



# Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted



✠ 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

As the end of the liturgical year gradually approaches, the readings begin to focus on the kingdom of heaven and the era beyond the end of time. This week, both the First Reading and the Gospel invite us to think of sharing in the great feast that God prepares for us.

Isaiah explains how the Lord is preparing a banquet to which everyone will be welcome. There will be no more suffering or death. **(First Reading)**

In contrast, the **Gospel** parable speaks of guests who are invited by the king to a great wedding feast, but fail to attend. As a result, the king gets his servants to ask everyone they can find, good and bad alike, to replace those who have made excuses.

The **Psalm** reminds us that the Lord will see to all our needs so that we shall not want.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul writes to the Christian community in Philippi. Despite imprisonment and a probable death sentence, Paul has achieved a calm and accepting attitude to life through total trust and faith in the Lord.

This week, we might want to reflect on the way we respond when the Lord invites us to join him, and how we treat his messengers. In turn, perhaps we might feel called to invite those who seem to have been left by the wayside ... good or bad.



## Mass Intentions:

<b>Sun 15 Oct</b>	✠ 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>8:30am</b>	People of the Parish
		<b>10:00am*</b>	James Campion RIP
<b>Mon 16 Oct</b>	Feria	<b>10:00am</b>	Fr Duncan Adamson RIP Ann
<b>Tue 17 Oct</b>	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	<b>10:00am</b>	Kath McAsey Int.
<b>Thu 19 Oct</b>	Feria	<b>12:00pm</b>	Richard Jasieniecki RIP Ann
<b>Fri 20 Oct</b>	Feria	<b>10:00am</b>	
<b>Sat 21 Oct</b>	Feria	<b>10:00am</b>	
	Sunday Vigil	<b>5:00pm</b>	Denis Murray RIP Ann
<b>Sun 22 Oct</b>	✠ 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>8:30am</b>	Brian and Julia McCarthy RIP Ann
		<b>10:00am*</b>	Kath McAsey 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: Fr John Bolland, Canon Jane Bannister, Ron Harper, Tom Kemplen, Gerry Earls, Tom O'Reilly, Joe Quinn, Rosemary Goacher, Jane Blayney, Dymrna O'Connor, Lucy Chapman, Hilary Sweetman, Gerry and 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: Baby Edward Leonardo Murray, Bernard Gray, Fidelia Madufo, Fr Dominic McKenna, Kerry Prendergast, Helena Duckett, Denis Murray.

**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 Convery Family.

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**Month of the Holy Rosary** - The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. The Rosary is a powerful spiritual weapon, which we all will do well to have. We strongly encourage families to find time to gather frequently, if not everyday, to ask for the intercession and protection of our Blessed Mother Mary, for our needs and for peace in our world. Please join us to pray the Rosary after Mass on Tuesdays and the Parish Rosary Group on Mondays in the Lady Chapel at **2:30pm**.

**World Mission Sunday** - Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. If you use the donation envelopes to give by credit/debit card, please return the envelopes directly to Missio. Do not put them in the Church collection. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: [missio.org.uk](https://missio.org.uk)

**Parish Financial Information** – A financial summary of our Parish for 2022 can be found on the noticeboard at the back of the Church. It also highlights how much we would have received on gift aid had everyone gift aided their donation. Please consider registering for gift aid if you are a UK tax payer.

**Tea and coffee after Sunday 10am Mass**- all are invited to join us in the parish hall for teas, coffees and chats.

**St Thomas More** - Support our local primary school St Thomas More by signing up to their fundraising incentives. Club 100, Help the school and be in with a chance of winning £100, £50 or £25 every month!  
<https://forms.gle/oKuVaHML8fqLimYD9>  
Supermarket vouchers, buy gift cards from STMSA to spend at Waitrose or John Lewis and the school receives commission on these sales! [Tinyurl.com/SMVouchers](https://tinyurl.com/SMVouchers)

**St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Reception Tours – September 2024 start** - Come and see our wonderful school! School tours for Reception children beginning September 2024 will be running on:  
- Wednesday 18th October @ 9.15am  
- Monday 30th October @ 9.15am  
- Friday 1st December @ 9.15am  
Please contact the school office via [admin@stmore.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmore.herts.sch.uk) if you wish to attend any of our tour dates.

**Alzheimers Society memory walk** – Well done to Marie Capes and her daughter Laura who took part in the Alzheimers Society memory walk last Sunday. Together and with your help they have raised just over £1000.00.  
Please see below link for anyone who would still like to sponsor Marie and Laura in support of the Alzheimers Society.  
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/marie-capes-1695562631248>

#### **Oct 100 Club Winners**

1st (£100) Jan Davis  
2nd (£50) Alan Walsh  
3rd (£25) Rachel Cole  
If you would like to sign up please go to <https://forms.gle/p6w6TZol76wpEvFc7>

#### **Offertory Collections – 08/10/23**

Weekly Loose Plate - £203.07

Weekly Contactless - £131.00

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.

#### **WRCDT Berkhamsted**

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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> Oct**

Mary's Meals, Tea & Treasures

**1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

St Thomas More attending 10am Mass

**12<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Sunday Lunch Club 12:30pm

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Seniors Christmas Lunch

**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.

**Pilgrimage to York** - During the weekend of the 21st-22nd October 2023, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York and will visit the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Abbey. This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history.

For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2023>

**Debbie Shrimpton Illustrates** - A member of the parish has illustrated our church, the Sacred Heart statue and our church garden to create our new newsletter banner. Debbie started her illustration business in lockdown and it has grown to become one of the positive stories arising from the difficulties and challenges of the pandemic. Contact Debbie for house portraits, car & campervan illustrations, loved local landmarks and personalised illustrations of our church. Debbie will donate 10% of the Sacred Heart illustration orders to the church funds. Please contact Debbie for enquiries  
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**The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball** - will take place at 6pm Saturday 18th November 2023 in Kensington, London. Live Band. Silent Auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets £125 each. For bookings and enquiries email [GCNBall@gmail.com](mailto:GCNBall@gmail.com) or telephone 07795205117