

Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted

✠ The Most Holy Trinity, Year A, 4th June 2023



For God
so loved
the world,
that He gave
His only begotten son,
that whosoever believeth on him
should not perish,
but have
eternal
life

John 3:16

Today we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity: one God in three persons. God is the Lover (Father, Creator), the Beloved (Son, Saviour), and the Love which flows between them (Holy Spirit, Counsellor). Our readings help us see who God is, and what God does for us.

Moses's obedience and humility are revealed as he calls on God from the top of Mount Sinai (**First Reading**), pleading for the headstrong people of Israel. In responding, the Lord describes himself as 'a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness'.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus tells Nicodemus of the overwhelming love God has for the world in sending his Son to be its Saviour. Through Jesus's death and resurrection, we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Paul's wish for the discordant Corinthians (**Second Reading**) is peace, unity, fellowship and love. Paul encourages them (and us) to reveal the qualities of God seen in Jesus, gifted to us through the Holy Spirit, and gifted to others through our behaviour.

The **Psalm**, taken from the book of Daniel, gives praise and glory to God, exalting him above all forever.

Rublev's famous icon suggests the love the Holy Trinity has for us in the humility, harmony and mutual love of the three persons. I notice the space at the front of the table inviting me to share in this love and life. In thanksgiving, let's pray St Paul's blessing this week, that 'the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all'.

Mass Intentions:

Sun 4 Jun	✠ The Most Holy Trinity	8:30am	Georgina and Raymond Brennan RIP
		10:00am*	People of the Parish
Mon 5 Jun	St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	10:00am	Peter Walsh Int
Tue 6 Jun	Feria	10:00am	Raymond Nwasike RIP
Thu 8 Jun	Feria	12:00pm	Chinonye Okoro Int
Fri 9 Jun	Feria	10:00am	Pat Coward Int
Sat 10 Jun	Feria	10:00am	
	Sunday Vigil	6:00pm	Confirmation Mass
Sun 11 Jun	✠ The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	8:30am	People of the Parish
		10:00am*	Tim Murphy and Family Int

* 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: Tim Murphy, Joan Hawley, Heidi Wong, Charlotte Aragon, Jane Blayney, Dympna O'Connor, Vincent Paul Keen, Liz Salmon, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrays, 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: Becky Lambert, 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 Pat Coward, for her safe recovery and health.

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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.

First Holy Communion 2023 – On Saturday 17th June at 10:00am and 12:00 noon 29 of our children will be making their First Holy Communion, please keep them and their families 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>

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

Offertory Collections – 28/5

Weekly Loose Plate - £196.85

Weekly Contactless - £55.00

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 –

10th Jun Confirmation Mass 6:00pm

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

9th 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.

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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