



Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted

✠ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 27th August 2023



Today's readings focus on the way God looks on the lowly, the ones who need help.

The **Gospel** encourages us to reflect on our own faith in Jesus. As we seek to answer truthfully Jesus's question about his identity, we may also ponder on Peter, a simple fisherman, who is given the keys of the Kingdom and entrusted to build the Lord's church.

In the **First Reading**, a lowly servant is also given keys. He is entrusted with authority and will become a father to the nations. The key of the house of David is on his shoulder.

The **Psalms** express the gratitude of a lowly person. In their distress they call and the Lord answers, giving them the strength they need.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, asks several questions that no one can really answer. Thereby he leads us to realise the omnipotence, benevolence and wisdom of God.

This week, like St Paul, we might also want to give glory to the Lord. Through our prayer we trust that God will help and empower the lowly and the needy, whether near at hand or further afield.

Mass Intentions:

Sun 27 Aug	✠ 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am	People of the Parish
		10:00am*	
Mon 28 Aug	St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor	10:00am	NO MASS
Tue 29 Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist	10:00am	Maria Sarrate Int.
Thu 31 Aug	Feria	12:00pm	
Fri 1 Sep	Feria	10:00am	NO MASS
Sat 2 Sep	Feria	10:00am	NO MASS
	Sunday Vigil	5:00pm	Marie Browne RIP (45 th Wedding Ann.)
Sun 3 Sep	✠ 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am	Mary Graham RIP Ann
		10:00am*	People of the Parish

* Livestream Mass

We Pray for:

The Sick and the Housebound in our parishes

We pray especially for: Fr John Boland, Joe Quinn, Rosemary Goacher, Jane Blayney, Dympna O'Connor, 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: Roy Kay, Tim Murphy, Vincent Paul Keen, Fr Mark Leenane, Michael Briggs, Teresa Treacy, Elizabeth Anne Keenan, Paul Galea, Fr Theo Raaijmakers.

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 Fr John Boland.

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