

# Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted

✠ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 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:

<b>Sun 2 Apr</b>	✠ Palm Sunday of the Passion on the Lord	<b>8:30am</b>	People of the Parish
		<b>10:00am*</b>	Joan Whyman
<b>Mon 3 Apr</b>	Monday of Holy Week	<b>10:00am</b>	Michael Francis Murphy RIP
<b>Tue 4 Apr</b>	Tuesday of Holy Week	<b>10:00am</b>	Chrism Mass in Westminster Cathedral <b>(NO MASS IN THE PARISH)</b>
<b>Thu 6 Apr</b>	Maundy Thursday	<b>8:00pm</b>	Brigid Mackle RIP
<b>Fri 7 Apr</b>	Good Friday	<b>3:00pm</b>	The Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	
<b>Sat 8 Apr</b>	✠ Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	<b>8:00pm</b>	David Harry Muldowney RIP
<b>Sun 9 Apr</b>	✠ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection	<b>8:30am</b>	Marie and Colin Swawbrick RIP Ann
		<b>10:00am*</b>	Wadia Narouz RIP Ann

\* Livestream Mass

**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: Jane Blayney, Alice Gancke, Alloma Solomons, Katherine Fielden, Anne Furlong, Dymrna O'Connor, Vincent Paul Keen, 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: Phil Kinsella, Fr Henry Patrick Thomas Young, Jacqueline Kinsey, Lilian 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 The McDonnell-Pont Family.

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**Easter Offering** – Please take an envelope for your Easter offering from the back of the church. Your donation goes towards the yearly stipend for the priest. THANK YOU

**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.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** – 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2:30-4:00pm.  
The Novena of Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April. People around the world are being encouraged to say the Novena for peace in our troubled world. Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated this year on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April here at Sacred Heart Church.  
The 3 O'clock prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be followed by a quiet time for prayer and reflection.

**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 (7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Holy Places of Palestine** – There will be a second collection at the Good Friday celebrations. Thank you for your continued support.

**Come to Celebrate Joy** – Our Parish event with a difference. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2:30-5:00pm. Think the Wedding Feast of Cana (John 2:1-12). An afternoon of fun activities for all including family games, live music and a feast!  
Tickets £5 per person or a family ticket £10.  
Registration forms will be available from the 16<sup>th</sup> April, alternatively email Laura in the office [berkhamsted@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:berkhamsted@rcdow.org.uk) or call 01442 863 845 to reserve your ticket, Tickets are limited!

**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 5<sup>th</sup> April 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.**

**Offertory Collections** – 26/3

Weekly loose plate - £185.75

Weekly Contactless - £130.00

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.

**WRCDT Berkhamsted**

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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** –

**7<sup>th</sup> Apr** Simple Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

**14<sup>th</sup> Apr** Divine Mercy Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00pm

**14<sup>th</sup> May** Come to Celebrate Joy – Parish Event

**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.

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

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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).

**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>

**MARY'S MEALS** - The first of 2023 drop-in soup lunch, tea, coffee and cake will be on Saturday 22nd April 11.30 - 15.00, at Open Door (opposite VAH's).

Do come along, the food is all homemade and lovely. There is also a table-top sale. The funds really do go a long way and there is information about Mary's Meals at the back of the church. There will be cakes also after 10am Mass on 23rd and again money raised for Mary's meals. THANK YOU for all your support.

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