

# Sacred Heart, Berkhamsted

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 – Year C



Honesty and humility seem to go hand in hand, and our readings this week show how essential these attitudes are to our prayer.

In our **First Reading** we learn that God listens with special care to the humble. In his justice, he is no respecter of 'personages': those of undue importance or elevated status.

The **Psalm** picks up this theme. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted. He hears the cry of the poor.

St Paul, in his letter to Timothy, faces the court alone (**Second Reading**). But he knows the Lord is at his side, and it is the Lord who gives him power to proclaim the message. Paul is full of thanksgiving for God's continuous care.

Our **Gospel** is the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee is full of self-righteousness, but the humble tax collector, who acknowledges his sinfulness, goes home 'at rights with God'.

This week, may we be confident – as we come to prayer in all *our* sinfulness – knowing that the Lord, in his mercy, will always hear us.  
We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer.

## Mass Intentions:

Sun 23 Oct	✠ 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:45am	Denis Murray RIP Ann
Mon 24 Oct	Feria	10:00am	Rose Casey RIP
Tue 25 Oct	Feria	10:00am	Dympna O'Connor Int
Thu 27 Oct	Feria	12Noon	Fr Duncan Adamson RIP
Fri 28 Oct	SS Simon & Jude, Apostles	10:00am	Charles Dieseru Int
Sat 29 Oct	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College	10:00am	Kyria Shirwin RIP
Sat 29 Oct	Vigil Mass	5:00pm	Hugh & Sally Toner RIP Ann Steve & Phyllis Metcalfe RIP Ann
Sun 30 Oct	✠ 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am	People of the Parish
Sun 30 Oct	✠ 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00am	Baby Edward Leonardo Murray

\* 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, 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, Mary Murphy, Daniel Colbourne.

**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: 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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**Sunday Masses** – New Mass times will be commencing on the 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Saturday Vigil – 5:00pm, Sunday – 8:30am and 10:00am

**Clock Change 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Reminder that the clocks go back by 1 hour on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 02:00am.

**Senior Christmas Lunch** – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December Will be held at Sacred Heart at 12pm. Please find the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

**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.

**Altar Servers Registration Forms and Training** - New registrations are welcomed from Children who have made their First Holy Communion. Forms can be found at the back of the church. Once completed please return to Laura in the Parish office.

**There will be mandatory training sessions held from 6pm-7pm on Friday the 11/11, 25/11 and 9/12.**

**All Saints and All Souls Masses** – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10:00am and 7:00pm. There will also be a Mass on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 10:00am and 7:00pm.

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

**Items being stored at the Church** - Shortly we will be disposing of any unclaimed items that are being stored at the Church. Please ensure that any personal items in and around the church are removed to help us comply with health & safety regulations as soon as possible.

**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.

**Welcome Volunteers on Sundays** – Please would you like to help with welcoming parishioners at Sunday Masses, handing out hymn books, Mass sheets and a copy of the week's newsletter? Please let Laura know.

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers**

Thank you to all those who have indicated interest in these Ministries. Rotas will be circulated shortly.

**Flower Arrangers – Sacred Heart**

There was a fantastic response to our last plea for flower arrangers but we are still seeking more volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lina on 07795 126224 or speak with Heather Houston, ShirleyAnne Taylor or Elaine Rafferty after Mass.

**Sick, housebound and recently deceased**

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

**Offertory Collections** - Weekly loose plate 16/10 - £199.60

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 see below bank details.

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Please do include your name as your reference and if you would like to gift-aid please ask 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. 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:

<b>26/27<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Car Park Closed
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	New Mass times start
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Sunday Lunch Club
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Drop-in soup event, Open door
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Senior Christmas Lunch
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Carol Service – Hospice of St Francis

**Certificate of Catholic Practice** – Is exactly what it says it is. Parents who apply for places for their children in Catholic schools please email Fr Joseph, [josephokoro@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:josephokoro@rcdow.org.uk)

**Talk organised by the Friends of Westminster Cathedral**

Thursday 27 October 2022 at 7.00pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Creators of Peace (COP) is a global network of people on each continent making a difference - inspired by their participation in Creators of Peace Circles, conferences, dialogues and other COP initiatives. For peace to be meaningful it must be inclusive, but it often isn't.

<https://iofc.org.uk/initiatives/creators-of-peace/> Talk by Miranda Shaw and Elizabeth Lasker £10 Tickets from [Friends@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Friends@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 7798 9059

**STM October100 Club Winners**

1st (£100) Rachel Cole

2nd (£50) Deborah O'Sullivan

3rd (£25) Chris Zammit

If you would like to sign up please go

to <https://forms.gle/p6w6TZoL76wpEvFc7>