

Sacred Heart, Berkhamsted

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th November – Year C



As we approach the end of the Church's year, today's readings lead us to think about the passage of time and the end of the world. Though outwardly daunting, they provide a message of hope for those who stay faithful to God's love.

The prophet Malachi (**First Reading**) uses stark imagery to portray the fate of those who do not respect the Lord. But the ones who remain faithful to him will see the day that is coming as a time of joy and healing.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, but tells us not to fear wars, persecution, and natural disasters. While these things may seem like the end, in fact they are not: he cautions us not to be deceived by those claiming that 'the time has come'. Even when in difficulty, we are not to worry about what to say: the Spirit of Jesus will give us words and wisdom, as we bear witness to Christ. By staying secure in the love that God has for us, we will be held safe.

Paul presents himself as a model to the Thessalonian church (**Second Reading**), spreading the Good News and earning his keep. He stresses the importance of the whole community working for the good of all, rather than sitting around thinking about the future.

The **Psalmist** is certain of the Lord's coming, when justice will prevail. All creation is invited to join in the joyful proclamation of that coming.

Mass Intentions:

Sun 6 Nov	✘ 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am	Dominic and Santana D'Souza RIP Birthday
Sun 6 Nov	✘ 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00am	Philip Capes RIP Ann
Mon 7 Nov	Feria	10:00am	Deceased members of the Ayton Family and all Holy Souls RIP
Tue 8 Nov	Feria	10:00am	Helena Hall and all Holy Souls RIP
Thu 10 Nov	St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor	12:00pm	Gabriel Argon Int
Fri 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours, Bishop	10:00am	Deceased members of the Storey, West and Bailey Families and all Holy Souls RIP
Sat 12 Nov	St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	10:00am	Deceased members of the Hullett family and all Holy Souls RIP
Sat 12 Nov	Vigil	5:00pm	Frank Nash RIP Ann
Sun 13 Nov	✘ 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am	Anne Fitzgerald Int
Sun 13 Nov	✘ 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00am	Joseph Finucane RIP Ann

* 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: David Cairns, Dymna O'Connor, Jacqueline Kinsey, Una Furlong, Vincent Paul Keen, 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.

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: Hugh J. Munro, Richard Jafieniecki, Fr Duncan Adamson, Denis Murray, Kyria Sherwin, 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.

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Memorial Mass for Holy Souls – Will be held on the 18th November at 7:00pm. All those that have been bereaved in the past two years will have an opportunity during the Mass to light a candle for their deceased relatives or friends.

Masses for Holy Souls – Thank you for the donations enclosed in the November dead list envelopes. Masses will be offered for all Holy Souls throughout November and December.

Forms for First Holy Communion and Confirmation – If you wish to register your child for First Holy Communion or you would like to enrol for the Confirmation programmes, please see Fr Joseph to collect the appropriate forms.

RCIA – If you or anyone you know would like to become a Catholic, or missed making their First Holy Communion/Confirmation speak with Fr Joseph.

Altar Servers and Training Sessions - Will be held in the Church on the 11th November, 25th November and 9th December, 6pm-7pm.

Parish Register - We are planning to update the Parish register. If you know anyone who has moved away or gone to be with the Lord, please let Laura know. Parish registration forms are at the back of the church for use if you haven't already registered in the past. If you are unsure if you are on the register, please complete a form anyway.

Youth Mass - Sunday 20th November is the Feast of Christ The King and World Youth day. Our 10am Mass will be a Youth Mass so if you are a young person and would like to play a part in the Mass - welcoming, reading, doing the Offertory, singing in the choir, please let Jane janellavin@yahoo.co.uk or Nicole on Nicole.brandwood@gmail.com

Grave Blessings – We will be doing grave blessings at Kingshill Cemetery on Sunday 20th November at 12 Noon. All those who have loved ones at Kingshill cemetery are welcome to this ceremony.

Senior Christmas Lunch – Will be held on Saturday 10th December at 12pm in the Parish Hall. Please find the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Choir - We'd love to have some new members in our 10am Choir (especially some men!!) You don't have to read music or be an opera singer, just share a love of singing! If you are interested please contact Jane on janellavin@yahoo.co.uk

Missio Boxes – Charles Grey has recently taken over the management and collection of these boxes and would like to re-establish who currently has boxes and whether they are available for collection. Please either bring your box to Mass on Sunday and leave in the Sacristy or drop it in to Laura in the office. If there is anyone who does not have a box but would like to have one, please contact Charles on 07526 441961 or email at chasgray137@outlook.com

Offertory Collections - Weekly loose plate 30/10 - £179.50

Monthly planned giving October - £5173.00

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

Online Giving – Should you wish to become a regular online donor please use the Parish bank details below.

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Please do include your name as your reference and if you would like to gift-aid please ask Fr Joseph or Laura for a form. Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish. It is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions

We now have more masses during the week. Either ring the parish office to book Masses for your intentions, email Laura or use the blue envelopes at the back of the church, fill it out, enclose donation and hand it in. 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:

12th Nov	Drop-in soup event, Open door
18th Nov	Memorial Mass for Holy Souls
20th Nov	Youth Mass
21st & 28th Nov	Walking Football
10th Dec	Senior Christmas Lunch
18th Dec	Carol Service – Hospice of St Francis

Memories Café – Bereavement and loss drop-in support sessions, every Monday - 11am to 1pm at the Watford Hospital Chaplaincy.

Memories Café offers a chance to meet with others who understand the experience of loss. It is a space to talk about the pain of bereavement and find mutual support and encouragement when you need it most.

For more information please email:

westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net

Carol Service - We are holding our annual Carol Service for The Hospice of St Francis on Sunday 18th December at 3pm. Everyone is welcome so please spread the word and put the date in your diary. If you would like to be part of the Choir on the day please contact Jane on janellavin@yahoo.co.uk

Mary's Meals - Our pre-Christmas drop-in soup / tea and coffee event is on Saturday 12th November, 11.30am – 3pm at Open Door (which backs onto the church so very close by!)

The food is all home-made and money donated supports Mary's Meals, a great charity. We will also have bric-a-brac and gifts. Anyone who would like to help/bake please give Anne a ring on 07773900983. Please put the date in your diary and do drop in if you are free. Thank You