

# HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

## St Mary & St Joseph + St Mark

website:  
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemel Hempsteadwest/>

Diocese of Westminster Charity N<sup>o</sup> 233699

### Christ feeds us.

Christ is our daily eucharist - a day's food for a day's journey. We meet him as pilgrims and strangers and recognise him in the breaking of bread. He is our ransom and our gift.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

14 April 2024

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#### Sunday Cycle

Readings Year B

#### Weekday readings

Year 2

#### Divine Office

Week 3

#### Walk with me

A scripture and prayer journey through Eastertide are available at the back of Church for £1

### Gospel Luke 24:35-48

#### It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

From 20<sup>th</sup> April: Saturday 9am & 4pm at Ss Mary & Joseph and by appointment.

**Getting Married in Church?**

Please be aware that you must give at least 6 months' notice if you want to get married in a Catholic Church. This is because there is often a lot of paperwork to get done and couples must attend a pre-marriage course. Don't set a date until you have spoken with a priest.

**Going into Hospital?** If you are going into Hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please call the Chaplaincy office on 01923 217994 or 07776598704 for Watford and St Albans. West Herts Hospitals are currently looking to recruit a Catholic Chaplain.

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 27 April, at Ss Mary & Joseph**

5pm Mass with First Holy Communion Candidates and Families.

**Wednesday 8 and 22 May, at St Joseph's hall**

7.30pm Training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**Saturday 25 May, at Ss Mary & Joseph**

5pm Mass with First Holy Communion Candidates and Families.

**Saturday 1 June, at Ss Mary & Joseph CORPUS CHRISTI FLOWER FESTIVAL:**

11am Mass of Our Lady and blessing of the Shrine

**Sunday 2 June, at Ss Mary & Joseph CORPUS CHRISTI**

10am Mass with Procession and Benediction.

12 noon Parish Lunch - Bring and Share in the Parish Centre.

**Saturday 8 & 15 June, at Ss Mary & Joseph**

11am First Holy Communion Reconciliations.

**Saturday 6 July & Saturday 13 July at Ss Mary & Joseph.**

11am & 2pm Mass with First Holy Communion.

**Confirmation dates to be confirmed.**

**WEEKDAY MASSES FROM MONDAY 15 APRIL UNTIL FRIDAY 19 APRIL:**

There will **not** be weekday Masses from Monday 15 April, until Friday 19 April in the parish of Hemel West, as we were unable to get supply for this week. On Saturday 20 April, there will be Adoration & Confessions at 9am and Mass at 10am. Please see the weekday Mass times for Our Lady's at the link: <https://www.hemeleastcatholic.org/mass-times>

**QUIZ:** The Catholic Women's League and The Knights of St Columba are holding a quiz night in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor on Saturday 27 April, at 7.30pm. There will be Chilli Con Carne with a jacket potato or rice and the cost is £10 per ticket. To book please ring John on 07510 294832 or Tom on 07825 173878. If you need a vegetarian option please mention this when booking.

**RED MISSAL:** A red missal was left behind after the 10am Mass on Palm Sunday at Ss Mary & Joseph. It may have by mistake been put on a table with other religious books which parishioners were invited to take during the early part of Holy week. We would be grateful if this can be returned to Shirley in the parish office or to one of the sacristans.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND:** Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or on the poster in the church porch or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

Wednesdays 8 & 22 May, after the 7pm Mass in St Joseph's hall. If you would like to continue or explore taking part in this ministry please speak to Fr David. The annual commissioning will be on Corpus Christi.

**CHARITY CURRY NIGHT FOR SHINE:** Thank you all for your support we raised £430. Maria Soares-Cabral.

**CARITAS SUNDAY TEA:** The Caritas Sunday Teas for older members of the community are held on the third Sunday of the month in Croft Hall at Our Lady's from 2pm to 4pm. We provide tea with sandwiches and cakes, entertainment and bingo. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. We welcome new guests and volunteers. Please contact Paul at [paul.heatley1@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.heatley1@btinternet.com) or call 07711 384 061 if you would like to know more.

**LOURDES 4-8 OCT 2024:** If you would like to go to Lourdes with Fr David please let him know. £690 inclusive with half-board.

**CAFOD:** Please leave used Ink Jet Cartridges in the recycling boxes in porch.

**TOILETRIES:** These are needed for the refugees/asylum seekers in Dacorum. We need tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo, body lotion and shower gel. Please put these into the boxes provided.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:** The Baptism Preparation Class takes place on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm. To book and for more details call Callum on 01442 391 759 option 4 or go to the link below on the parish website. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemel Hempsteadwest/events/>

**TEA/COFFEE:** Please join us for tea/coffee, after the 10am & 11.30am Masses. All are welcome.

**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 at [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) by Wednesday 12 Noon and she will do her best to accommodate it.

**HOUSEBOUND OR SICK?** If you or any member of the parish are sick, or housebound and unable to get to Mass, do please let Fr David know.

**E-ALERT:** Please sign up online to receive the parish news by email.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**LITTLE CHURCH:** If you have not made your First Holy Communion, you are invited to join Little Church, during the 10am Mass (during term time). We are also running the

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** For post First Holy Communion up to the age of 11 and they will meet in the Sacristy during the Liturgy of the Word and then join us in front for the Liturgy of The Eucharist.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS NEEDED:** We are keen to develop our First Holy Communion programme, especially from September onwards. If you would like to help support our young people to prepare for this wonderful sacrament, please email Callum at [cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk) for further information.

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE to LOURDES 19 - 26 JULY 2024:** Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open at <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30 April. Please see the church notice board for more information.

## PRAYER

### GOSPEL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon. John	6:22 – 29
Tues. John	6:30 – 35
Wed. John	6:35 - 40
Thurs. John	6:44 - 51
Fri. John	6:52 – 59
Sat. John	6:60 – 69
Sun John	10:11 –18

### Prayer

Grant, we pray, dear God, that we who have celebrated the paschal festivities, may by your gift hold fast to them in the way we live our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen

## FINANCE



### 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

Or you can use the QR code to make your weekly offertory donation. The offertory collection Income figures are published on a monthly basis.

## HEMEL WEST OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE HOURS AND TELEPHONE COVER FOR HEMEL WEST	
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: Closed</b>
<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



**THIS WEEK**  
**7 April – 14 April**

Sat 13 April EASTER FERIA	(SMSJ) 5pm Mass	J Canha (INT)	<p><b>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</b></p> <p><b>THE SICK:</b> Gemma Hill, Richard Girdwood, Aida Saraiva, Tiffany Menzies, Marie Anthony, Peter West, Fr Brian McMahon, Mary Alcock</p> <p><b>THE DEPARTED:</b> Geraldine Latimer Anna Vitoria, Fr Michael Daley, Wattie Dalton, Gamil Aboud Shakour, George Aboud Shakour</p> <p><i>Please seek permission from the person whose name will appear on the sick list to guard their privacy. Names will appear on the sick list for a month.</i></p> <p><b>THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR APRIL:</b> For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.</p>
Sun 14 April <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	(SMSJ) 8.30am Mass (SMSJ) 10am Mass (SM) 11.30am Mass	Peter Connors (RIP) People of the Parish Jack O'Malley (RIP ANN)	
Mon 15 April EASTER FERIA	No Mass		
Tues 16 April EASTER FERIA	No Mass		
Wed 17 April EASTER FERIA	No Mass		
Thurs 18 April EASTER FERIA	No Mass		
Fri 19 April SAINT ALPHEGE, BISHOP AND MARTYR	No Mass		
Sat 20 April EASTER FERIA	(SMS) 9am <i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> (SMSJ) 10am Mass (SMS) 5pm Vigil Mass	J Canha (INT) Sabine Marie Eagles (RIP)	
Sun 21 April <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	(SMSJ) 8.30am Mass (SMSJ) 10am Mass (SM) 11.30am Mass	People of the Parish Peter Moore (RIP) Anna Vitoria (RIP)	

**Weekday Masses will resume on Tuesday 23 April, 10am at Ss Mary & Joseph.**