

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

In today's gospel Jesus is praying a final prayer to the Father prior to his own arrest and ultimate crucifixion. What must have been going through his mind at that time? He was definitely concerned for his friends, those whom the Father had given and entrusted to Jesus. He prays for them, not that they may be taken out of the world, but that they may be kept from evil, safe from harm while living in it. Jesus protected his friends while he was still with them, but he will be with them no longer. They are being sent into the world as he was sent. Almost like a concerned parent, Jesus makes his prayer to the Father.

It can be difficult to say good-bye. Relationships, friendships, and the bonds of love enter a new phase when we say good-bye. We may never see our loved ones again, or in the same way. People will develop, grow, and change. And we give them the freedom to do so. Jesus gives us this same freedom today. Today in the gospel we are given the privilege of 'listening in' as Jesus speaks to his heavenly Father in prayer. He knows that he is returning to the Father, leaving those who were entrusted to him on their own. Yet he will promise (later in John's Gospel) to send another advocate, the Holy Spirit. But as for Jesus, he will no longer be with them, his friends. If dying on the cross were not enough, Jesus also knew he was letting go of friendships and so he placed these relationships in prayer with the Father.

This can be a model for us as we enter new phases of relationships, or when we say good-bye to those we love. At some point we turn it over to the Father, entrusting them and the relationship to his care. Though the relationship may be buffeted by storms, in the meantime it is Jesus's prayer and our own that we will be safe, and the relationships will be secure and last the test of time. Giving over this trust to the Father can be an exercise in humility, knowing that we are not in control. When we turn over control like this, it can seem that we are dying to our own wishes and desires. But in letting go, we are giving new life.

**7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
12 May 2024**

Sunday cycle
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Year 2

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Week 3

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.

NEW SOUND SYSTEM

All going well our new sounds system will be in use this weekend at Our Lady's following a week of cables and drilling and chaos. It is great to see it all in place and neat and tidy again. Hopefully everything is working but there may be some issues as we get used to a new system. Our next project will be the redecoration of the Church and the Foyer.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend for Catholic Communications.

PLANT SALE

The Catholic Women's League will be holding their annual plant sale this weekend after all Masses. Come along and stock up your gardens for the summer.

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.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the parish office will be closed on 16/17 May and reopen on Monday 20 May.

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

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

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.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

On Tuesday 21 May, the Vigil of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. 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

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 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 11 MAY EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am GIFT Family Mass (No Benediction or Confessions) (OLQ) 5pm Mary McInerney (RIP)</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>MONDAY 13 MAY EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am</p>
	<p>TUESDAY 14 MAY SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am</p>
	<p>THURSDAY 16 MAY EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(GH) 10am Funeral for Amalia De Luca (RIP)</p>
	<p>FRIDAY 17 MAY EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 11.15am Funeral for Anna Vitoria (RIP) (OLQ) 7pm Gertrude Senanayake (1st RIP ANNIV)</p>
	<p>SATURDAY 18 MAY EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Tom Conroy (RIP ANNIV) (OLQ) 5pm An End to Abortion</p>
<p>SAFEGUARDING</p> <p>Parish Safeguarding Contact Sarah Alves hheastsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk</p> <p>Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator 020 7798 9356</p>	<p>SUNDAY 19 MAY PENTECOST SUNDAY</p>	<p>(GH) 9am People of the Parish (OLQ) 10.30am (OLQ) 12 Noon The Persecuted Church</p>
	<p>COMING UP...</p> <p>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>