

Sacred Heart, Berkhamsted

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th October 2022 – Year C



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The scripture readings this week highlight the importance of gratitude. It is shown to be that perfect response to the Lord's constant goodness to us. Whatever cleansing we are seeking or hardships we are bearing (**First Reading**), the Lord has been, is, and will work for our good.

He will do this on our behalf through his right hand and holy arm (**Psalms**). And however wavering our own stance to God might be, God is always faithful to us (**Second Reading**).

For St Ignatius, ingratitude was 'the most abominable of all sins' and in the **Gospel** we see it is the 'foreigner' – a Samaritan – who turns back to give thanks for his healing. Jesus appreciates this and encourages him in his faith, something the other nine miss.

This coming week, I might quietly reflect upon the ways my gratitude can be seen to be simply an echo of grace – my response to what God has already given.

We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer.

Mass Intentions:

Sun 9 Oct	✠ 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:45am	Becca Lavin Int
Mon 10 Oct	Feria	10:00am	Friends of Anne Harte Int
Tue 11 Oct	Feria	10:00am	Special Intention
Thu 13 Oct	St Edward the Confessor	12Noon	NO MASS
Fri 14 Oct	Feria	10:00am	Giovanni (25 th Ann) & Carlo Ermini RIP, Andi Vincenzo, Dania & Alessandra Casetti RIP
Sat 15 Oct	St Teresa of Jesus	10:00am	Deceased members of the Harte Family RIP
Sat 15 Oct	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Ken Bradding RIP Ann
Sun 16 Oct	✠ 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:45am	Sheila 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: Una Furlong, Becca Lavin, 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, 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

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Housebound visits for Sacred Heart Parishioners

Anyone who is housebound and would like a home visit and hasn't yet made an appointment, please contact Fr Joseph to arrange.

Extra ordinary ministers of Holy Communion & readers

All existing extra ordinary ministers of Holy Communion and readers who would still like to continue in their ministries, please email or phone the Parish office.

World Mission Sunday

On the 23rd October there will be a collection for World Mission Sunday.
World Mission Sunday is vital to the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in predominantly impoverished and remote areas overseas.
The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries.

Car park Closure 26th & 27th October

The car park will be closed on both the 26th & 27th October to allow for much needed works to some trees. Please ensure that the carpark is kept clear to avoid any issues in carrying out these works.
Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Single donation envelopes

At the back of the church you will find some blue donation envelopes.
These can be used for one-off donations as well as mass intentions, baptisms and much more.
Please could we ask you to include gift aid if you are able to do so.

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.

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.

Offertory Collections

Weekly loose plate 2/10 - £291.00
Monthly planned giving September - £5347.00
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:

- 14th Oct** STMSA Quiz Night
- 15th Oct** A Day with Mary, Westminster Cathedral
- 6th Nov** Sunday Lunch Club
- 12th Nov** Drop-in soup event, Open door
- 10th Dec** Senior Christmas Lunch
- 18th Dec** Carol Service – Hospice of St Francis
- 8th Jan** Sunday Lunch Club

STMSA Quiz Night; Friday 14 October: booking now open!

Come along to a fabulous evening of quizzing and delicious Indian food courtesy of STM quizmaster Heather Houston and Verandah Restaurant. Ticket price is £15 per head and includes a curry supper. All proceeds go to the STMSA. Your team can include up to eight people, but teams of any size are welcome to take part. Please make your team booking by **10th October** by filling out our booking form, and making a bank transfer to the STMSA account for the cost of your team's tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/stmsaquiz2022>

Mary's Meals

Thank you to everyone who supported Mary's Meals on the weekend of 24th September. They raised a total of £328.28, with a further £155.00 in gifts through the previous two months.

Their next drop-in soup event will be on the 12th Nov at Open door.

If anyone wishes to contribute, please contact Anne on 07773 900983.