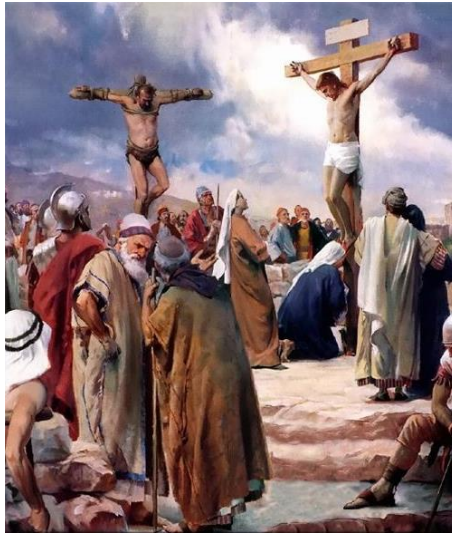


# Sacred Heart, Berkhamsted

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe,  
Year C, 20th November 2022



This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. As we prepare to crown a new King for the United Kingdom, we pray to learn what being 'King' means for Jesus. We may be surprised!

The **First Reading** describes the anointing of David as King of Israel. His people describe him as 'one of us', a person who has led and shepherded them.

The **Gospel** describes the reactions of people to the crucifixion of Jesus. We witness the humility of the thief who recognises his poverty and wrongdoing, and quietly asks Jesus to remember him.

The **Psalm** is one of rejoicing and praise as the people of God come to the house of the Lord to celebrate their freedom.

St Paul speaks of the grace and joy that has come to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Christ, we gain our freedom through the forgiveness of our sin (**Second Reading**).

Today I pray to know from the depths of my heart that I am a loved and forgiven sinner, welcomed by God into the light of his glory and joy.

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

## Mass Intentions:

Mon 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10:00am	Hermine Tchitdjian RIP
Tue 22 Nov	St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	10:00am	Charles Dieseru Special Int
Thu 24 Nov	Feria	12:00pm	Hermine Tchitdjian RIP
Fri 25 Nov	Feria	10:00am	Neville Gomes RIP Ann
Sat 26 Nov	Feria	10:00am	Tony Dabbs and all Holy Souls RIP
Sat 26 Nov	Vigil	5:00pm	Patricia Walsh RIP Ann
Sun 27 Nov	✠ 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	8:30am	Steve Seaforth and all Holy Souls RIP
Sun 27 Nov	✠ 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	10:00am*	Joan Cordero McNamara 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: 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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**Contactless Giving** – On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November you may notice the presence of a new contactless giving machine in the church. We realise that the use of cash is becoming less frequent so in keeping with today's times, we have introduced a user-friendly contactless giving machine. It is as simple as selecting the amount you wish to donate and then using your contactless payment card or device to make payment. You can also opt in to gift aid if you are a UK tax payer.

**Donations for Christmas Flowers** – During Advent we welcome any donations towards flowers for Christmas. You can either give as you leave the Church or put your donation in an envelope and post through the Presbytery letterbox. Please indicate Christmas Flowers on the envelope.

**First Holy Communion Programme Parents Meeting** – Will be held after the 10am Mass on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Reminder that the cut-off to submit your application forms for 2023 is the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Confirmation Programme Parents Meeting** – Will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

**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.

**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 a new Diocesan Website. Please visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/berkhamsted/>

**Senior Christmas Lunch** – Will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:janellavin@yahoo.co.uk)

## Offertory Collections

Weekly loose plate 13/11 - £169.40

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:

<b>21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Walking Football
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Confirmation Parents Meeting
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	First Holy Communion Parent Meeting
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Senior Christmas Lunch
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Carol Service – Hospice of St Francis
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	FLAME 2023

**FLAME 2023** - Join us on Saturday 4 March 2023 at OVO Arena, Wembley for the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales.

The theme of Flame is 'Rise Up!' - Rise up after the pandemic, Rise Up as young Catholics.

It will be a day of great music, interesting speakers and FUN (aimed at Year 9 and above).

For more details contact Sandra on 07842163002 check out the website for more

details <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame>

**CAFOD Christmas Cards** – John will have a selection of Christmas cards available in the hall after Mass today. All proceeds will be donated to CAFOD.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> November at Sacred Heart. All proceeds would go to supporting CAFOD Further information email [federicaali20@gmail.com](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:janellavin@yahoo.co.uk)