



# Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted



✠ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Ps Wk 2

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

### PALM SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Blessing of Palms, Procession and Mass with the reading of the Passion

Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8:30am & 10am (gather under the canopy outside the Church, weather permitting)

### MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

9am – Mass

### TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

12noon – Chrism Mass in Westminster Cathedral  
(NO MASS IN THE PARISH)

### WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

NO MASS

## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### MAUNDY THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

10am-11am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

8pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper,

*followed by Watch of Prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament*

### GOOD FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

11am – Children's Stations of the Cross.

12pm – 1pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

3pm – The Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
(with the veneration of the Cross)

7.30pm – Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

10am -11am – Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

8pm – ✠The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

### EASTER SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

8:30am & 10am - ✠ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

### Mass Intentions:

<b>Sun 24 Mar</b>	✠ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	<b>8:30am</b>	Patricia and Edward Caddle RIP
		<b>10:00am*</b>	Marie Capes Int
<b>Mon 25 Mar</b>	Monday of Holy Week	<b>9:00am</b>	Dominic Dieseru Family Int. <b>*MASS TIME CHANGE</b>
<b>Tue 26 Mar</b>	Tuesday of Holy Week	<b>12noon</b>	Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral <b>(NO MASS IN THE PARISH)</b>
<b>Thu 28 Mar</b>	Maundy Thursday	<b>8:00pm</b>	Irene O'Neill RIP
<b>Fri 29 Mar</b>	Good Friday	<b>3:00pm</b>	The Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	
<b>Sat 30 Mar</b>	✠ Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	<b>8:00pm</b>	Paddy and Tim McAsey and All Holy Souls RIP
<b>Sun 31 Mar</b>	✠ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection	<b>8:30am</b>	People of the Parish
		<b>10:00am*</b>	Lucas Pazdera 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

We pray especially for: Judith Poupart, Kath McAsey, Carol Kerrigan, Natasha D'Mello, 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, Dympna 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: Daphne Downing, 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 Intentions of Shena Moynihan

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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 collect the parish registration and other forms from the parish office or from Fr Joseph. Complete and return the forms so that we can have you on the parish register and mailing list. This is to ensure that you receive any information sent to parishioners from the parish office. We are delighted to have you with us.

**Easter Offering** – Your Easter offerings go towards the yearly stipend for the priest. Please take an offering envelope from the back of the church or use the contactless machine to give your Easter offerings. THANK YOU

**Simple Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** – on Good Friday (29th March) at 11am here in Church. All children, Year 3 and above (accompanied by a parent) are invited to join in for an age appropriate celebration of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please come and join. The celebration will last about 45 minutes. At **3pm** on the same day there will also be the Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord for everybody in church.

**Holy Places in Palestine** – There will be a collection at the Good Friday celebration which will go towards the maintenance of the Holy Places. Thank you for your continued support.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** – Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated this year on Sunday 7th April from 2:30-4pm here at Sacred Heart Church. This will also include Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The 3 O'clock prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be followed by a quiet time for prayer and reflection. People around the world are being encouraged to say the Novena for peace in our troubled world.

**Baptisms at Sacred Heart** – This Sunday at 12noon, we celebrate the Baptism of Eduardo and Sodi's child, Baby Salvatore Elisseo Cappellina. Congratulations to this family, please keep them in your prayers.

**Easter Flowers** – We welcome any donations towards flowers for Easter. You can either give as you leave the Church or use contactless. Please indicate Easter Flowers on the envelope. THANK YOU.

**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 Mass** - 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 Mass. If you would like to register your child's interest, please email Jane Lavin [janelavin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janelavin@yahoo.co.uk)

**Good Friday Ecumenical Service** – The Berkhamsted Christian Churches will be holding a Good Friday service near Waterstones in the wider part of the High Street at 10:00am. It is a great opportunity to join others to witness to our Christian Faith. Please come along.

**Monday Holy Rosary Devotion** - The Rosary is a powerful spiritual weapon and efficacious prayer. Please join us to pray the Rosary on Monday at 2:30pm in church for peace in the world and your private needs.

**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.

**Missio Red Boxes** - If anyone has a "Red Box" Charlie Gray will be collecting them in during the month of March through until the Sunday after Easter. Sundays of the 24<sup>th</sup> March, Easter Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> March) and on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. If you bring them to Church on Sunday then they can either be handed to him personally or left in the Sacristy. If you need to have the box collected from you then you can contact Charlie on [chasgray137@outlook.com](mailto:chasgray137@outlook.com) 07526 441961.

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

**Offertory Collections** – 17/3/24

Weekly Loose Plate - £261.22

Weekly Contactless - £163.00

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.

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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. Intention cards are available from the office.

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

**24<sup>th</sup> Mar** First Holy Communion programme session – 10am  
Fruit of the Vine

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

**21<sup>st</sup> Apr** First Holy Communion programme session – 10am  
Do this in memory of me

**12<sup>th</sup> May** Sunday Lunch 12pm

**Right to Life** – Please support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. In one room of a hospital, doctors could be working to save a baby born alive at 22 or 23 weeks, whilst, in another room of the same hospital, a doctor could perform an abortion that would end the life a baby at the same age. ComRes Poll shows that 70% of British women favour a reduction in the limit from 24 weeks to 20 weeks or below. Collect a postcard today from the back of the Church to write to your MP in support of this amendment. **PLEASE** pray for pregnant mothers and for those who are struggling with their pregnancies and for the protection of their babies. Thank You.

**Vocations: 'Come and See' - 2024** – Are you interested in exploring to the **Priesthood** or **Permanent Diaconate**? You are invited to come along to one of our **'Come & See' Vocations**

**Mornings** on: **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April**, 10am-2pm at Our Lady and St Vincent church hall, 243 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 2AT.

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June**, 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and register your attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor - Vocations Promoter

[rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk) or Deacon Adrian Cullen - Director Permanent Diaconate [adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk) 07961 594725.

**Presentation of the Offertory** – This week we welcome the Wright family to present the offertory on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am.