



# Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted



✠ Third Sunday of Lent, Year B, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 – Psalter Week 3

This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach the Covenant with Moses at Sinai.

The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God.

If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man.

Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity.

Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.

## Mass Intentions:

<b>Sun 3 Mar</b>	✠ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>8:30am</b>	John Uden RIP
		<b>10:00am*</b>	Jim Thomson RIP
<b>Mon 4 Mar</b>	Lent Feria	<b>10:00am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Tue 5 Mar</b>	Lent Feria	<b>10:00am</b>	Tony and Philip Furlong RIP
<b>Thu 7 Mar</b>	Lent Feria	<b>12:00pm</b>	Paddy Murphy RIP
<b>Fri 8 Mar</b>	Lent Feria	<b>10:00am</b>	James (Jimmy) Stimpson Senior RIP
	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	
		<b>11:00am</b>	St Thomas More Year 6 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Sat 9 Mar</b>	Lent Feria	<b>10:00am</b>	Terry McDonnell – Good health and recovery
	Sunday Vigil	<b>5:00pm</b>	Deceased members of the Toner Family and All Holy Souls RIP
<b>Sun 10 Mar</b>	✠ 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>8:30am</b>	Sara Bhan RIP
		<b>10:00am*</b>	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

We pray especially for: Anne Harte, William Miller, Chris Holmes, Raza Shah, Perpetua Fernandes, Lin Thomas, Edith Dicom, Caroline Butler, Ann McDonnell, William Campbell, Alice Danladi, Ron Harper, Joe Quinn, Rosemary Goacher, Jane Blayney, Dymna O'Connor, Lucy Chapman, Gerry 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: Anne Murray, Alberta Ama Ampah, Anthony Doolan, Deacon Stephen Pickard, Zita O'Connor, Hugh Kearns, Hilary Sweatman, Alan Hynes, Malcolm Graham.

**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 lit this week for the happy repose of Mike Shackleton RIP.

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**Welcome** - to Sacred Heart, Berkhamsted. Please take a copy of the newsletter home with you as it gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to Sacred Heart Church, or if you are visiting, or you are a returning Catholic after some time away, you are very welcome. If you have moved into the area recently please come collect the parish registration and other forms from the parish office or Fr Joseph. Complete and return the forms so that we can have you on the parish register and mailing list and you are able to receive any information sent to parishioners from the parish office. We are delighted to have you with us.

**Stations of the Cross** – will be every Friday in Lent at 10:30am in church.

**Second Meeting of the General Assembly of the Synod Council** – Thank you to all who submitted their responses to the questions. These will now be sent to the Diocese through the Dean of St Albans Deanery.

**Easter Flowers** – We welcome any donations towards flowers for Easter. You can either give as you leave the Church, put your donation in an envelope and post through the Presbytery letterbox or use contactless. Please indicate Easter Flowers on the envelope. THANK YOU.

**New Parish Administrator for Sacred Heart** - We are looking for a new parish administrator, working 15 hours per week. The job involves all-round parish administration, preparing parish communications and bookkeeping. For more details and to apply, please go to <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> We shall then shortlist candidates with the help of the diocese, for interview. Deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**Bidding Prayer Writers Required** - If you feel you could help, we would love to hear from you. Training will be provided. We are a small team and are keen for more to join us. Contact: ed\_murrayclan@yahoo.co.uk, 07743 844257.

**Youth Masses** –Sundays 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of March at 10am. We would like as many Children as possible to take part in singing, reading, offertory etc. at these Masses. If you would like to register your child's interest, please email Jane Lavin [janelavin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janelavin@yahoo.co.uk) Rehearsal for the Mass on the 10<sup>th</sup> March will be held in the Church on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm.

**Easter Choir Practice** - in preparation for our Easter Celebrations will be held on Wednesdays, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome and invited to join us . Come and give it a try even if you have never sung before as we prepare for the most important season in the church's year. Music will be provided.

**Sunday Lunch 10<sup>TH</sup> March 12pm** – If you haven't had a chance to sign up at the back of the church but would like to come, please email Laura in the office by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Roast beef and yorkshire pudding on the menu (with all the trimmings) and sticky toffee pudding for dessert, plus wine included. Children are welcome. Suggested donation of £10 for adults, £5 for teenagers and under teens free. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** – Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent, a total of £769.44 was raised . Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**Prayer Request Book** – Can now be found at the back of the church. All are invited to write their prayer requests in this book - parishioners, guests and visitors. These prayers will then be offered alongside the offertory to the Lord at the altar every Sunday.

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

**St Patrick's Day Event** – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 12:00 – 4:30pm at Sacred Heart. Scrumptious food, bar, crafts, live music and dancing. Adults £10.00, Children £5.00. Book at the end of Mass or via Clare Trowbridge, 07921 122 642, [claretrowbridge@gmail.com](mailto:claretrowbridge@gmail.com) All proceeds go to the St Thomas More PTA.

**Offertory Collections** – 25/2/24

Weekly Loose Plate - £194.05

Weekly Contactless - £85.00

Thank you to every one for your support 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 or the QR code below. You can also gift-aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer. THANK YOU.

QR code to enable donation via mobile devices.



**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.**

**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.

**Parishes Celebrations / Dates for your Diaries** –

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mar** First Holy Communion programme session – 10am  
Parents session - Reconciliation

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mar** First Holy Communion programme session – 9am  
Gloria

**9<sup>th</sup> Mar** First Holy Communion programme session – 10am  
First Reconciliation service

**10<sup>th</sup> Mar** Youth Mass 10am

**10<sup>th</sup> Mar** Sunday Lunch 12pm

**16<sup>th</sup> Mar** St Patrick's day event, 12:00-5:00pm

**31<sup>st</sup> Mar** Youth Mass 10am

**St John Passion** - As part of our Lenten devotions, Westminster Cathedral Choir will perform Johann Sebastian Bach's retelling of St John Passion. The event will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. Discounted tickets are available at the following link, using the password below.

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00602BD7A81B4F?did=sjp30> Password: **SJP30**

**Mary's Meals** - will have a charity stall slot on 25<sup>th</sup> May outside Tesco in Berkhamsted. If anyone is spring tidying and has bric-a-brac they no longer needed or anything else ( clothes, gardening tools etc. ) please consider donating it to the stall. Anne can collect, please call to arrange. Their next coffee, cakes and treasures after Sunday 10am Mass will be on 7<sup>th</sup> April. Anne 07773 900983

**Sunnyside Church** – are seeking a Church and Hall administrator, 20 hours per week for 45 weeks a year and currently pays £14.50 per hour (£13,053 pa) <https://www.sunnysidechurch.org.uk/jobs/>

**Presentation of the Offertory** – This week we welcome the Brady family to present the offertory on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10:00am.