

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.**

SUNDAY THOUGHT

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. This is a day devoted to vocations to the priesthood. Jesus is the Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14). One of the earliest paintings of Jesus as the Great High Priest was actually as a shepherd, carrying a lamb on his shoulders. This is the image we receive in the Gospel today, 'I am the Good Shepherd.' We also hear about the nature of a Good Shepherd: 'The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.' (John 10:11) Priesthood is about service.

However, this service does not mean to serve every person's whim. It's a bit like a parent who doesn't always give their child everything they want, but what they need in order to grow to full maturity. Full maturity is the living out of the Great Commission: 'Go, make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19). Priests and lay people have the same mission. The priest's role as a servant is to 'equip the saints for the work of God.' (Ephesians 4:12). The priest is there to help lay people live out their mission to make disciples of all nations. St. Augustine said, 'For you I am a bishop, with you, I am a Christian'. The second Vatican Council affirmed very emphatically that the priests and baptised have a universal call to holiness and mission.

The priest does not take on the layperson's duty and responsibility to make disciples. Neither does he abdicate his responsibility. These are two extreme forms of clericalism. Instead, the priest should have co-responsibility with parishioners, and actually share his leadership. Incidentally, this is what we do here, with our Leadership Team, which meets weekly to try and guide our parish to be ready for Mission.

We are in a crisis in the Church in the West. Declining numbers of people becoming Catholics, and numbers of young men coming forward to priesthood. Being a Catholic Christian is the most meaningful life one can live. We have such Good News to offer the world: God has defeated sin and death for us! Is that not the best news? We need good young men, with the heart of God the Father, and Jesus the good shepherd, to take on this proper understanding of priesthood: to have co-responsibility and shared leadership for God's mission to make disciples.

We need everyone to take God's call to shared mission to make disciples even more seriously. We need you to encourage young men to think about the priesthood. When was the last time you asked a young, single man 'have you ever thought about the priesthood?' One seed is all it can take.

**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
21 April 2024**

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Two churches | One Parish

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

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 in the church foyer. You can use the QR code to make your donation on the poster in the church foyer or online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

In May, St Michael's Catholic High School, in conjunction with Westminster Diocese, is organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes for approximately 20 disabled Catholic pilgrims. The school will take a group of pupils and teachers to assist the pilgrims on their journey as they are unable to make the pilgrimage without support. Katy Tang, a member of Our Lady's parish, and a pupil of St Michael's, has been selected to be part of the support group, and is fundraising to help cover the costs of both the support group and the pilgrims. To this end, there will be a second collection by Katy after Mass on Sunday 28 April. Please be generous with your donations! Alternatively, go to Go Fund Me account [gofund.me/71fba7a6].

TEA AND CAKES

These will be available after the 9am Mass. Funds raised from the sale of cakes will go to the Joint Church Council at the Church of the Resurrection.

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.

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.

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 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 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

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

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/>

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 or visit 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 March

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 for your continued support.

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>01442 210 610</p> <p>The Presbytery Rant Meadow, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8PG</p> <p>www.hemeleasticatholic.org</p> <p>Parish Priest Fr Kim Addison (Tel. opt. 4) kaddison@rcdow.org.uk (Day off is Wednesday)</p> <p>Parish Administrator Shirley Bailey (Tel. opt 2) shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk</p> <p>Catechetical & Mission Coordinator Clare Borgeat (Tel. opt. 3) hemeleasticatechist@rcdow.org.uk</p> <p>Hall Bookings Shirley Bailey (Tel. opt 2) hemeleasthallbookings@rcdow.org.uk</p> <p>For office times see the table on the previous page</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>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>MONDAY 22 APRIL EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Sidharth Joseph (RIP ANNIV)</p>
	<p>TUESDAY 23 APRIL SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Paddy Borgeat (RIP)</p>
	<p>THURSDAY 25 APRIL SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST</p>	<p>(GH) 10am Jim Furlong (RIP ANNIV) (OLQ) 11.30am Funeral for Baby Vienna (RIP) (OLQ) 2.15pm Funeral for Kathy Coffey (RIP)</p>
	<p>FRIDAY 26 APRIL EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 7pm Nora Clancy (RIP)</p>
	<p>SATURDAY 27 APRIL EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Spread of the Gospel ((OLQ) 5pm Paddy Daniels (RIP)</p>
	<p>SUNDAY 28 APRIL 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>(GH) 9am PT Ulahannan & VK Ulahannan (RIP) (OLQ) 10.30am People of the Parish (OLQ) 12 Noon New Parishioners</p>
<h2>COMING UP...</h2> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS - SEE THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE</p>		
<p>SUNDAY 28 APRIL</p>	<p>12 Noon</p>	<p>Mass for New Parishioners and Welcome+ Event in Meadow Hall</p>
<p>MONDAY 29 APRIL</p>	<p>9pm until 9.30pm online Zoom</p>	<p>GIFT Zoom Meeting - Parent Formation</p>
<p>SATURDAY 11 MAY</p>	<p>10am until 12 noon</p>	<p>GIFT Family Mass and Formation</p>