

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

When we are young we learn a list of 'do's' and 'don'ts'. Don't cross the street without looking both ways. Do show respect for your elders. Don't misbehave. Do treat people the way you would like them to treat you. The list is seemingly endless. There is a comfort that comes from following rules, but there also comes a time when we grow out of childhood, internalise the purpose of the rules, and live as adults.

Even the Old Testament had a list, which today we refer to as the Ten Commandments. It is literally a checklist as to how to be good and honourable in God's sight. But Jesus gives us a command in today's gospel that supersedes all others. It is simply this: 'love one another.' By this command Jesus invites us to an adult spirituality, no longer being satisfied by keeping a list. There is no checkbox for 'love'. Love does not count the cost or put a limit on what price is too high. Love can always do more. Love is based on a personal relationship with another that is not transactional but self-giving. As Jesus says in the gospel, his love for his friends reaches the point of laying down his own life for them. There is no boundary to what love calls us to do. And for that reason we might prefer a list of do's and don'ts. But that is not what we receive from Jesus. We receive from him a command simple but demanding: 'love one another'.

The Christian life, modelled on Jesus, is about a freedom to love to the point of laying down one's life for the other. A relationship with Jesus necessarily involves a relationship with his friends. And these friends are called to love not only Jesus and the father but, perhaps more importantly, one another. How much simpler the spiritual life would be if we only had to focus on loving God. But to be a friend of Jesus means we must love his other friends as well. This kind of love is not simply a checklist of good deeds, but a dying to self that puts the other first. This love is sacrificial and demands we put our own wants, needs, and desires aside to serve and love the other. The Christian life is one that demands a certain kind of heroism of daily self-sacrifice. This is the paschal mystery given to us by Jesus himself. For when we give ourselves to the point of no return, God is there to raise us up to new life

**6th SUNDAY OF EASTER
5 May 2024**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B

Weekday readings
Year 2

Divine Office
Week 2

Two churches | One Parish

HEMEL EAST NEWS

PRAYERS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

This month we focus on Persecuted Christians in Burkina Faso, in West Africa. 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 who the prayer intentions are for.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on the weekend of 11/12 May, for Catholic Communications.

PLANT SALE

The Catholic Women's League will be holding their annual plant sale on the weekend of 11/12 May, after all Masses. Come along and stock up your gardens for the summer.

DENS

DENS would like to thank the parishioners of Hemel East for your kind donations given in support of their Foodbank service over the last year April 2023 – March 2024. You donated 129 kg. Your donation has enabled them to continue offering emergency food parcels to local people, supporting them through crisis. The range of services DENS provides helps homeless people make positive changes to their lives, learn new skills and to build their confidence and ultimately assist people to move on into independent living. Your contribution enables DENS services to provide vital support to those most in need. If you would like to know more about our services please visit www.dens.org.uk

TEN POUND NOTE

We received half a ten pound note in the collection last week. The serial number is BM16149596. If you have the other half of the note and would like to donate this to the church to enable us to bank it, please give it to Fr Kim. Thank you.

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 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL 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. 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 of the Admissions Policy 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.

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. 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.

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 430pm. 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 welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

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 14 & 21 April

Loose Cash (OLQ)	£1058.13
Loose Cash (GH)	£181.79
Envelopes	£215.00
Total	£1,454.92

Contactless Payments and Standing Orders for April

Envelopes	£277.50
Standing Orders & Online	£4,540.50
Contactless & Loose Plate	£2,518.46
Total	£7,336.46

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 4 MAY THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (MORNING)</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Sean Murnaghan (RIP) (OLQ) 5pm John Nevin (Birthday)</p>
	<p>SUNDAY 5 MAY 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>(GH) 9am People of the Parish (OLQ) 10.30am John Bonnor (RIP) (OLQ) 12 Noon Winifred Jones (1st RIP ANNIV)</p>
	<p>MONDAY 6 MAY EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Private Intention</p>
	<p>TUESDAY 7 MAY EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Jean Malone, Mary Davies & Molly Malone (RIP ANNIV)</p>
	<p>THURSDAY 9 MAY THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</p>	<p>(GH) 10am Hilda Channe (RIP)</p>
	<p>FRIDAY 10 MAY EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 7pm Dave McManus (RIP)</p>
SAFEGUARDING		
<p>Parish Safeguarding Contact Sarah Alves hheastsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk</p> <p><i>Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator</i> 020 7798 9356</p>	<p>SATURDAY 11 MAY EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am GIFT Family Mass (No Benediction or Confessions) ((OLQ) 5pm</p>
	<p>SUNDAY 12 MAY 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>(GH) 9am Johano D'Costa (Birthday ANNIV) (OLQ) 10.30am Anna & Robert Vitoria (RIP) (OLQ) 12 Noon People of the Parish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMING UP...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS - SEE THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE</p>		
<p>SATURDAY 11 MAY</p>	<p>10am until 12 noon</p>	<p>GIFT Family Mass and Formation</p>
<p>MONDAY 20 MAY</p>	<p>8pm until 9.30pm</p>	<p>GIFT Zoom Meeting - Parent Formation</p>
<p>SATURDAY 8 JUNE</p>	<p>10am until 12 noon</p>	<p>GIFT Family Mass and Formation</p>