

Sacred Heart, Berkhamsted

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th November – Year C



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*



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:

Mon 14 Nov	Feria	10:00am	Ian Reid RIP Ann
Tue 15 Nov	Feria	10:00am	Deceased members of the Hardinge Family RIP
Thu 17 Nov	Feria	12:00pm	Win and Eric Butler and all Holy Souls RIP
Fri 18 Nov	Feria	10:00am	Rebecca Eloise Hardinge RIP Ann
Fri 18 Nov	Memorial Mass	7:00pm	Holy Souls
Sat 19 Nov	Feria	10:00am	Anthony and Bernard D'Souza RIP
Sat 19 Nov	Vigil	5:00pm	Richard Jafieniecki RIP
Sun 20 Nov	✕ 34 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am	James and Bridget Grealish and all Holy Souls RIP
Sun 20 Nov	✕ 34 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00am*	Irene Corless and all Holy Souls RIP

* 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: Gabriel Aragon, Chris Cordova, David Cairns, Dympna 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

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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.

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.

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.

Sunday Lunch Club – A huge Thank you to all involved in the running of the bi-monthly Sunday Lunch club. This is an excellent and much needed community event and we are very grateful.

Car Park - Early in the New Year we will be installing a car park monitoring system in order to ensure that all parishioners, visitors and hall users have access to the car park when required. Currently the car park can be very busy due to unauthorised parking. The first step will be to obtain the registration numbers of parishioners' cars so that they can gain access at all times. This process will commence shortly and further details will be made available. The monitoring system will also allow for those attending baptisms, weddings, funerals and other parish events as well as users of the hall and visitors to the parish. There will be further details available over the next few weeks.

New Website – We have been working behind the scenes getting our new Diocesan website up and running. Please visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/berkhamsted/>

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

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 would love to have some new members in our 10am Choir (especially some men!) You do not 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

Offertory Collections

Weekly loose plate 6/11 - £267.41

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:

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

Sick and Retired Priests, Second Collection – Thank you to all who donated at last weekend's second collection. Together we raised £586.50!

Walking football - 21st and 28th November 8pm
Ashlyns Indoor Courts, contact Edward 07743 844257
ed_murrayclan@yahoo.co.uk All welcome

St Columba's Youth Band CDs – CDs recorded with the St Columba's Youth Band will be available each day after the weekly mass from Monday 14th November at Sacred Heart. All proceeds would go to supporting CAFOD Further information email federicaali20@gmail.com and Thank you for the support and donations given with the previous CDs.

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

November100 Club Winners

1st (£100) Ann Moshakis

2nd (£50) Christine Delaney

3rd (£25) Anna Hamilton

If you would like to sign up please go to <https://forms.gle/p6w6TZoL76wpEvFc7>