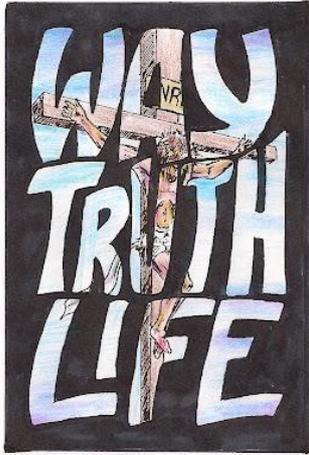


# Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted

✠ Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023



In our readings this week, we continue to follow the infant church, and with them ponder the words Jesus gave us at the Last Supper.

The **First Reading** shows how the disciples faced the growing tension between the Greek and Hebrew traditions. After discernment and prayer, they delegate tasks.

The **Psalms** is one of praise for God's word and his work. It is also a prayer of trust.

For St Peter, it is clear that Christ is the foundation; the living cornerstone for all believers. We are to set ourselves close to him. (**Second Reading**)

The **Gospel** is from Jesus's discourse to his friends before he suffered and died. They are words of encouragement. In the light of the Resurrection, the disciples must have drawn strength from them. Jesus is with them: the Way, the Truth and the Life.

As we face this week, let us, too, keep our eyes on Jesus, even when we are concerned by all that is happening around us. May we strive to follow the Lord as the Way, in joy and hope.

## Mass Intentions:

<b>Sun 7 May</b>	✠ Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>8:30am</b>	Phil Kinsella RIP
		<b>10:00am*</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 8 May</b>	Easter Feria	<b>10:00am</b>	Denise Gomez and all Holy Souls RIP
<b>Tue 9 May</b>	Easter Feria	<b>10:00am</b>	John McCarthy and all Holy Souls RIP
<b>Thu 11 May</b>	Easter Feria	<b>12:00pm</b>	Rina Pasohini and all Holy Souls RIP
<b>Fri 12 May</b>	Easter Feria	<b>10:00am</b>	Margaret Eke RIP
<b>Sat 13 May</b>	Easter Feria	<b>10:00am</b>	Deceased members of the Murphy family and all Holy Souls RIP
	Sunday Vigil	<b>5:00pm</b>	Kathleen and Patricia Donohoe RIP
<b>Sun 14 May</b>	✠ Sixth Sunday of Easter	<b>8:30am</b>	People of the Parish
		<b>10:00am*</b>	Willie Weekes 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: Heidi Wong, Charlotte Aragorn, Jane Blayney, Katherine Fielden, Dympna O'Connor, Vincent Paul Keen, Liz Salmon, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrain, 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: Trevor Perkins, Alloma Solomons, Bernard Attridge, Jimmy Colclough, 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 peace in Sudan and the protection of lives.

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**Priest Training Fund** – Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend, we raised a total of £845.80. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

**Mass Intentions** – As we come to the end of our Masses for Holy Souls we have a large number of masses available from the end of May up until the end of the year. Please consider booking a Mass, it could be for any occasion. To book a Mass, please contact Laura or speak with Fr Joseph after Mass.

**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.

**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.**

**Veritas Catholic Lecture series** - 10am start – 3pm end (approx)

20 May, Old Testament, lecturer, Fr John Hemer (Mill Hill Missionary)

**To attend please register:**

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/events/>

**For more details, please see Hemel West Website:**

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/news/veritas-catholic-lecture-series-starting-soon/>

**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](mailto:westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net)

**Offertory Collections** – 30/4

Weekly Loose Plate - £162.45

Weekly Contactless - £90.00

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 –**

**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)

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