

Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted

✠ 5th Sunday of Lent, Year A, 26th March 2023



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY 2 APRIL

Blessing of Palms, Procession and Mass
Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8:30am & 10am (gather under the canopy outside the Church, weather permitting)

MONDAY 3 APRIL

10am – Mass

TUESDAY- 4 APRIL

12noon – Chrism Mass in Westminster Cathedral
(NO MASS IN THE PARISH)

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL

NO MASS

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 APRIL

10am-11am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
8pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper,
followed by Watch of Prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY, 7 APRIL

11am – Simple Celebration of the Passion of the Lord with the Children
12pm – 1pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
3pm – The Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
(with communal veneration of the Cross in silence)

7.30pm – Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, 8 APRIL

10am -11am – Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
8pm – ✠The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

EASTER SUNDAY, 9 APRIL

8:30am & 10am - ✠ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

Mass Intentions:

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| Sun 26 Mar | ✠ 5 th Sunday of Lent | 8:30am | People of the Parish |
| | | 10:00am* | Jeremiah Murphy RIP |
| Mon 27 Mar | Lent Feria | 10:00am | Requiem Mass Maggie Holden RIP |
| Tue 28 Mar | Lent Feria | 10:00am | Michael and Anne Lyons RIP |
| Thu 30 Mar | Lent Feria | 12:00pm | Dot and Bill Jones and all Holy Souls RIP |
| Fri 31 Mar | Lent Feria | 10:00am | Lily O'Brien and all Holy Souls RIP |
| | STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 10:30am | |
| Sat 1 Apr | Lent Feria | 10:00am | Maria Bezzina and all Holy Souls RIP |
| | Lent Vigil | 5:00pm | Brendan McMahon and all Holy Souls RIP |
| Sun 2 Apr | ✠ Palm Sunday of the Passion on the Lord | 8:30am | People of the Parish |
| | | 10:00am* | Joan Whyman |

* Livestream Mass

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: Jane Blayney, Alice Gancke, Alloma Solomons, Katherine Fielden, Anne Furlong, Dymrna O'Connor, Vincent Paul Keen, Phil Kinsella, Liz Salmon, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Winifred Winstone, Lucy Chapman, Hilary Sweetman, Michael Earls.

We commend them to God's healing.

The Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently or those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Fr Henry Patrick Thomas Young, Jacqueline Kinsey, Lillian Quintana, Alphonsus Diamond, Maggie Holden, Jeremiah Murphy, Margaret Eke, Uche Nwankwo, Fr Duncan Adamson.

Eternal rest granted onto them oh Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp

Is sponsored this week for Hugh Munro.

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Stations of the Cross – Every Friday in Lent at 10:30am in church.

Easter Flowers – We welcome any donations towards flowers for Easter. You can either give as you leave the Church or put your donation in an envelope and post through the Presbytery letterbox or use contactless. Please indicate Easter Flowers on the envelope. THANK YOU.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023 - Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Outreach Mission – We are pleased to see more parishioners coming back to Mass and participating in our parish community life. It is also true that there are still more parishioners yet to return, whom we are really longing to have back. Can I commend this parish outreach mission to everyone to seek out, visit and invite back anyone whom you know who is yet to return back to the community. It is our earnest prayer that all may join us to share the joy of the Gospel and our fellowship in Christ.

Simple Celebration of the Passion of the Lord – on Good Friday (7th April) 11am here in Church. All children Year 3 and above (accompanied by a parent) are invited to join in for an age appropriate celebration of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which we are saved. Please come and join. The celebration will last about 45 minutes. At 3pm on the same day there will also be the Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord for everybody, also in church. More details to follow nearer the time.

Tea and coffee after Sunday 10am Mass- all are invited to join us in the parish hall for teas, coffees and chats.

Easter Choir Practice - in preparation for our Easter Celebrations will be held on Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 7.15pm - 8.15pm in the church. Everyone is welcome and invited to join us. Come and give it a try even if you have never sung before as we prepare for the most important season in the church's year. Music will be provided.

Give Us This Day, Our Daily Bread - Thank you if you are able to bring some non-perishable food for our Food Bank Box. Your kind donations, which can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, are going directly to help local people via the Open Door and DENS Food Bank. Thank you for your generous donations in the last weeks.

DENS – for a list of what they need most please see front of the food collection box.

Berkhamsted Christian Churches Event - Good Friday 10am, near Waterstones in the wider part of the High Street, everyone welcome

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact Laura with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Offertory Collections – 19/3

Weekly loose plate - £182.60

Weekly Contactless - £206.00

Thank you to every one of you for your generosity to our Parish.

Contactless Donation Machine – We are grateful for your continuing support to the parish. Donations for Mass stipends, votive candles, building maintenance fund, flowers for the Church and offertory can also be made using the contactless machine. You can also gift-aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer. THANK YOU

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 – Please call or visit the parish office to book Masses for your intentions, email Laura or use the blue envelopes at the back of the church.

The Diocesan suggested donation is £10.00. 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 –

7th Apr Simple Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

14th Apr Devine Mercy Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00pm

Blessed Sacrament Lamp - If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, for a week, the diary is open. To sponsor costs just £5 for a whole week. Just let the office know your preferred week and your intention.

Lives to Inspire - Lent Retreat – The Ignatian Spirituality Centre is offering a 30 day online retreat. You are welcome to join. For more details, please visit:

<https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/lent23.html>

The Community Fridge is at Open Door - every Tuesday morning between 10-12noon. No charge, but donations always welcome to help fund this and other projects. Between these times, ANYONE is welcome to come to the front of Open Door (360-364 High Street, Berkhamsted, HP4 1HU.) Please BRING YOUR OWN BAG to take your food home in. More info at:

www.opendoorberkhamsted.co.uk/community-fridge

St Thomas More – Year 3 and 4 are putting on an Easter Production at school, retelling the Easter story. Dress rehearsal is on Thursday 30th March at 9.30am and the evening performance is at 6pm on that evening (Thursday 30th March).

Memories Café – Bereavement and loss drop-in support sessions, every Monday - 11am to 1pm at the Watford Hospital Chaplaincy.

Memories Café offers a chance to meet with others who understand the experience of loss. It is a space to talk about the pain of bereavement and find mutual support and encouragement when you need it most. For more information please email: westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net