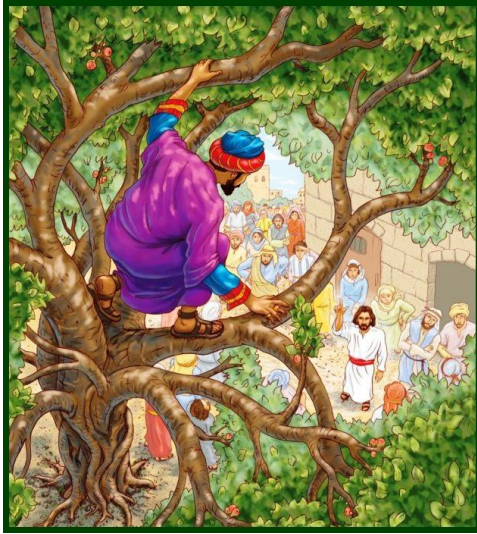


Sacred Heart, Berkhamsted

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th October 2022 – Year C



The readings for this Sunday once again celebrate God's boundless love for each and every one of us. No matter how far we go astray, God continues to seek us out and welcome us back.

The **First Reading** reminds us that God has created everything in love. Nothing exists or survives without God's *imperishable spirit*. It is because of the depth of God's love that our faults and failings can be forgiven, and we can rely on God to guide us away from evil.

The **Psalm** is a wonderful hymn of praise to the God we acknowledge as King of our hearts. The verses echo the first reading in reminding us how completely God loves us. God will raise us up to life when we fall.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul urges the Thessalonians – and ourselves – to continue to focus on doing what good the Lord asks of us. It is through our lives that God's name will be glorified.

The **Gospel** story of Zacchaeus reiterates that salvation awaits anyone who repents of their sinful ways. Just as Jesus urges Zacchaeus down from the tree, so, too, he calls each one of us. All we need do is seek his presence, and, acknowledging our faults and failings, welcome him into every aspect of our lives.

This week, as we continue to pray for an end to hostilities throughout the world, we ask that the Lord will help us to hear and respond to his invitation and welcome him joyfully into our lives.

Mass Intentions:

Mon 31 Oct	Feria	10:00am	Florie Fernandes Int
Tue 1 Nov	✘ All Saints	10:00am	Alice Danladi Int
Tue 1 Nov	✘ All Saints	7:00pm	
Wed 2 Nov	All Souls'	10:00am	Chief Anthony Ojideh Int
Wed 2 Nov	All Souls'	7:00pm	
Thu 3 Nov	Feria	12Noon	
Fri 4 Nov	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	10:00am	
Sat 5 Nov	Feria	10:00am	People of the Parish
Sat 5 Nov	Vigil Mass	5:00pm	Brian and Julia McCarthy RIP Ann
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

* 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

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.

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: 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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All Saints and All Souls Masses – Tuesday 1st November at 10:00am and 7:00pm. There will also be a Mass on Wednesday 2nd November at 10:00am and 7:00pm. Envelopes for November dead list can be found at the back of the Church.

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.

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 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.

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.

Sunday lunch - The next lunch is on Sunday 6th November at 12:00pm. There is no charge but a contribution would be most welcome. The sign up sheet is at the back of the church. We would also welcome any assistance with roast potatoes, so if you are able to provide a tray, please call Mary (07914 578496) or Karen (07930 404260).

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

Walking Football - There will be an indoor court booked at Ashlyns on the evenings of the 21st and 28th November for WALKING football. Any parishioners interested, please contact Ed Murray at ed_murrayclan@yahoo.co.uk or 07743 844257

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection - Next weekend, 5th and 6th November is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. There are more than **66** sick and retired priests who receive support after a lifetime of service to their parishes. By 2025 the number of priests in retirement is set to double. By giving to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can ensure our priests are cared for. Donation envelopes are at the back of the church. Please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill. Thank you.

Offertory Collections - Weekly loose plate 23/10 - £205.67

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:

1st Nov	All Saints Mass 10:00am, 7:00pm
2nd Nov	All Souls Mass 10:00am, 7:00pm
6th Nov	Sunday Lunch Club
12th Nov	Drop-in soup event, Open door
18th Nov	Memorial Mass for Holy Souls
21st & 28th Nov	Walking Football
10th Dec	Senior Christmas Lunch
18th Dec	Carol Service – Hospice of St Francis

St Thomas More School - Reception Admissions (Sept 2023) & Open Sessions - Applications open on

November 1st 2022. Please visit:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/home.aspx>

for details. In addition, you will also need to submit the supplementary paperwork required by our Governing Body, please visit www.stmore.herts.sch.uk to see the school policy and list of documents needed.

Open sessions are on the 7th November at 9:30am, 23rd November at 2:00pm and 16th December at 9:30am, please email the office on admin@stmore.hert.sch.uk to book a place.

Mary's Meals - Our pre-Christmas drop-in soup / tea and coffee event is on Saturday 12th November ,11.30 - 15.00 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 it in your diary and do drop in if you are free. Thank You