Feria	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 10am	Brian Forde (RIP)
<b>Thurs 8 Feb</b>	Feria		NO MASS (Father's rest day)
<b>Fri 9 Feb</b>	Feria	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 10am	Rosemary Jones, Family & Friends (INT)
<b>SAT 10 Feb</b>	Saint Scholastica	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 5pm (Sat Vigil)	Inmaculada Carr (RIP ANNIV)
<b>SUN 11 Feb</b>	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>(SMSJ)</b> 8.30am <b>(SMSJ)</b> 9.45am <b>(SM)</b> 11.45am	People of the Parish John Keegan (RIP ANNIV)

**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.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday: 4pm-4.30pm at SS Mary & Joseph church and by appointment.

### MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

**Parish Priest:** Fr David Cherry      [davidcherry@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:davidcherry@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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