

Sacred Heart, Berkhamsted

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th September 2022 – Year C



SACRED HEART
BERKHAMSTED



'Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son!'

This week's readings highlight that God is Lord of the poor, the needy and the oppressed – as well as being the God of those in positions of power and authority. The readings also testify to these two sides of witnessing to our faith.

The prophet Amos gives a powerful message, fiercely condemning social injustice – and especially those who trample on and exploit the needy and impoverished. **(First Reading)**

Jesus, too, is unambiguous when it comes to the right use of money. Tainted as it is, money has a place in the life of believers. However, it should be used ethically for the greater good of all. **(Gospel)**

St Paul urges us to lives of prayer. We are to pray for all, including those in positions of political authority, for they have responsibility to care for the vulnerable in society and preserve the peace. God longs for a loving and truthful relationship with all people.

(Second Reading)

Today's **Psalm**, a hymn of praise, glorifies God – in particular because of the care and compassion he shows for the poor and lowly.

This week, we pray for those who hold political and institutional power in our lands, that they may have the courage and integrity to use their power and influence to develop the kingdom of God here on earth.

We also continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer, especially our many sisters and brothers living in abject poverty and powerlessness.

Mass Intentions:

Sun 18 Sep	Sacred Heart	10:45am	Peter Murray RIP Ann
Mon 19 Sep	Sacred Heart	9:30am	Vincent Paul Keen Int
Tue 20 Sep	Sacred Heart	10:00am	Health & wellbeing of Fr Duncan Adamson
Thu 22 Sep	Sacred Heart	12Noon	Marie Tite RIP Birthday
Fri 23 Sep	Sacred Heart	10:00am	Future wellbeing & happiness of Fr Sebastian Joseph and in thanksgiving for his 8 years of ministry in Ruislip
Sat 24 Sep	Sacred Heart	10:00am	Helen McCarthy RIP
Sat 24 Sep	Sacred Heart	6.30pm	Jay Bailey RIP Ann
Sun 25 Sep	Sacred Heart	10:45am	Joseph 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: Mike Watson, Vincent Paul Keen, Andrew Reilly, 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, Eve Clark, Jacqueline Kinsey, Serena O'Donnell, Jean Bolton, Robbie McClement.

We commend them to God.

The Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

We pray for those who have recently died including: 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 Cunningham, Martin Murphy, Bridget Nash, Catherine O'Rourke, Katherine Stuart, Simon Mostyn, Breda McArdle, Anthony Stevens, Alan Shanahan, John Joe Marum, Noreen Marum, Liz Johnstone, Canon Philip Cross, Sean Duggan and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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Mass – Monday 19th September

Please note that mass will be held at 9:30am on Monday 19th September.

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.

Children's Liturgy

Our children's liturgy has re-started and will run alongside the school calendar.

You will find a timetable up on the "Family Noticeboard" in the corridor beside the Church hall.

We are looking for volunteers and helpers. In addition, if there are any teenagers who would like to help that would be fabulous. Volunteering would count towards the Duke of Edinburgh award, if there are any DofE candidates out there.

Please speak to Kim after mass.

RCIA 2022/2023

The RCIA is the liturgical and catechetical process designed for adults attracted by Christ and his teaching. It supports them as they seek to respond more deeply and to enter into the Communion of the Church.

If yourself or someone you know would like further information, or wish to register your interest.

Please speak with Fr Joseph.

Sunday Lunch Club – Sacred Heart

This will usually take place on the 1st Sunday of every other month.

If you would like to join us, please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

A Day with Mary – Westminster Cathedral

On Saturday 15th October, Westminster Cathedral are hosting 'A Day with Mary'.

Full details are on the notice board at the back of the Church.

CAFOD Schools Volunteers needed

This summer are you looking for a new challenge? Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice?

Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about our work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD?

Then why not use your skills for the common good and be an active part of creating a world without poverty. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

Chris Driscoll at CAFOD Westminster at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162 for further information.

Offertory Collections

Weekly loose plate 11/9 - £234.60

Monthly planned giving August - £5258.00

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 available so please do consider booking a mass intention.

To book, please call the parish office or email Laura.

The Diocesan suggested offering is £10. Thank you.

Parishes Celebrations / Dates for your Diaries –

There is a lot happening within our parish over the coming weeks:

24th Sep Mary's Meals drop-in soup event, Open Door

15th Oct A Day with Mary, Westminster Cathedral

6th Nov Sunday Lunch Club

8th Jan Sunday Lunch Club

LORETO COLLEGE OPEN EVENING (SECONDARY TRANSFER 2023)

Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 3RQ.

The Open Evening for prospective pupils applying to Loreto College for September 2022 will take place on TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2022 from 6pm to 9pm. Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road.

Guided tours will be organised from 6pm to 7.45pm.

Mrs Máire Lynch, Headteacher, will address parents at 6.15pm, 7.15pm, and 8.15pm.

Tours during the school day will take place between 3rd - 14th October (by appointment only).

Appointments can be made from 28th September onwards by calling 01727 856206.

Mary's Meals

There is another drop-in soup, tea, coffee and cake lunch on **Saturday 24th September**, 11.30 - 15.00, at Open Door. Also, a table-top sale. The food is all homemade and lovely! There is information about Mary's Meals at the back of the church.

Fundraising for Cancer Research UK

This year Peter Stenson is running the 2022 London Marathon on the 2nd October to raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK.

If you wish to donate, please follow the link below <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/peters-london-marathon-16>