



Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted

✠ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 22nd October 2023

Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image.

Therefore it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong.

The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him, and find in him the fulfilment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it.

This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonika to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This week, maybe we can pray for the rulers and leaders of our world, particularly during these difficult times.

We ask that God will work through them towards justice and peace.

We pray too that the Holy Spirit will guide each of us to serve God to the best of our ability.



Mass Intentions:

Sun 22 Oct	✠ 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am	Brian and Julia McCarthy RIP Ann
		10:00am*	Kath McAsey Int
Mon 23 Oct	Feria	10:00am	Patricia Handscombe Int
Tue 24 Oct	Feria	10:00am	Seamus Graham RIP Ann
Thu 26 Oct	Feria	10:00am	
			*Please note Mass time change
Fri 27 Oct	Feria	11:30am	Tom O'Reilly Requiem Mass *Please note Mass time change
Sat 28 Oct	SS Simon and Jude, Apostles	10:00am	Patricia Handscombe Int
	Sunday Vigil	5:00pm	Laurie Symonds Int
Sun 29 Oct	✠ 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am	People of the Parish
		10:00am*	Baby Edward Leonardo Murray 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: Alice Danladi, Fr John Boland, Canon Jane Bannister, Ron Harper, Tom Kemplen, Gerry Earls, Joe Quinn, Rosemary Goacher, Jane Blayney, Dympna 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: Tom O'Reilly, Baby Edward Leonardo Murray, Bernard Gray, Fidelia Maduforo, 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 peace in our world and all those effected by terrorism.

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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 - is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries who have given their whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. 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

All Saints and All Souls Masses – Wednesday 1st November at 10:00am and 7:00pm. There will also be a Mass on Thursday 2nd November at 10:00am and 7:00pm. Envelopes for November dead list can be found at the back of the Church.

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.

Mary's Meals - just to remind everyone there will be tea, coffee and home made cakes as well as bric-a-brac, treasures and toys after 10am Mass next Sunday 29th October. Please come along. All to raise money for Mary's Meals – Thank you.

Celebrate – Parish Event Saturday 2nd December 2:30pm – 5pm Come to Celebrate Nativity our Parish event with a difference at St Thomas More School.

An afternoon of fun activities for all the family - live music, team games, prizes, a feast and a take home party bag.

To book your tickets, [Click Here](#) or scan the below QR code.



*Tickets are purchased via Eventbrite and therefore any details provided may be held by Eventbrite for future marketing purposes. All data is processed in accordance with the Diocese's Privacy Notice; which is available at rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

Give Us This Day, Our Daily Bread - Thank you for your continued donation to the food bank. If you are able to bring some non-perishable food for our Food Bank Box. Your kind donations, which can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, are going directly to help local people via the Open Door and DENS Food Bank. Thank you.

Offertory Collections – 15/10/23

Weekly Loose Plate - £177.75

Weekly Contactless - £85.00

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 –

22nd Oct	World Mission Sunday
29th Oct	Mary's Meals, Tea & Treasures
1st Nov	St Thomas More attending 10am Mass
1st Nov	All Saints Masses 10:00am, 7:00pm
2nd Nov	All Souls Masses 10:00am, 7:00pm
5th Nov	Blessing of Graves 12:00pm
12th Nov	Sunday Lunch Club 12:30pm
17th Nov	Memorail Mass for Holy Souls 5:00pm
18th Nov	Mass for The Catenian deseased members 11:00am
2nd Dec	Celebrate Event (St Thomas More)
9th 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.

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

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 if you wish to attend any of our tour dates.