

Sacred Heart, Berkhamsted

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd October 2022 – Year C



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The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'



This Sunday's readings invite us to think in terms of trust and faithfulness. They remind us to be patient.

Habbakuk (**First Reading**) feels the Lord isn't listening when he asks why nothing is being done about the violence and outrage he sees. But the Lord reassures him that whatever the surrounding circumstances, the upright person will remain faithful, trusting in God.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus teaches about faith and service when the apostles ask him, 'Increase our faith!' He moves them away from considering faith as a quantity, to putting into practice what faith they do have. Jesus uses the size of a mustard seed to demonstrate the power of that faith. In the parable following, he then cautions the disciples about knowing one's place in God's plans, rather than having an attitude of 'what's in it for me?' Our relationship with God is to be one of total and unconditional love and service.

St Paul tells us that the gift of faith in Christ is the Spirit of power, love, and self-control. Armed with this Spirit, we are 'never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord', even if it means going against the tide, or enduring hardship. (**Second Reading**)

The **Psalms** urges us, 'O that today you would listen to his voice!' We are to come before the Lord with open hearts, giving thanks and praise.

Let's pray for a deepening of our own faith and trust in God, and for guidance to use our precious God-given gifts with a servant's heart.

We also remember those suffering in war and conflict in Ukraine and beyond.

Mass Intentions:

Sun 2 Oct	✠ 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:45am	Mary Donovan RIP Ann
Mon 3 Oct	Feria	10:00am	Andrew Grimes RIP Ann (Sept)
Tue 4 Oct	St Francis of Assisi	10:00am	The Grimes Family Int
Thu 6 Oct	Feria	12Noon	Margaret McDivitt RIP
Fri 7 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Anne Furlong Int (Birthday)
Sat 8 Oct	Feria	10:00am	The Hurley Family Int
Sat 8 Oct	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 9 Oct	✠ 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:45am	Becca Lavin Int

* Livestream Mass ^ Public Mass + Note Mass Time change

Saturday - 9:00am – Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (and confession alongside) with Benediction at 9:45am

Confessions can also be arranged outside of these times, please contact Fr Joseph

We Pray for:

The Sick and the Housebound in our parishes

We pray especially for: Una Furlong, Becca Lavin, Vincent Paul Keen, Andrew Reilly, Liz Salmon, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Winifred Winstone, Zachery Keehn, Lucy Chapman, Hilary Sweetman, Ann Johnstone, Michael Earls, Oliver Perrin, Fenella Stoner, Phil Kinsella, Sally Taylor, Chris Taylor, John Bromley, John O'Neill, Peter McCabe, Mary Murphy, Daniel Colbourne and Eve Clark.
We commend them to God.

The Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

We pray for those who have recently died or those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Fred Gilmour, Paul McCunn, Justin Hall, Mike Watson, Margaret McDivitt, Dennis Murray, Bernie Smith, Helen McCarthy, Avril McCarthy, Her Majesty the Queen, Susan Hobson, Marie Browne, Maurice Cooper, Maura Duffy, John Slingo, Alison Page, Betty Laweor, Ignacy Krajewski, Jeremy Blood, Breda McArdle, John Curley, Margaret Cunningham, Martin Murphy, Bridget Nash, Catherine O'Rourke, Simon Mostyn, Breda McArdle and Anthony Stevens.

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Celebration in hall after Mass

Welcome to Bishop Paul McAleenan who joins us this Sunday for Fr Joseph's induction Mass. There will be a small gathering in the hall after Mass, we hope to see you all there.

Proposed times for Sunday Masses

Please see below proposed Sunday Mass times, starting on the 29th October.

Saturday Vigil – 5:00pm

Sunday – 8:30am (determined by numbers) and 10:00am

Welcome Volunteers on Sundays

We are looking for volunteers to become welcomers on a Sunday before Mass. This will mean simply welcoming Parishioners on arrival and handing out anything needed for Mass - Mass sheets, hymn books and a copy of the week's newsletter. If this is something you feel you could help with please contact Laura.

Flower arrangers needed

We urgently need more flower arrangers at Sacred Heart. You don't need to be an experienced florist, just enthusiastic about flowers. You would always be with another arranger until you feel confident enough to be on your own. With enough arrangers on the rota you may only be needed once every 2 or 3 months and you will be reimbursed for the flowers.

If interested please say hello to either Heather Houston, Shirelyanne Taylor, Elaine Rafferty or contact Lina Lannone on 07795 126224

Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary so we are going to say the Rosary each Tuesday after Mass starting on the 4th of October. We hope you will be able to join us when we will pray for our new King and others in authority in our country and around the world and for peace in our homes and countries of the whole world.

Sick, housebound and recently deceased

Shortly we will be making amendments to the above lists on our newsletter. If you wish for a particular person to remain, please could you email or call Laura.

Equally if you wish for a person to be removed, please let Laura know.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

CAFOD is holding its Family Fast Day on Friday 7 October when families are asked to have a simple meal and donate any amount saved to its 'World Food Crisis' appeal. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Full details of this appeal and CAFOD's other campaigns can be found at cafod.org.uk

Prisoners Sunday (9th October) – The National Day of Prayer and Action

Pact's work is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching. It brings hope into the prison environment, where men and women experience isolation and long periods confined to their cells. Pact serves families, especially children, who experience prolonged separation from loved ones. Envelopes can be found at the back of the Church.

Offertory Collections

Weekly loose plate 25/9 - £280.00

Thank you to every one of you for your generosity to our Parish.

Church Offerings at this time—might you consider a Standing Order?

If you are a weekly envelope or plate giver would you please consider setting up a standing order?

Our bank details are as follows.

Please do include your name as your reference.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish. It is greatly appreciated.

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Mass Intentions

We now have more masses during the week. Please call the parish office to book Masses for your intentions or email Laura.

The Diocesan suggested offering is £10 but you are welcome to donate more if you are able. Thank you.

If making a donation online, please use 'MASS STIPEND' and the date of the mass as your reference.

Parishes Celebrations / Dates for your Diaries –

There is a lot happening within our parish over the coming weeks:

7th Oct 'Slip into Slippers' at Open Door

15th Oct A Day with Mary, Westminster Cathedral

6th Nov Sunday Lunch Club

10th Dec Senior Christmas Lunch

18th Dec Carol Service – Hospice of St Francis

8th Jan Sunday Lunch Club

Mosaic

The latest issue of Mosaic can be found at the back of the church. It's purpose is to let us all know how the Diocese have used your generous donations across the Diocese. Please feel free to take a copy.

A Day with Mary – Westminster Cathedral

On Saturday 15th October, Westminster Cathedral are hosting 'A Day with Mary'.

Full details are on the notice board at the back of the Church.

'Slip into Slippers' at Open Door, 7th October 2-3:30pm

Don those slippers* and join us for some delicious tea and cake to support Age UK Dacorum's 'Slip into Slippers' campaign!

*slippers not mandatory :)

Friday 7th October between 2- 3:30pm
at Open Door Community Space and Café,
360-364 High Street, Berkhamsted HP4 1HU

- No need to book
- No charge - donations welcome towards Age UK Dacorum's 'Slip into Slippers' campaign