

Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted

✠ Pentecost Sunday, Year A, 28th May 2023



'Peace be with you!' With these words the Risen Lord stood amongst his fear-filled followers (**Gospel**). He breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. With their hearts filled with joy, Jesus sent them out to bring the fire of his love to all.

With the Holy Spirit transforming their lives, the disciples began speaking in many different languages (**First Reading**). Christ was calling them to share the Gospel to the whole world. We too are baptised in this same Spirit.

Each of us has been given a unique gift, so that together as a community we become the risen Christ, bringing love and goodness to all people (**Second Reading**). Filled with the Holy Spirit we become a new creation in the Lord.

The **Psalm** joyfully proclaims a time of rejuvenation as the spirit of the Lord moves over the earth.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us ask for a spirit of renewal for the whole Christian community. We pray that we may overcome any fear, doubt or differences, and be united in giving expression to the joy of Resurrection, each of us doing so in our own unique way, whilst rooted in the same spirit of transforming love.

Mass Intentions:

Sun 28 May	✠ Pentecost Sunday	8:30am	Barry Gratton RIP Ann
		10:00am*	Michael O'Rourke Jnr. RIP Ann
Mon 29 May	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	10:00am	Grace O'Shaughnessy Int
Tue 30 May	Feria	10:00am	Kathleen Kelly RIP
Thu 1 Jun	Our Lord Jesus Christ	12:00pm	Jerald and Wyn Priestley Int
Fri 2 Jun	Feria	10:00am	Patrick and Helen Reilly and All Holy Souls RIP
Sat 3 Jun	St Charles Lwanga and Companions	10:00am	Michael McMahon and All Holy Souls RIP
	Vigil	5:00pm	Rosie Wyatt and All Holy Souls RIP
Sun 4 Jun	✠ The Most Holy Trinity	8:30am	Georgina and Raymond Brennan RIP
		10:00am*	People of the Parish

* 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: Joan Hawley, Heidi Wong, Charlotte Aragon, Jane Blayney, Dymphna 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: Veronica Aligwo, Franca Agwara, Wally McNeela, Fr Richard Ward Marriott, Trevor Perkins, Alloma Solomons, Bernard Attridge, Jimmy Colclough, Maureen Kyte.

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 Anne Furlong.

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Confirmation Mass 2023 – We welcome Bishop Paul to Our Parish on Saturday 10th June at 6pm. He will celebrate this Mass, during which Our Confirmation Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will also be Our Parish Sunday Vigil Mass.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Mass Intentions – As we come to the end of our Masses for Holy Souls we have a large number of masses available from the beginning of June 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.

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.

On Sunday 28th May 2023 a parishioner Peter Stenson is raising funds for DENS - the first port of call for people in Dacorum who face homelessness & poverty. Peter is taking part in rideLondon 100. A 100 mile bike ride in London and Essex. If you would like to support the fundraising please visit <https://www.justgiving/fundraising/peter-stenson3>

Cancer Research UK – with your help, Peter Stenson raised a total of £3,200.00 in sponsorship for running the London Marathon. Thank you to all who donated.

Following the footsteps of the Saints

Called to action by our faith– Saturday 10th June

You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10th June for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help.

The morning will include guest speakers and a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as live simply, our unfair food system and liturgy resources.

The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Tony tsheen@cafod.org.uk or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events>

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London - is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat 2023 at Sacred Heart RC Church New Priory, Quex Road, Kilburn, London, NW6 4PS on Saturday 17 June 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

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Offertory Collections – 21/5

Weekly Loose Plate - £211.00

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 –

9th Jul Sunday Lunch Club 1pm

10th Jun Confirmation Mass 6:00pm

17th Jun First Holy Communion Mass 10:00am,12:00pm

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.

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

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