

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th February 2024

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TODAY'S MASS

**The leprosy left the man at once,
and he was cured**

Dear Friends in Christ

This week we enter the Season of Lent. Please note the times of Mass on Ash Wednesday where we will receive the Ashes of Repentance. The forty days of Lent is a time for conversion of heart and conversion of life. Let me quote the Catechism of the Catholic Church, from the section of repentance. (Do read from paragraphs 1424 onwards to refresh your understanding of the Sacrament of Penance as one of the two Sacrament of healing.)

1427 Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." In the Church's preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel. Also, Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life.

1428 Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, "clasping sinners to her bosom, [is] at once holy and always in need of purification, [and] follows constantly the path of penance and renewal." This endeavour of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a "contrite heart," drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.

1429 St. Peter's conversion after he had denied his master three times bears witness to this. Jesus' look of infinite mercy drew tears of repentance from Peter and, after the Lord's resurrection, a threefold affirmation of love for him. The second conversion also has a communitarian dimension, as is clear in the Lord's call to a whole Church: "Repent!" St. Ambrose says of the two conversions that, in the Church, "there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance."

PLEASE NOTE

1. The new times of Mass on Sundays, from Sunday 18th February and on weekdays, from Ash Wednesday.
2. Throughout Lent weekday Mass will be preceded by an hour of Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. From 27 March my day of rest will be on a Tuesday.

NEW MASS TIMES from the beginning of LENT 2024

Day	Ss Mary & Joseph	St Mark
Sunday	5pm Mass (Saturday) 8.30am Mass 10am Mass	11.30am Mass
Monday	9.30am Mass	
Tuesday	No Public Mass (Fr's day of rest)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass 7pm Mass	
Thursday	9.30am Mass	6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer & Adoration, 7pm Mass & RCIA 8.30pm Night Prayer
Friday	9.30am Mass	
Saturday	9am Mass 9.30-10.30am Adoration and Confessions 10.30am Benediction 12noon Baptisms (4th Saturday of the month) 4pm Confessions	

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

There will be Mass at 9.30am and 7pm on Ash Wednesday at Ss Mary & Joseph.

FR DAVID: Fr David will be on retreat from the afternoon of Sunday 18 February, until Thursday 22 February. There will be a week day Mass at 9.30am on Monday 19 February, Tuesday 20 February and Wednesday 21 February, but there will not be Adoration. There will not be a Mass on Thursday 22 February, while Fr David is away. Fr David will be back to say Mass on Friday 23 February and Adoration will resume at 8.30am.

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

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL FEBRUARY 2024: If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code on the poster in the church foyer also to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK: We are starting to prepare the music for the Holy Week liturgies. If you are interested in joining us as a singer or musician you are very welcome. We practise on a Monday evening in the presbytery, from 7.30pm and finish by 9pm the latest. Please contact Jane at bert7252@aol.com for more details.

LITTLE CHURCH LITURGY: If you have not made your First Holy Communion, you are invited to join Little Church which runs during the 10am Mass during term time. From 3 March, we will be running the Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass for any young people who are post First Holy Communion up to the age of 11.

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.

FOREIGN CURRENCY: As has been customary in our parish, all foreign currency collected through Mass offerings have been converted into sterling and donated on behalf of the Parish of Hemel West to the Missio Christmas Appeal Fund. The sum raised was £100. The Counting Team.

DIVINE MERCY LENTEN RETREAT: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 24 February, 1.30pm until 4.30pm at St Lawrence Church, 1 Hamilton Road, DA15 7HB. All are welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more details.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: World Day of Prayer, Friday 1 March, 3pm at Adeyfield Free Church, Maylands Avenue. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

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

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.

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon. Mark 8: 11 – 13
Tues. Mark 8: 14 – 21
Wed. Matthew 6: 1-6,16-18
Thurs. Luke 9: 22 - 25
Fri. Matthew 9 14 - 15
Sat. Luke 5: 27 - 32
Sun Mark 1: 12 – 15

RENNIE GROVE PEACE HOSPICE: Lauren and Freya raised a total of £73.45p for Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care. Thank you for your kind generosity. The donation was delivered to the Rennie Grove shop in Warners End on Wednesday 7 February.

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/hemel Hempsteadwest/events/>

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 and she will arrange a certificate for 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.

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 11 Feb	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(SMSJ) 5pm (Sat Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.45am (SM) 11.45am	Inmaculada Carr (RIP ANNIV) People of the Parish John Keegan (RIP ANNIV) Donovan Allen (RIP ANNIV)
Mon 12 Feb	Feria	(SMSJ) 10am	Alfonso & Elisa Civale (RIP)
Tues 13 Feb	Feria	(SMSJ) 10am	
Wed 14 Feb	Ash Wednesday	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.30am (SMSJ) 7pm	Adoration Holy Souls People of the Parish
Thurs 15 Feb	Lent Feria		NO MASS (Father's rest day)
Fri 16 Feb	Lent Feria	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 9.30am	Adoration Sylvia Gill (RIP)
SAT 17 Feb	Lent Feria	(SMSJ) 5pm (Sat Vigil)	Jane Parisi (RIP)
SUN 18 Feb	First Sunday of Lent	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10am (SM) 11.30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory Michael Flannery (ANNIV) People of the Parish

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.

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

MAKING CONTACT AT HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

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