

HEMEL CATHOLIC PARISHES

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The Resurrection + St Mary & St Joseph +
Our Lady Queen of All Creation + St Mark

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Hello from Fr Brian McMahon

I'm very pleased to have been appointed by Cardinal Vincent as the parish priest for Hemel West. I was born in Stoke Newington of Irish parents and brought up in Tottenham, the home of the greatest football team in London - well at least the north bit of it! Previously I was at St Joseph's in Stevenage since September 2016, where the parish was effectively re-founded following its rebuilding. The Holy Spirit was powerfully at work there! Prior to that I was a deacon in Fulham for five years. My parish priest there was Fr Roger Kirinich, who many of you may remember. I ran that parish whilst he was on extensive sick leave for several months. He subsequently took early retirement. My wife, Margaret, was the parish administrator there. She died unexpectedly in January 2013, six months after I was ordained as a deacon after twenty - eight years of marriage. I have two children, Bernie and Daniel, who remain living in the family home in Wimbledon. I had previously worked at a senior level for many years with Sainsbury's, heading up their retail health and safety function for a short period and then left and moved into private health and safety consultancy. After a couple of years I felt the Lord was asking more of me, though I didn't discern priesthood as an option initially. I was ordained as a priest in 2017, having spent a year at the seminary. You'll learn more about me as the weeks go by - including my sudden and unexpected reversion experience to the Catholic faith at 9.37pm, April 2nd 2005 (yes, that precise! Google the date and time to find out what happened then) after being lapsed/inactive for fifteen years. God bless the priest at Westminster Cathedral who heard my confession after that period of time! Anyway, I look forward to meeting with you at our Sunday Mass and getting out and about in the community, especially the schools. There's a lot to learn but I'm not beginning from scratch. I want to say a big thank you to those parishioners who have helped me settle in by answering as best as they can my inevitable questions. There's much I inherit that I want to build on and there are lots of people who have been here long before me who I will need and will rely on. It seems to me that parishes are always a collaborative creation between priest and people, though the Holy Spirit is really in charge! We just work in partnership with Him and bring the Good News who is Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him. That's in line with Pope Francis's emphasis on *missionary discipleship*. The best way to move forward is to listen, ask questions and to really take on board the answers. I think that's a good way forward for us all. Pope Francis recently said, "*The parish should be at the center of the community, a place where God's presence is felt and hope and love are shared with the world.*" I'm sure that's already the case here at Hemel West parish and indeed our sister parish in Hemel East. Thank you very much to Fr Paul, who shortly takes up a new assignment in north London. Thanks also to Fr Kim, our parish priest neighbour in Hemel East, for all the help given to me as I prepared for this new assignment. Also thanks to Deacon Simon who introduced me to the wonderful Liberty Tea Rooms. I look forward to working with our brothers and sisters in Hemel East parish, and other Christians, as together we bring the Good News who is Jesus Christ to everyone in Hemel Hempstead!

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Hemel Catholic Notices

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10.30 – 11am (*Our Lady's*)
Saturday 11am – 11.30am (*Boxmoor*)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Saturday 10.30-11am (*Our Lady's*)

First Friday after 10am Mass at BM & from 2.30pm at OLQ. Exposition at Grovehill after 10am Mass on Thursday.

Going into Hospital? If you are going into Hospital do ask to see a Catholic Chaplain. Please call the Chaplaincy office on 01923 217994 or 07776598704 for Watford and St Albans.

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.

Baptism Preparation

Parents who wish to have their children baptised are required to attend our baptism preparation course. At least one parent must be a practising Catholic and be known to the priests. **The next seminar will be 10am until 12.30pm on Saturday 28th September in Our Lady's church hall.** Dates for the baptism will be set at this meeting. Parents are asked to speak to the clergy after Mass and read the baptism information sheet, found in the porch.

Fr Gregory, erstwhile of this parish, will be visiting this week. He is still collecting old mobile phones to take back to Ghana. If you have one or two redundant phones please give them to Deacon Simon.

St Columba's College, the independent Catholic boys' day school in St Albans, will be holding a 'Stay and Play' session in the Prep School on Friday 13th September, between 9am and 11am. Boys aged 3+ are invited to stay and play while their parents visit. For more details go to www.stcolumbascollege.org.

Divine Mercy: A day of Prayer, invoking the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham in Westminster Cathedral Saturday 28th September, 9.30am until 4.30pm. For the full programme of the day please contact Antonia at antonia@walsingham.org.uk.

Charity Curry Nights at the Curry Garden Berkhamsted: Monday 16th September, 7pm in aid of the Two Waters School Project. £14 per ticket. There will be a raffle and a quiz. Pay for your own drinks. Monday 21st October, 7pm in aid of DENS. £14 per ticket. There will be a raffle and quiz. Pay for your own drinks. For more details call 392 527 or email soaresvi1974@gmail.com.

Churches Together Prayer intention for this week:
New Church Gadebridge.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Open Forum
Monday 7th October, 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northridge Way. The guest speaker is Richard Gamble who will tell us about 'The Wall of Answered Prayer', an award winning public art design, which is to be built near Birmingham. All are welcome.

Hemel Catholic Parish Party: After the huge success of last year's party we are going to host it again on the 28th September. Our Hemel Parishes Party promises a night of good food supplied by Limoncello Catering. Music by the brilliant Irish Band - Missing The Ferry. Last year we danced the night away after enjoying an all you can eat buffet. We enjoyed beverages from our very reasonably priced licenced bar and won prizes galore from our bumper raffle. Tickets are £15 each. Contact Haylea on 07964871765 or email haylea02@hotmail.com for more details and tickets. If you can help sell tickets outside Mass in September please do get in touch.

4th Boxmoor Scout Group is open to new members from all four parishes: Please call Pete West on 07949 936 994 or email peteandsue8@virginmedia.com.

Sunday 15th September, 8pm, The Undercroft, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Harpenden AL5 2QH: Dr Mary McHugh, Consultant nephrologist, Co-Convenor of the Health and Bioethics committee, past President of the NBCW and past Co-President of Andante, will speak on *Medical ethics: a doctor's perspective*. Dr McHugh will take questions at the end but promises to ask us some as well. This is a Newman Hertfordshire Circle event, everyone is very welcome.

Church of the Resurrection

Henry Wells Square, Grovehill, HP2 6BJ

Welcome to Highfield and Grovehill Parish Community. If you are new to the parish you are invited to complete a 'New to the Parish', form, which you will find at the back of the church.

For Parish Room or Church bookings contact Pedro on 07917 813 476 or entapryz@hotmail.com.

We pray for the Departed: Jim Furlong, David Fyffe, Barry Millbank, Merna Trotman, Patrick Fitzgerald, Douglas Weston, Kim Pattison, Romeo Pedro, Apolonio Jaina, Elsie Simpson, J Dickit & Cathy Rochford

We pray for the Sick: Eddie Rochford, Jim Fitzgerald, Mick Sheehan, Mandy McNabb, Michael Binns, Mary Morrissey, Maureen Gaun, Becky Simpson, Ita Murray, Betty & John Summers

Ss Mary & Joseph

St Johns Road, Boxmoor, HP1 1NR

Welcome to Ss Mary & Joseph's Parish Community. If you are new to the Parish you are invited to complete a 'New Parish Records Form', which you will find on the table at the back of the church.

Parish Centre Bookings or Enquires: If you are interested in using the Parish Centre for an event, party or meeting, please contact Shirley Bailey on 07533 965 372 or email hallbookings@smj.hemelcatholic.org.

Caretaker: Mick Prindiville. Contact on 07926 141800.

We pray for the Departed: Nigel Read, Ita Salmon & Members of the Barrett Family

We pray for the Sick: Ted Turvey, Lucinda, Keith McConnon & John Kennedy

Please note a permanent change of time for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Saturdays. Currently it is at 11.30am. The new time will be 5.15-pm to 5.45pm commencing next weekend. This is to make it easier for those attending the 6pm Mass to celebrate this sacrament of Christ's healing.

The Scouts are having a coffee morning in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor on Sunday 8th September, after the 8.45am Mass. Everyone is invited to join the Scouts for tea/coffee and bacon and sausage sandwiches.

Paintings: Thank you all for entering the raffle for the two watercolours. They were won by two parishioners from Hemel West. Sean won the Water Lily with Dragon Fly and John the Orchid in Pot. £520 has been raised for Mother's Village Orphanage in Bosnia Herzegovina. Thank you all for your support.

Herts/Beds Historic Churches Trust Annual Bike and Hike Fundraiser Saturday 14th September: We have supported this event for several years and received a grant of £2000 in 2018. We raised over £600 last September keeping 50% ourselves, thanks to a small group of parishioner cyclists/walkers and the ever generous sponsorship by our parish community. We received a Bronze certificate of appreciation which is in the Church porch. This year we hope to do even better and need more bikers/hikers to volunteer! If you are interested please look out for this year's event poster and/or contact Geoff Doyle on 07515 943 615 for full details. **Our cyclists/walkers will be outside church after all Masses this weekend to accept your sponsorship support.** The Trust urgently needs a new volunteer area organiser for Hemel Hempstead and surrounding areas. If you or anyone you know might be interested please get in touch with Geoff Doyle.

Our Lady Queen of All Creation

Rant Meadow, HP3 8PG

Welcome to Our Lady's Church & Parish Community. If you are new to the parish you are invited to complete a 'New to the Parish' form, which you will find at the back of the church.

If you are interested in booking the Parish hall contact Shirley Bailey at hallbookings@olq.hemelcatholic.org or call 07519 837 130. **Caretaker:** Mick Prindiville. Contact on 07926 141 800.

Prayer lists: Please fill out the form in the church foyer. Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless otherwise requested.

We pray for the Sick: Simon de Winter, Jack Barrett, Matthew Hay, Steve & Jo Hambling, Gavin, Canon Tuckwell, John Wood, Rosemary McKenna, Phil Connolly, Bernard Cronin & Family, Rachel Price, Carol List, Nora Watson, Ed & Chris Riley, Vivienne John, Peter Lynch, Stacey Berryman, Alex Asbury & John Flaherty

The ODP will be selling cakes and home produce this weekend in the church hall after all Masses. Any donations of cakes would be very welcome. They can be left in the church hall before any Mass.

Catholic Women's League, Adeyfield: We will be having an afternoon tea on Thursday 19th September in the parish hall at Our Lady's. Tickets £8. Tickets will be on sale at the end of August or contact Mary on 263703.

Blue Tubs: Thank you to all who have been collecting for the children of St Benedict's Children's Home in St Vincent. Please now return the tubs. A basket will be placed in the narthex or may be given to any member of the ODP team. Tubs should be returned by the end of September.

St Mark

Hollybush Lane, Warners End, HP1 2PH

Welcome to St. Mark's Church and Parish community. If you are new to the parish you are invited to complete a 'New to the Parish' form, which you will find at the back of the church and place it in the "New to Parish" folder in the porch.

Please pray for the Sick: Joe Smyth, Eddie, John O'Sullivan, Antonia la Fuente, Vera Collimore, Sally Howes, Lily Dalimore, Margaret Watt & Hannah Raynsford

Please pray for the Departed: Minni Jackson, Kath Bates, Thomas Byrne, John Murphy, Kathleen Tucker, Mac Mutti, Cecilia Tucker, Annie Burley, Hanora Shuker, Margaret Howard, Peter Moore & Matt McCarthy

Hemel Ordinate Mission

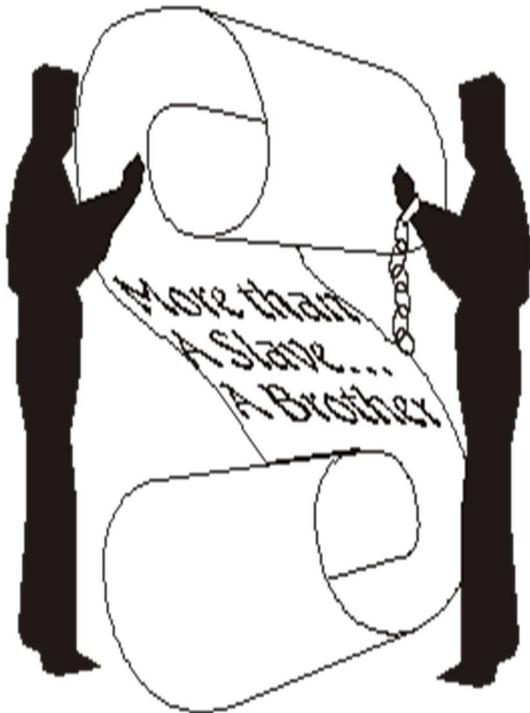
Pastor: Fr Simon Chinery

Email: simon.chinery@ordinate.org.uk or call 387 195.

Welcome. We are based at St Mark's; meeting on Sundays at 8.45am and Wednesdays at 7.45pm for Mass. Morning Prayer is celebrated on Sundays at 8.15am

All are welcome at our Services

God of all creation,
your spirit dances throughout the earth.
You give drink to the trees,
shade for the birds, bread for the hungry.
You bring life and make all things holy.
Flood our hearts with your grace,
so we may sow seeds of love, justice and beauty,
and reflect your kingdom here on earth.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen



Mass Times and Intentions this week

(GH) Grovehill, (BM) Ss Mary & Joseph Boxmoor, (SM) St Mark, (OLQ) Our Lady's, (ORD) Ordinate

Sat 7 th	5pm (OLQ) Helen Reilly RIP ANNIV 6pm (BM) Nigel Read RIP ANNIV
Sun 8 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinate) 8.45am (BM) Fr Brian McMahon INT 9am (GH) Cath Rochford RIP 10.15am (SM) Rose D'Silva & Dennis Furtado RIP 10.30am (OLQ) Kath Fury RIP 11.45am (BM) Members of the Barrett Family RIP ANNIV 12 Noon (OLQ) Joe & Anne O'Mera INT
Mon 9 th	10am (OLQ) Dave McManus RIP
Tues 10 th	10am (OLQ) Stephen McKillion RIP
Wed 11 th	10am (BM) 7.45pm (SM/Ordinate)
Thurs 12 th	10am (GH) John Rowe RIP
Fri 13 th	10am (BM) Ita Salmon RIP 6.30pm (OLQ) Lydia Mary Croft INT
Sat 14 th	10am (OLQ) Mary Duff RIP ANNIV 5pm (OLQ) Anna Joachim Mai 6pm (BM) Margaret Howard RIP
Sun 15 th	8.45am (SM/Ordinate) 8.45am (BM) 9am (GH) Domingo Bagares RIP 10.15am (SM) 10.30am (OLQ) Biji Joseph Thanksgiving 11.45 (BM) Andy Gavin 10 th RIP ANNIV 12 Noon (OLQ) Douglas Hunter RIP ANNIV