

# 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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## Hemel Catholic Parishes

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## Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon. Items for  
Hemel East and Hemel West  
please send to:

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## Coronavirus pandemic

Here are the edited highlights from the letter sent to us from the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, of which Cardinal Vincent Nichols is the President. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. It is very clear that, following official advice and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, we **must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches, until further notice.** Our churches will remain open. They are not closing. They will be a focal point of prayer, where you will find solace and strength. In visiting our churches at this time, we will observe with great care the practices of hygiene and the guidance on social distancing. However, **the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.** Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated; joining in spiritually in that celebration; watching the live-streaming of the Mass where possible; following its prayers at home; making an act of spiritual communion: this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. We want everyone to understand that in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, **the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed.** You will find useful information on the Bishops' Conference website [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk). Your parish priests will provide support, encouragement and information in the coming weeks. The second vital aspect of these challenging times is our care for each other. There are so many ways in which we are to do this: being attentive to the needs of our neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable; contributing to our local food banks; volunteering for charitable initiatives and organisations; simply keeping in touch by all the means open to us. During these disturbing and threatening times, the rhythm of the prayer of the Church will continue. Please play your part in this too. For your commitment to this, we thank you. May God Bless us all.

## Parish Administrator Office Hours

| Telephone cover for East and West  | Hemel East Office Hours | Hemel West Office Hours |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b><br>12 noon- 6pm      | <b>12 noon – 3pm</b>    | <b>3pm-6pm</b>          |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>9.30am - 3.30pm  | <b>9.30am-3.30pm</b>    | <b>Closed</b>           |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>9.30am- 3.30pm | <b>Closed</b>           | <b>9.30-3.30pm</b>      |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>9.30am-3.30pm   | <b>9.30am-12.30pm</b>   | <b>12.30pm-3.30pm</b>   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>9.30am-3.30pm     | <b>1.30pm-3.30pm</b>    | <b>9.30am-1.30pm</b>    |

## Hemel Catholic Notices

**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.

**The Bereavement Support Group:** The meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April has been cancelled. Please check the newsletter for future meetings.

**Sunday Special 5<sup>th</sup> April:** We regret that there will not be a Sunday Special lunch in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor until guidance changes.

**Newsletter Email Address:** Please note the email address has changed for newsletter items and all general enquiries. Please send your items to [shirleybailey@rcdow.org](mailto:shirleybailey@rcdow.org).

**Youth Ministry: The following groups have been cancelled until further notice:** Martial Arts Academy, Year 7-9 Youth Group and Year 9-11 Youth Leadership Group.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020:** We regret to inform you due to the Covid 19 pandemic and based on the advice being issued by Government, we have taken the decision now to formally cancel this gathering.

**Did You Know?** Our Hemel Catholic Two-Parish Justice and Peace Group aim to keep you informed on Justice and Peace issues; locally, nationally and internationally.

**Email:** [hemelcatholicjusticeandpeace@gmail.com](mailto:hemelcatholicjusticeandpeace@gmail.com)

**Help save the planet in the Bathroom:** There are many small and easy things we can do to help. Manufacturers are only just starting to do more to provide bathroom products in recyclable materials as well as recycling information. There are now many plastic free alternatives for toothbrushes, razors, toothpaste, face wipes etc. Read the excellent report with a video at: <https://www.which.co.uk/news/2020/01/how-can-we-tackle-our-bathroom-plastics-problem>. Be a green Christian: Remember the 7Rs: Rejoice Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Rent, Recycle.

**4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:peteandsue8@virginmedia.com).

## 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](mailto:entapryz@hotmail.com).

**We pray for the Departed: Gerry Mason, Liz Peel, Behrooz Ghafani Bernard Innes Patricai Person & Seamas McCann**

**We pray for the Sick:** Ann Thomas, Bridie Furlong, Walter Bentivegna, Alan Pike, Mandy McNabb, Maureen and Richard Gaul, John Nagle, Becky Simpson, Liz Boodhun, Loraine Shardlow, Betty & John Summers & Roger Green

## Ss Mary & Joseph

*St Johns Road, Boxmoor, HP1 1NR*

*Welcome to Ss Mary & Joseph one of two churches in the parish of Hemel West. If you are new to the parish, please make yourself known to Fr Brian, by speaking to him after Mass or contacting him via email.*

**Parish Centre Bookings or Enquires:** If you are interested in booking the Parish Centre for an event, please contact Shirley Bailey on 07533 965 372 or email [hallbookings@smj.hemelcatholic.org](mailto:hallbookings@smj.hemelcatholic.org). **Please note that this number should not be used for any other parish enquiries i.e. Mass intentions etc. as your call will not be responded to.** The caretaker for the hall is Mick Prindiville. Contact Mick on 07926 141800.

**We pray for the Departed:** Daniel James Corkett, Kitty Hampton & Stephen Gardner

**We pray for the Sick:** Peter & Elizabeth Renwick, Ted Turvey & Lucinda

**New Twitter account** for latest parish-related updates during the Covid-19 pandemic: @HemelWest. Please spread the word.

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** Planned giving envelopes for the tax year starting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 are available from the parish office. The tax year ends on the 5<sup>th</sup> April and we will be submitting our Gift Aid Claim for 2019/2020 soon after that. If you are registered for Gift Aid but are no longer eligible because you will have stopped paying UK Income Tax before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020, it is important that you let us know immediately the date you stopped paying tax. If you are eligible for Gift Aid but are not yet registered we urge you to do so as we can claim back 25% of your donation back from the government. To make any changes to your offertory arrangements please contact Sheila McDonnell by email at [hemelboxmoorgac@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hemelboxmoorgac@rcdow.org.uk) or 07947801212.

**Standing Order Mandate Form:** If you would like to make a regular contribution to the Parish of Hemel West, the standing order forms can be found at the back of the church. You can also make a bank transfer to HSBC Bank. Account number: 31095048 sort code: 40-05-20.

**Weekly collection 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Loose Plate: £277  
Envelopes: £213.50  
CAFOD £175  
Lenten Appeal £140

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**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 07533 965 372. **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:** Jack Barrett, Maria Budd, Nora Watson, Simon de Winter, Linda de Winter, Janet Reilly, Vincent Naylen, Mary Clarke, Ed & Chris Riley, Celia McManus, Mark Kenney, Bernard Cronin & Family, Vivienne John, Alice Francis, Matthew Hay, Rachel Price, Carol List, Samuel & Nora Watson

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**Please find below the details about our new Hemel East Facebook and Twitter Account:**

Facebook - @HemelEastCC (Hemel East Catholic Parish) <https://www.facebook.com/HemelEastCC>  
Twitter - @HemelEastCP (Hemel East Catholic Parish) - <https://twitter.com/HemelEastCP>

**Hall Bookings Phone Number:** Please note the phone number for Our Lady's hall bookings has changed to 07533 965 372.

**St Mark**

*Hollybush Lane, Warners End, HP1 2PH*

*Welcome to St Mark's one of two churches in the parish of Hemel West. If you are new to the parish, please make yourself known to Fr Brian, by speaking to him after Mass or contacting him via email.*

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

**Please pray for the Departed:** Nancy Finnegan, Geoffrey Gower, Cecelia Briant, Joan Gaskell, Ken Robertson, James McCloughlin, George McKeever, Arthur Marchant, Cecil Tucker, Hannah O'Farrell, Constance Smallwood, Fred Smallwood, Jimmy Cash, Alan Ong, Stewart Gavigan, Daphne Cornish, Lucy Jones & Steve Ash

**Weekly collection 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Envelopes:** £21

**Loose:** £125.47

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Hemel Ordinariate Mission**

*Pastor: Fr Simon Chinery*

Email: [simon.chinery@ordinariate.org.uk](mailto:simon.chinery@ordinariate.org.uk) or call 387 195.

**Prayer from Pope Francis to Our Lady for the Health of the Sick.**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you for the Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus's pain with steadfast faith.

You, salvation of the People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us Mother of Divine Love, to confirm ourselves to the Father's will, and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the joy of the Cross, to the Resurrection. Amen

We seek refuge under your protection O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**All weekday and Sunday Masses will be said without a congregation. The Mass intentions will be prayed for daily by our Priests.**

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| <b>(GH) Grovehill, (BM) Ss Mary &amp; Joseph Boxmoor, (SM) St Mark, (OLQ) Our Lady's, (ORD) Ordinariate</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>                                                                                        | (OLQ) Herman Fernandes<br>RIP ANNIV<br>(BM) Holy Souls                                                                                                                                  |
| Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                                                                        | (BM) Pro Populo<br>(GH) Joy & Noel Thanksgiving<br>(SM) Constance & Fred<br>Smallwood RIP<br>(OLQ) Chijuka Family INT<br>(BM) Stephen Gardner RIP<br>(OLQ) Isola Comparini<br>RIP ANNIV |
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>                                                                                        | (OLQ) Sebastian RIP                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                       | (OLQ) Joseph RIP                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                        | (BM)                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Thur 26 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                       | (GH) Norman Monstratt RIP                                                                                                                                                               |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                        | (BM)<br>(OLQ) Michael & Josephine<br>Perse RIP                                                                                                                                          |
| Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                        | (OLQ) Chijuka Family INT<br>(OLQ) Kevin Heffernan RIP<br>(BM) Pro Populo                                                                                                                |
| Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                        | (BM) Mary-Jo O'Dowd RIP<br>(GH) Isabelle Pereira's INT<br>(SM) Jimmy Cash RIP<br>(OLQ) Chijuka Family INT<br>(BM) May Wall Birthday<br>(OLQ) Joan & Stuart Marshall<br>INT              |

