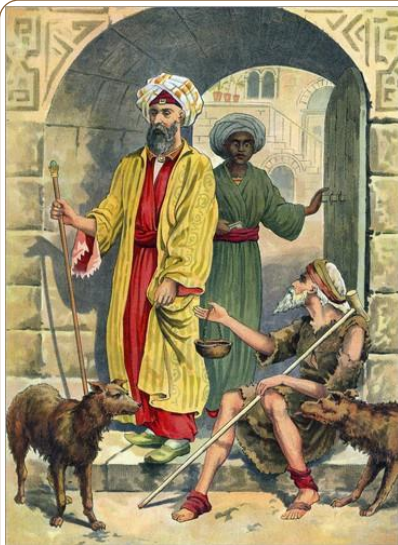


Sacred Heart, Berkhamsted

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th September 2022 – Year C



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It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever

Our faith in the Lord calls us to act with justice and integrity at all times. The readings this Sunday present a stark call to wake up from complacency and comfort, so that we may focus our lives on the Lord and respond with compassion and love to the needs of the poor.

The prophet Amos (First Reading) warns all those who revel in fine living and the safety of material things. There is a false sense of security, and they have no care for those less fortunate than them.

In contrast, the Psalm sings of the faithfulness and justice of the Lord, who feeds the hungry, sets prisoners free, heals the wounded and comforts those who mourn.

In the Second Reading we are reminded to centre our lives on Christ, and in so doing be filled with faith, love, patience and gentleness.

The Gospel parable echoes the warnings of the prophet Amos, and here the powerful teaching of Jesus tackles head on the perennial challenge of wealth and poverty. The wisdom of the prophets speaks of an eternal truth that Jesus embodied in his Gospel values, actions and teaching. Jesus also speaks as a prophet: for some, the truth of his Gospel and Resurrection will not be enough for them to let go of their reliance on material wealth and security.

This week, let us pray for each other that we will have the grace and strength to remain centred on Christ. May our prayer life lead us to respond with compassionate action to the needs of our less fortunate sisters and brothers across the world.

Mass Intentions:

Sun 25 Sep	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:45am	Joseph Finucane RIP Ann
Mon 26 Sep	Feria	10:00am	Avril McCarthy RIP
Tue 27 Sep	St Vincent de Paul, Priest	10:00am	Annie Mariah, Joseph Robinson, Ruth Kendall & Frank Kendall Int
Thu 29 Sep	SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	12Noon	Majorie & Graham Kendall Int
Fri 30 Sep	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor	10:00am	Peteria Moran RIP Ann
Sat 1 Oct	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor	10:00am	Avril McCarthy RIP
Sat 1 Oct	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 2 Oct	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:45am	Mary Donovan 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: Bernie Smith, 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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Second Collection – Home Mission

Total donated to Home Mission last Sunday was £361.35, Thank you to all who donated, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary so we are going to say the Rosary each Tuesday after Mass starting on the 4th of October. We hope you will be able to join us when we will pray for our new King and others in authority in our country and around the world and for peace in our homes and countries of the whole world.

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.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Rachel and Jenny would like to thank everyone who supported their coffee morning this year. They made over £1000!

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.

Mosaic

The latest issue of Mosaic can be found at the back of the church. It's purpose is to let us all know how the Diocese have used your generous donations across the Diocese. Please feel free to take a copy.

STM 100 Club Winners

August 100 Club Winners

1st (£100) Caroline McLoone
2nd (£50) Catherine McGovern
3rd (£25) Colleen Duggan

September 100 Club Winners

1st (£100) Anna Hamilton
2nd (£50) Katherine Fielden
3rd (£25) Jack Murray

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

Offertory Collections

Weekly loose plate 18/9 - £180.80

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 but you are welcome to donate more if you are able. Thank you.

Parishes Celebrations / Dates for your Diaries –

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

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.

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>

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