

# HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

## St Mary & St Joseph + St Mark

website:  
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/>

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

Christ the Shepherd brings us life. God has appointed Christ as the Shepherd of the whole human race. He has become our gateway to eternal life because he lays down his life for us. Even though we have gone astray through sin, nevertheless by his wounds we are healed and given a new direction in our lives.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

21 April 2024

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

#### Sunday Cycle

Readings Year B

#### Weekday readings

Year 2

#### Divine Office

Week 4

#### *Walk with me*

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

### Gospel John 10:11-18

#### The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

and the sheep do not belong to him,

abandons the sheep and runs away

as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man

and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock,

and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so, it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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**

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.**

**KEY SAFE CODES FOR SS MARY & JOSEPH CHURCH:** The key safe codes for the front and side doors at Ss Mary & Joseph were changed on Friday 19 April. We have had to change the codes as they have been shared without permission. If you have not received an email with the new codes and you need the code for the front or side church door, please email Shirley in the parish office. We have to keep a record of who have the key safe codes for diocese audit purposes.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND:** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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 gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation on the poster in the church porch or online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**THURSDAY 25 APRIL:** Please note that there will **not** be a 10am Mass at Ss Mary & Joseph on Thursday 25 April. There will be a 7pm Mass at St Mark's on Thursday 25 April.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Thank you to all those who have responded so generously to the invitation to help keep clean Ss Mary & Joseph church. If this is something you are interested in doing please do speak to Shirley in the office or email her at [shirleybailey@rcdow.or.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.or.uk)

**QUIZ:** The Catholic Women's League and The Knights of St Columba have had to cancel the quiz night in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor on Saturday 27 April, at 7.30pm due to lack of interest.

**MISSING A PRECIOUS MISSAL LEFT IN CHURCH:** On Palm Sunday Monica Thurlow came to Mass to say farewell to Fr Bernard at Ss Mary & Joseph. Unfortunately, she left her missal behind. In it are treasured personal cards, prayers and remembrances. It is a CBC edition, maroon coloured, with a cross on the cover. Thinking it was another item kindly left for others to take for their use, it was removed. If you have it please return it to Fr David so that it can be reunited with Monica. Thank you so much.

**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.

**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.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:** The Baptism Preparation Class takes place on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm. To book go to the link below or on the parish website on the Events page. For more details call Callum on 01442 391 759 option 4. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemel Hempstead West/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 at [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) by Wednesday 12 Noon and she will do her best to accommodate it.

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

**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

**SATURDAY 27 APRIL:** This is the 56th anniversary of abortion becoming legal in Britain, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Normally we would ask you to fast from all food except bread and water for the day, but as it is still the Easter Season, you might choose instead to fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. 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) In case you did not see it yet here is The Catholic Herald short article by Clare about the Pro-Life struggle and why fasting and prayer are so important. Please take a few minutes to read it, <https://catholicherald.co.uk/can-pray-and-fasting-really-make-any-difference-when-it-comes-to-abortion/>

**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	10:1 – 10
Tues. John	10:22 – 30
Wed. John	12:44 - 50
Thurs. Mark	16:15 - 20
Fri. John	14:1 – 6
Sat. John	14:7 – 14
Sun. John	15:1 – 8

### Prayer

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going, I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I am following your will does not mean I am actually doing so. But I believe the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
Amen

"Every Breath we draw is a gift of God's love .... Every moment of existence is a Grace".

(Thomas Merton)

### 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.

#### Sunday Offertory Collection, Contactless Payments and Standing Orders for March 2024.

Loose Cash & Contactless	£2,449.99
Standing Orders	£4,357.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,807.01</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.

### HEMEL WEST OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE HOURS AND TELEPHONE COVER FOR HEMEL WEST	
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

**THIS WEEK**  
**20 April – 28 April**

Sat 20 April EASTER FERIA	<i>(SMSJ) 9am Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> <i>(SMSJ) 10am Mass</i> <i>(SMSJ) 5pm Mass</i>	J Canha (INT) Sabine Marie Eagles (RIP)	<p><b>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</b></p> <p><b>THE SICK:</b> Ellen Brett, Eileen Stokes, 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, Peter Joseph Canon, Anna Vitoria, Fr Michael Daley, Wattie Dalton, Gamil About Shakour, George About 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 21 April <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>(SMSJ) 8.30am Mass</i> <i>(SMSJ) 10am Mass</i> <i>(SM) 11.30am Mass</i>	People of the Parish Peter Moore (RIP) Anna Vitoria (RIP)	
Tues 23 April EASTER FERIA	<i>(SMSJ) 10am</i>	Matthew Hay (RIP)	
Wed 24 April  Saints Erkenwald and Mellitus	<i>(SMSJ) 10am</i>  <i>(SMSJ) 7pm</i>	Gerry Jayasuriya (Birthday RIP ANNIV) For an End to Abortion	
Thurs 25 April SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST	<i>(SM) 7pm</i>	People of the Parish	
Fri 26 April EASTER FERIA	<i>(SMSJ) 10am</i>	Fr Brian McMahon (INT)	
Sat 27 April EASTER FERIA	<i>(SMS) 9am Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> <i>(SMSJ) 10am Mass</i>  <i>(SMS) 5pm Vigil Mass</i>	Thanksgiving for All Who Work in Care Homes In Thanksgiving for Our Priests	
Sun 28 April <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>(SMSJ) 8.30am Mass</i> <i>(SMSJ) 10am Mass</i> <i>(SM) 11.30am Mass</i>	John Durcan (6th RIP ANNIV) People of the Parish Jimmy Cash (RIP)	
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 9am &amp; 4pm at SS Mary &amp; Joseph church and by appointment.</b>			

