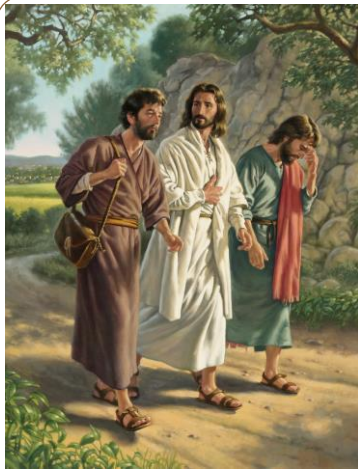


# Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted

✠ Third Sunday of Easter, Year A, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023



The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Easter for Year A encourage us to truly walk the path of discipleship. In the first reading Peter boldly proclaims the Good News. The psalm reminds us that God will guide us along the path of life. The second reading explains that Jesus Christ died so we could have new life. And in the gospel, two disciples encounter the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

**First Reading** – [Acts 2:14, 22-33](#): Peter stood up with the eleven apostles and addressed the crowd, explaining that the events they were witnessing were the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel. Peter testified about Jesus and how his death and resurrection were also foretold by the prophets, and that Jesus had been raised from the dead by God.

**Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 16](#): In this Psalm, the psalmist expresses trust in God as their refuge and source of counsel. They praise God for guiding them on the path of life, and express confidence that God will not abandon them but instead bring them to eternal joy in His presence.

**Second Reading** – [1 Peter 1:17-21](#): Peter urges his readers to live in reverence and fear of God, knowing that they were ransomed by the precious blood of Christ. He emphasises the eternal significance of their faith and encourages them to continue to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave them new life through Him.

**Gospel** – [Luke 24:13-35](#): Two of Jesus' disciples were walking to Emmaus when they encountered a stranger who turned out to be Jesus, but they did not recognize Him at first. After Jesus spoke to them and broke bread with them, their eyes were opened and they realized that it was Him.

## Mass Intentions:

<b>Sun 23 Apr</b>	✠ Third Sunday of Easter	<b>8:30am</b>	People of the Parish
		<b>10:00am*</b>	Tony and Philip Furlong and all Holy Souls RIP
<b>Mon 24 Apr</b>	St George, Martyr, Patron of England	<b>10:00am</b>	Jacqueline Kinsey, RIP - Requiem Mass
<b>Tue 25 Apr</b>	St Mark, Evangelist	<b>10:00am</b>	Patrick and Caroline McLoone 25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
<b>Thu 27 Apr</b>	Easter Feria	<b>12:00pm</b>	John Shotton and all Holy Souls RIP
<b>Fri 28 Apr</b>	Easter Feria	<b>10:00am</b>	Stanislaw Josef Pawlowicz and all Holy Souls RIP
<b>Sat 29 Apr</b>	St Catherine of Siena	<b>10:00am</b>	Heidi Wong and Charlotte Aragorn – God's Healing
	Easter Vigil	<b>5:00pm</b>	Mickey and David Harry Muldowney RIP
<b>Sun 30 Apr</b>	✠ Fourth Sunday of Easter	<b>8:30am</b>	People of the Parish
		<b>10:00am*</b>	George Holt RIP

\* 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: Bernard Attridge, Heidi Wong, Charlotte Aragorn, 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: Jimmy Colclouth, Maureen Kyte, Fr Peter James Maher, Phil Kinsella, Fr Henry Young, Jacqueline Kinsey.

**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 **Confirmation Candidates.**

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**Priest Training Fund** - Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. The Diocese currently has 18 men studying for the priesthood. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests.

Please take one donation envelope home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**Confirmation Weekend Retreat** – Congratulations to the Confirmation Candidates who spent this weekend in various activities including a time of silent prayer, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass. A catechesis on Grace and the Holy Trinity also formed part of their weekend retreat among other activities. Many thanks to Sandra, Angie, Kate and Ellis for their dedication and for organising the weekend. Please continue to pray for our young people.

**Sunday Lunch Club** – Thank you to all who helped to organised this last Sunday. The next one will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm. **Everyone welcome!** A sign up sheet will be placed at the back of the Church nearer the time.

**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.

**Give Us This Day, Our Daily Bread** - Thank you for your continuing generous donation of non-perishable food to support local people via DENS Food Bank.

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

**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).

**The Big One** - is a four-day action from 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Over 100 groups, including the Laudato Si' Movement, Christian Climate Action, Green Christian and CAFOD will gather at the Houses of Parliament. The event has been agreed with the police, and should prove to be stress-free, cheerful, family-friendly and, for many, prayerful. For further details please contact John Woodhouse:

[johnwoodhousecat@gmail.com](mailto:johnwoodhousecat@gmail.com)

**Requiem Masses –**

**For Jacqueline Kinsey** - will be held here at Sacred Heart Church on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10:00am.

**For Margaret (Phil) Kinsella** - will be held here at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00am.

**Offertory Collections – 16/4**

Weekly Loose Plate - £131.61

Weekly Contactless - £54.08

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 –**

**29<sup>th</sup> Apr** Catholic Community Spring Dance 1:00pm

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

**9<sup>th</sup> Jul** Sunday Lunch Club 1pm

**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](http://www.opendoorberkhamsted.co.uk/community-fridge)

**Catholic Community Spring Dance** – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 1:00pm. St Leonard's Parish Hall, Near Tring, HP23 6NW. A sit down meal, bring your own food & alcohol plus some to share! Soft drinks, tea and coffee provided. Ceilidh-style dancing, bacon butties, teas & coffees, 7:00pm close. All ages welcome, only 100 tickets available! For tickets please email: [georgetyldesley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:georgetyldesley@hotmail.co.uk) Adult £15, concession £10 and family £35 For more information, call Heather 07843 285 046

**STM 100 Club – April Winners:**

1st (£100) Monique Shotton

2nd (£50) Clare Trowbridge

3rd (£25) Clare Williams