

# HEMEL WEST CATHOLIC PARISH

## St Mary & St Joseph + St Mark

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

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The Holy Spirit restores us to life. After his resurrection Christ promised that he would send the Holy Spirit on his Church. It is the Spirit of Christ which is the source of our joy and helps us to do great things in the Lord's Name. We are healed by the Spirit and are called to take part in the healing mission of the church.

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**Sunday Cycle**  
Readings Year B  
**Weekday readings**  
Year 2  
**Divine Office**  
Week 2

#### *Walk with me*

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

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

5 May 2024

### NOVENA OF PRAYER

*The nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost is the original Novena of prayer.*

*In these nine days let us unite in prayer as did the Apostles with Our Lady for the renewing gifts of the Spirit in our lives and parish community so that we may witness to the love of Christ in the Power of the Holy Spirit.*

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
**R/ And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

O, God, who has taught the hearts of your faith by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

**John 15:9-17**

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**

**Wednesday 8 and 22 May, in the presbytery**

7.30pm Training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**Saturday 1 June, until Monday 3 June, at Ss Mary & Joseph**

Corpus Christi Flower Festival

**Saturday 1 June, at Ss Mary & Joseph**

11am Mass of Our Lady and blessing of the Shrine  
5pm Mass with First Holy Communion Candidates and Families, followed by a Bring & Share Picnic on the lawn.

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

10am Mass with Procession and Benediction with Bishop Paul McAleenan.  
12 noon Bring and Share Parish Lunch & farewell to Fr Bernard 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 First Holy Communion Masses

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be conferred at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Berkhamsted on Saturday 15 June at 5pm by Bishop Paul McAleenan.

**FR DAVID:** Fr David Will be away in Fatima and Santiago de Compostela from Saturday 11 May until Friday 17 May with pilgrims from Feltham.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Would you like to help keep clean Ss Mary & Joseph church. If this is something you are interested in doing please do speak to Fr David or Shirley in the office or email Shirley at shirleybailey@rcdow.or.uk

**FR BERNARD SCHOLES:** During May we will be collecting donations for Fr Bernard. This is to thank him for all the help and support he has given the Parish of Hemel West over the years. If you would like to donate, please place your donation into an envelope marked Fr Bernard Scholes Donation and put it into the collection basket. Thank you.

**CHARITY CURRY NIGHT:** £820 was raised for The Hospice of St Francis at the Curry Garden in Berkhamsted on 29 April.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection on the weekend of 12 May, for Catholic Communications.

**TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Wednesdays 8 & 22 May, after the 7pm Mass in the presbytery. If you would like to continue or explore taking part in this ministry please let Fr David know you would like to attend. The annual commissioning will be on Corpus Christi.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY ST MARK'S:** There will be a cold buffet lunch provided after the 11.30am Mass. Please sign up on the sheet provided for catering numbers. All are welcome. Please stay and make new friends and catch up with old ones.

**RED BOX (Missio):** The parish of Hemel West raised £1498 in 2023 through the Red Boxes and individual donations made to Missio. Your support enables communities of faith to share God's love, live in peace, act with justice and become self-sufficient. Missio is tasked by the Holy Father to help and support the Church where it is new, young or poor so that the Good News may be shared with all people. Your support will go directly to the local Church and to missionaries as they bravely share the gift of faith. The Spring magazine for Missio is now available at the back of the church. Please return your red boxes to church (with your name) during May and place them in the large red container at the back of the church, or take one of the envelopes and empty your box into it and add your details to the envelope and return it to church. If you would like your box to be collected or would like a red box call 07847 167969.

**MISSING A PRECIOUS MISSAL BOOK 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.

**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 Shirley on 01442 391 759 option 2. <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 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.

### SCHOOL NEWS

**JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL ARE SEEKING EXAM INVIGILATORS FOR MAY/JUNE:** The rate of pay is £11.44 per hour and full training will be provided. You would need to be available from 8.15am for morning exams and from 1pm for afternoon exams, some finishing at 4.30pm. Application forms can be found on the school website or contact the school if you would like a paper application. Please return or email your completed application form to [efinal@jfk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:efinal@jfk.herts.sch.uk). Applications should be submitted immediately; potential candidates will be called for an interview as applications are received.

**ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL:** They will be holding an Open Evening for Secondary Transfer on Tuesday 25 June. Parents and girls who are interested in taking the entrance tests for St Michael's School are invited to visit the school for a guided tour on Tuesday 25 June, between 5pm and 7pm. Full details can be found on the School's website <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/>. The online application to apply to sit the entrance tests for entry in September 2025 is now available at <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/admissions-2025-26/>. The deadline for applications to be completed and Certificate of Catholic Practice provided to the School is 4pm on Tuesday 2 July.

### 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

**HOW BEAUTY DRAWS US CLOSER TO GOD LECTURE:** Fr Patrick van der Vorst is a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, a former Director of Sotheby's Europe, and the founder of the evangelistic initiative [www.Christian.Art](http://www.Christian.Art). Fr Patrick will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A and then refreshments will be available. The lecture will be held on Friday 17 May, 7pm at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London. Please see the poster on the church notice board for more details.

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE:** They are holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1 June, from 11am until 4.30pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All are welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

### PRAYER

#### GOSPEL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon. John	15:26 – 16:4
Tues. John	16:5 – 11
Wed. John	16:12 - 15
Thurs. Mark	16:15 - 20
Fri. John	16:20 – 23
Sat. John	16:23 – 28
Sun John	17:11 – 19

#### Prayer

God of justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor. Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploited. Open our mouths to defend you in the public squares, as well as in private deeds.

Amen

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, transform our hearts and teach us to love God and our neighbour with generosity. **(Pope Francis)**

**CAFOD APPEAL FOR SUDAN:** If you would like to donate please use the CAFOD envelopes.

### 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
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**  
**4-May – 12 May**

Sat 4 May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (morning)	(SMSJ) 9am Adoration & Confessions (SMSJ) 10am Mass (SMSJ) 5pm Mass	John Nevin (Birthday) Martin Dalton (RIP ANIV)	<p><b>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</b></p> <p><b>THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR May:</b> For the formation of religious and seminarians We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.</p> <p><b>THE SICK:</b> Richard Robinson, Ellen Brett, Gemma Hill, Richard Girdwood, Aida Saraiva, Tiffany Menzies, Marie Anthony, Peter West, Fr Brian McMahan, Mary Alcock</p> <p><b>THE DEPARTED:</b> William Brill (Funeral 21 May, 12 noon at SMSJ) Peter Canon (Funeral 22 May, 10am at SMSJ) Edith Hanlon (Funeral 29 May, 11.30am SMSJ) Eileen Stokes (Funeral 4 June, 10am at SM) Deirdre Feahilly, Mary Foley, Geraldine Latimer, Anna Vitoria,</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>
Sun 5 May <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	(SMSJ) 8.30am Mass (SMSJ) 10am Mass (SM) 11.30am Mass	Maureen Albert (RIP ANNIV) Brendan Darker (RIP ANNIV) People of the Parish	
Tues 7 May Easter feria	(SMSJ) 10am Mass	MC private Intention	
Wed 8 May Easter feria  <b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	<b>NO ADORATION TODAY</b> (SMSJ) 10am Mass  (SMSJ) 7pm Vigil Mass	Rita Crowley Turner & Deceased Members of the Crowley Family (RIP) Mary Perry (INT)	
Thurs 9 May <b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	(SMSJ) Adoration (SMSJ) 10am. Mass (SM) 7pm Mass	For an End to Abortion Sean Power (INT)	
Fri 10 May Easter feria	(SMSJ) 10am Mass	Kathy Wesch (2nd RIP ANNIV)	
Sat 11 May Easter feria	<b>NO MORNING. MASS</b> (SMS) 5pm Vigil Mass	Richard Sizeland (RIP ANNIV)	
Sun 12 May <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of EASTER</b>	(SMSJ) 8.30am Mass  (SMSJ) 10am Mass (SM) 11.30am Mass	Giuseppe Gazzano Iolanda Gazzano & Joseph Gazzano (RIP ANNIV) Roger Swift (RIP) People of the Parish	

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**Please sign up to the parish e-alerts to receive any changes to Mass times.**

**Holy Days of Obligation in England & Wales**

- Every Sunday
- Nativity of the Lord (25 December)
- Epiphany of the Lord (6 January\*)
- Ascension of the Lord (Thursday after 6th Sunday of Easter)
- St Peter & St Paul (29 June\*)
- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August\*)
- All Saints (1 November\*)

According to a decision of the Bishops' Conference (1984) Holydays which fall on Saturday or Monday are transferred to the Sunday.