

# Hemel East Catholic

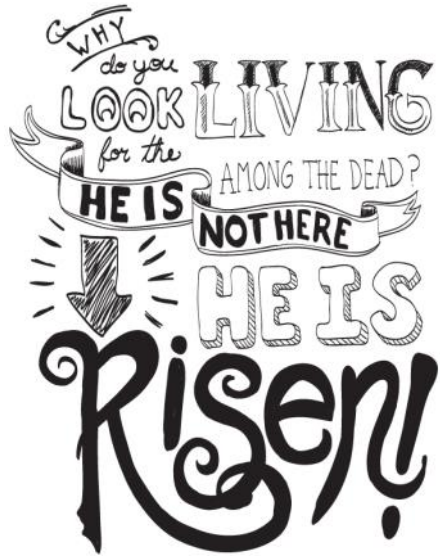
Our Lady Queen of all Creation &  
The Church of the Resurrection.



**Bringing people to Jesus, forming disciples who follow his teachings and sending them out to spread his message of love and salvation.**

Today's gospel is the conclusion of Luke's account of Jesus's first post resurrection appearance to his disciples. The two disciples who Jesus met on the road to Emmaus have returned to Jerusalem to confirm the women's story of the resurrection. As they are excitedly telling what happened, Jesus appears.

St Luke goes to great lengths in his Easter accounts to make clear that the resurrection was neither the fantasy of crazy zealots nor a plot concocted by the disciples who somehow managed to spirit the body of Jesus away (according to Luke's account the disciples had not gone near the tomb themselves; they had not even imagined any kind of 'resurrection'). In the details he presents in today's gospel Luke is countering the argument forwarded to explain away the resurrection account. There can be no mistake: the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a reality, a reality in which all of the Scriptures find their ultimate fulfilment. What the disciples see is not a ghost but the physical presence of Jesus risen from the dead. Christ is present with us, and he is present with the Father in glory.



For Luke, the power of Jesus' resurrection is realised in the way it 'opens' one's heart and mind to understanding the deeper meaning of God's word and to fully embracing the Spirit of God. In our faith and trust in the risen Christ, we become 'witnesses' of the mercy and forgiveness of God.

**Sunday cycle**  
Readings Year B

**Weekday readings**  
Year 2

**Divine Office**  
Week 3

**Two churches | One Parish**

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**14 April 2024**

## HEMEL EAST NEWS

### PRAYERS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

This month we focus on Persecuted Christians in North Korea. We are fortunate that we are able to practise our faith and follow the teachings of Jesus without fear of persecution. Each month we want to focus your prayers onto those for whom this is not the case. We encourage you to visit the prayer point in each church, take a moment to reflect and read the information on whom the prayer intentions are for.

### 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 church foyer. 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.

### INVITING ALLOUR VOLUNTEERS

We are having a special Mass celebrating and thanking all our Volunteers on Friday 19th April at 7pm at Our Lady's. This will be followed by drinks in Meadow Hall. An invitation has been sent to all volunteers who are registered in our database. If you would like to get involved and want to meet volunteers and see all the many varied ways to help, do come along and join us.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

We will meet on Thursday 18 April, 12.30pm until 2.30pm in Meadow Hall. If you would like to bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee will be provided. We will have time to pray, plan future events and chat. All ladies are very welcome. Call Pam on 252634 for more information.

### TEA AND CAKES

These will be available next weekend after the 9am Mass. Funds raised from the sale of cakes will go to the Joint Church Council at the Church of the Resurrection. If you are able to provide cakes, please speak to Karen Summers after the 9am Mass.

### RED BOXES (MISSIO)

If you are a parishioner at Our Lady's and you have a Red Box which needs emptying, please bring it to church and give it to Clare Borgeat. The money collected will be sent to Missio. Or contact David Toorawa on 07854416123.

### NEW CHURCH CLEANERS

Thank you to all those who responded so generously to the invitation to help keep Our Lady's clean. If this is something you are interested in, do speak to Clare Borgeat after Mass.

### OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (ODP)

In February the ODP Friends collected £600 for one of our three partner charities, "Let The Children Live" and further boosted by a further donation of £200, money donated for refreshments after Sunday morning Masses at Our Lady's over the past year. We are very grateful for this generosity, thank you. Our next Friends appeal will be for St Benedict's Day Nursery & Children's Home, St Vincent in the Caribbean. Please consider becoming an ODP Friend? Details of the ODP team are available on the notice board in Meadow Hall.

### 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.

### 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. Please keep your item to no more than 60 words. Please email Shirley by Wednesday 12 Noon and she will do her best to accommodate it.

### BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

If you require a baptismal certificate, please send the full name of the child, parents, godparents and the church in which they were baptised in to [shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk) and she will arrange a certificate for you.

### GOING TO 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.

## 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 210 610. It is customary to make an offering and the diocese recommends £10 per Mass and the proceeds go to support our priest. If this is unaffordable for you, please feel free to make an offering you can afford.

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19- 26 JULY 2024

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <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.

## OTHER NEWS

### HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14 until 16 June, call or text 07887 296983 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Welcome to Mass today. If you are new to the parish please join us for tea and coffee, in the Meadow Hall after the 10.30am and 12 noon Mass.**

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED?:** Please register with our parish via 'I'm New' on the parish website to keep up to date with all the parish events.

### DONA DONATIONS



To help support our parish of Hemel East, 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.

## FINANCE

### PLANNED GIVING

#### Sunday Offertory Collection, for 31 March & 7 April

Loose Cash (OLQ)	£438.05
Loose Cash (GH)	£77.49
Envelopes	£62.50
Easter Offering	£1,250.85
Total	£1828.89

#### Contactless Payments and Standing Orders for February 2024.

Envelopes	£337.50
Standing Orders & Online	£4,316.50
Contactless & Loose Plate	£2,775.84
Total	£7,429.84

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 East**

Sort Code: **40-05-20**

Account No.: **81095021**

**If you would like a standing order form emailed to you please contact the parish office. Thank you.**

## OFFICE HOURS

Contact details can be found on the back page.

Telephone Cover	Office Hours
Monday 12 noon-6pm	Monday 12 noon-3pm
Tuesday 9.30am-3.30pm	Tuesday 9.30am-3.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am- 3.30pm	Wednesday Closed
Thursday 9.30am-3.30pm	Thursday 12.30pm-3.30pm
Friday 9.30am-3.30pm	Friday 12.30pm-3.30pm

PARISH CONTACTS	HOLY MASS INTENTIONS	
<p><b>01442 210 610</b></p> <p>The Presbytery Rant Meadow, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8PG</p> <p><b>www.hemeleasticatholic.org</b></p> <p><b>Parish Priest</b> Fr Kim Addison (Tel. opt. 4) kaddison@rcdow.org.uk (Day off is Wednesday)</p> <p><b>Parish Administrator</b> Shirley Bailey (Tel. opt 2) shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk</p> <p><b>Catechetical &amp; Mission Coordinator</b> Clare Borgeat (Tel. opt. 3) hemeleasticatechist@rcdow.org.uk</p> <p><b>Hall Bookings</b> Shirley Bailey (Tel. opt 2) hemeleasthallbookings@rcdow.org.uk</p> <p>For office times see the table on the previous page</p>	<p>SATURDAY 13 APRIL EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am An End to Abortion (OLQ) 5pm Mary Selvarajah (RIP ANNIV)</p>
	<p>SUNDAY 14 APRIL 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>(GH) 9am Johano D'Costa (6th RIP ANNIV) (OLQ) 10.30am Kandiah Family (INT) (OLQ) 12 Noon People of the Parish</p>
	<p>MONDAY 15 APRIL EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Private Intention</p>
	<p>TUESDAY 16 APRIL EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Maria &amp; Gabriel Nanu (Thanksgiving)</p>
	<p>THURSDAY 18 APRIL EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(GH) 10am Kate Stokes (6th RIP ANNIV)</p>
	<p>FRIDAY 19 APRIL SAINT ALPHEGE, BISHOP AND MARTYR</p>	<p>(OLQ) 7pm Margaret Mann (RIP)</p>
	<p>SATURDAY 20 APRIL EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am GIFT Family Mass (No Benediction or Confessions) ((OLQ) 5pm Grace Scully (RIP ANNIV)</p>
<p><b>SAFEGUARDING</b></p> <p>Parish Safeguarding Contact Sarah Alves hheastsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk</p> <p><i>Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator</i> 020 7798 9356</p>	<p>SUNDAY 21 APRIL 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>(GH) 9am Patrick Joseph Foy (RIP) (OLQ) 10.30am The Persecuted Church (OLQ) 12 Noon People of the Parish</p>
	<p><b>COMING UP...</b></p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS - SEE THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE</p>	
<p>FRIDAY 19 APRIL</p>	<p><i>7pm</i></p>	<p><i>Mass for Volunteers and Celebration (Our Lady's Church &amp; Meadow Hall)</i></p>
<p>SATURDAY 20 APRIL</p>	<p><i>10am-12pm</i></p>	<p><i>GIFT Family Mass and Formation</i></p>
<p>SUNDAY 28TH APRIL</p>	<p><i>12 Noon</i></p>	<p><i>Mass for New Parishioners and Welcome+ Event in Meadow Hall</i></p>