



# Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton – Registered Charity Number 234091  
Province of Westminster, Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Psalter Week 3 - Year C – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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**NEW COVID GUIDANCE FOR PARISHES:** The latest Diocese of Northampton Covid Parish advice (based on the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales (CBEW) Covid guidance) is, in summary, that:

- The main mitigation against serious health issues arising from Covid infection is to be fully vaccinated. This means two doses plus a booster for anyone aged 16 or over.

### IN RELATION TO MASS ATTENDANCE:

**Any people displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not attend**

- Wearing a face covering (both nose and mouth) continues to be encouraged
- Ministers distributing Holy Communion (clergy and lay people) should hand sanitise
- Ministers may continue to wear face coverings when distributing Holy Communion
- Holy Communion must continue to be given under one kind only (the Sacred Host)
- Social distancing is optional with sensitivity to the needs of others encouraged
- Use of hymn books, missals and other worship aids can be resumed
- It is still good practice to sanitise hands on entry and exit of churches
- Congregations are encouraged to wear face coverings while singing
- Good ventilation should continue, balanced against the need for heat
- The usual forms and frequency of church cleaning are sufficient

**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and leave a contact number.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Morning Masses throughout the week will be at 9.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please check the weekly Newsletter for the Mass Intentions.

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	11-11.30am 6.30pm	Confessions Jim & Chris Bannan (Intentions)	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am 11.00am	Philomena O'Sullivan RIP Monica McIntyre RIP	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
	<b>BAPTISM: 12.30pm</b>	Lilly Josephine Sara Brum	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	NO MASS		<b>St Peter Damian</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	9.30am	Michael Early RIP	<b>St Peter's Chair</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	9.30am	Mila Oseo (Birthday Intention)	<b>St Polycarp</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Private Intention	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Private Intention	
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	11-11.30am 3.30pm 6.30pm	Confessions BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS Michael Gear RIP	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>

Entrance Antiphon	<b>O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.</b>
Psalms Response	<b>The Lord is compassion and love.</b>
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!</b>
Communion Antiphon	<b>I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.</b>

**CONFESSIONS:** Every Saturday at 11.00-11.30am.

**RIP:** Please remember James Edward Burton who died recently. Please remember to keep James' family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022:** Please note all communication, questions, advice regarding homework, preparation for First Holy Communion etc should be emailed to: [sacredheartlutonfhc@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartlutonfhc@gmail.com) and not the Parish Office. The Catechists will deal with any First Holy Communion correspondence. Many thanks to Theresa and Oona for taking on such a mammoth task!

**PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM:** If you wish to have your child baptised in 2022 at Sacred Heart Church then please speak to Fr Mirek or Deacon Jim after Sunday Mass. A Baptism Preparation Class **must be undertaken** before Baptism can go ahead. Dates for Baptism Preparation Classes are advertised on the Noticeboard. All classes start promptly at 3.30pm. Please note the next Baptism Preparation Class takes place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Please speak to Deacon Jim to book your place.

**WELCOME:** Lilly Josephine Sara Brum who is to be baptised into the community of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish this weekend.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY – WARDEN & CLERK – ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT:** Competitive Salary, pension and accommodation onsite in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden & Clerk to the Trustees for this alms-house charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. For details of the role and how to apply, see: [www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy) See Poster on Noticeboard for further information.

**VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING REP REQUIRED FOR SACRED HEART PARISH:** Please contact Fr Mirek or the Parish Office if you are interested in this role to discuss further.

**NOAH: TRUSTEE BOARD – CHAIR AND TREASURER ROLES:**

**What could you bring as the Chair or Treasurer of a charity that is passionate about supporting people who are experiencing homelessness, extreme poverty, and other disadvantages to make positive changes in their lives?**

**Chair of the Board of Trustees:** NOAH's current Chair is to take on the Vice-Chair role after a long period of dedicated service at the helm and NOAH is now looking for a committed and motivated individual to help steer NOAH through a time of exciting opportunity and development. The new Chair will have the experience, networks and drive to lead long-term development and significant growth, someone able to be a strategic lead, while ensuring NOAH honours, lives and breathes our values and belief in the inherent dignity of people.

**Treasurer:** Looking for a new Trustee who will take on the role of Treasurer. The role is both a strategic position, working with fellow Trustees and the charity Senior Leadership team on developing a financial strategy to support ambitious growth plans, and a tactical position, involving oversight of the charity's finances and financial operations. The Treasurer is Chair of the Finance Committee. NOAH would particularly welcome applications from women and people from an ethnic minority background who are currently under-represented on the Board.

For further information or to apply please contact Lucinda Shaw at Eastside Primetimers via email at [lucinda@ep-uk.org](mailto:lucinda@ep-uk.org) Application is by CV and a supporting letter, which should indicate which role you are interested in and why, and how you meet the role requirements. In order to allow you to have every opportunity to demonstrate your skills, ability and potential; please contact Lucinda if you require any assistance or adjustment in making the application process work for you. The closing date for applications is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 3.00pm-4.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Luton. The Novena begins on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This is a day of Mercy for the whole world.

See: <https://www.ourladyhelpofchristians.co.uk/divinemercysunday>

The Parish has been given a free gift of 30 copies of The Divine Mercy Message for All Mankind – please take a copy. (See Letter from the Chairman of the Divine Mercy Committee on the Noticeboard.)

**NEEDLE PHOBIA WORKSHOP:** Total Wellbeing Luton will host a face-to-face Needle Phobia Workshop at Hightown Community Sports and Arts Centre, Concorde Street, Luton, LU2 0JD on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm. Their goal is to help as many people as possible overcome their needle phobia fears so that they can receive the covid/flu jab, donate blood, attend blood tests etc. The workshop will be led by trained therapists and NHS nurses will be on hand to speak to everyone who attends. No need to book you can just turn up or if you wish to register then feel free to phone 0300 555 4152 to discuss further.

**PACT INVITATION:** Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 6-8.30pm at Westminster Cathedral Hall, London. The lecture will be given by Professor Anna Rowlands: Reimagining Human Dignity in Dark Times. There will be some spoken word poetry from a former prisoner and a short film of two former prisoners talking about their lives and their faith. For further information and booking registration visit [www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Event/sir-harold-hood-memorial-lecture-2022](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Event/sir-harold-hood-memorial-lecture-2022)

**HAVING FUN HELPING OTHERS:** Luton Catenians are organising 'Masquerade – a fun evening of opera' on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Holy Ghost Parish Centre, 33 Westbourne Rd, Luton LU4 8JD in aid of NOAH, the Luton-based charity working across Bedfordshire offering hope and support to people struggling against homelessness and exclusion. Make up a group, bring your friends and book tickets at £32 per head (a price kept as low as possible even though the event is being staged to generate funds for NOAH) via <https://noah-masquerade-opera.eventbrite.co.uk>. See the Poster on the Noticeboard in the Foyer.

**LUTON DEANERY MARRIAGE COURSE:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022 10.00am to 4.00pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. If you are planning to marry next year, please book your place by downloading a booking form at [www.stjosephschurchluton.org.uk](http://www.stjosephschurchluton.org.uk) by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**TREE PROJECT:** You are invited to attend an event at Stopsley Baptist Church, St Thomas' Road, Luton, LU2 7XP on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7.00pm-9.00pm to learn more about how the TREE project aims to tackle concerns around violence and the criminal exploitation of children and young people in our communities. For further information please contact: Gareth Williams 07740 457985 or Bernie Dunne 07919 111827. (Please see the Poster on the Noticeboard.)

**DIFFICULTY WITH HEATING COSTS – SMALL GRANT:** Supported by the Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation, Luton Irish Forum will be making small grants to people who are having difficulty with their heating costs or need other small essential items. Anyone who is interested should call 01582 720 447 or email [info@lutonirishforum.org](mailto:info@lutonirishforum.org)

**MASS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:** Mass will be held at St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Leagrave High Street, Luton LU4 0NG on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm. New families always welcome. Contact Sean 07930305362 for further information.

**FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH DEVOTIONS:** In Reparation to the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary - On the first Saturday of each month there will be Adoration and Confessions starting at 11am, Rosary at 11:30am and Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12 noon. Please attend and encourage relatives and friends to attend. The next Saturday devotion will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Website for further information <https://fatima.org/first-saturday-devotion/>

**LUTON FOODBANK:** Food donations (non-perishable) can be placed in the boxes in the Foyer.

**WALK WITH ME – A LENTEN JOURNEY OF PRAYER:** Books and calendars with a message from Bishop David, priced at £1.00 each available from the Repository. Please see Judy after any weekend Mass.

**THE CATHOLIC NETWORK:** As Catholic writers, editors and publishers, the Catholic Network team know the importance of good, relevant communication. Please support The Catholic Network by subscribing to their free weekly newsletter at [www.thecatholicnetwork.co.uk](http://www.thecatholicnetwork.co.uk)

**LEGION OF MARY:** Acies Programme, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium, at Sacred Heart Church. Opening Prayers and Rosary at 11.00am followed by Mass at 11.30am.

**MOBILITY AIDS SERVICE:** Unit 11, Kingfisher Business Park, London Rd., Bedford MK42 0NY. This is a service that the British Red Cross provide to families to help them take a loved one out and about if they are frail or have mobility issues. They are also able to supply toileting aids such as commodes and raised toilet seats.

The British Red Cross Mobility Aids Service is the biggest national provider of short-term wheelchair loans: last year they provided 64,500 pieces of equipment to 54,500 people from their 185 outlets. There is a small charge for this service, depending upon circumstances: they offer help and support to those who may not be able to meet the cost. Please be assured that everyone is treated with respect and dignity. To find out more or to book equipment: Tel: 0300 456 1914 or visit <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/borrow-a-wheelchair>

**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – OUR LITURGY OF THE WORD:** A series of online Zoom sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year led by the Liturgical Formation Team. Register in advance email [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or phone 01582 723312 (Ext 1). For further information, see the Poster on the Noticeboard. Cost: No charge but there will be the opportunity to make a donation.

**FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 8:15AM - ROSARY BY PARENTS/CHILDREN:** The Rosary will be prayed at 8.15am on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March (First Friday of the Month) to pray especially for our children and parents. Parents and children are encouraged to attend, even if only for one decade, before going to school. Children/parents are welcome to lead a decade of the Rosary (please sit near the front pews of the church if you or your child/children would like to lead a decade). Your child/children are welcome to draw a picture for Jesus and write down/draw who they would like the Rosary offered for. This can be placed in the box just inside the church from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February until the Morning of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Parents and children are also welcome to attend the First Saturday of the Month Devotions (see Newsletter notice for details).

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (FORMALLY KNOWN AS WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer, Annual Service which takes place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at St Marys Church Luton at 11.00am. You are all welcome – men women and children. Please see the Poster on the Noticeboard for further details. This year the service has been written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland so it is hoped you will be able to attend and support our country.

**NOAH:** If you have any unwanted items in good condition, please consider donating them to either the Lewsey Farm NOAH or High Town NOAH shop. (High Town Shop Tel: 01582 736751 or the Lewsey Farm Shop Tel: 01582 6627737). **Please do not leave items in the blue bins at Sacred Heart Church.**

**MARY'S MEALS:** Urgently needs your help to serve nutritious meals in more schools in South Sudan where 2.2 million children are out of education – the highest rate in the world. Together, Mary's Meals are already feeding around 70,000 children in South Sudan every school day – but your support is urgently needed to reach more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. For more information please visit: [info@marysmeals.org](mailto:info@marysmeals.org)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
Alfonso Siggia 1983; Annie McLandey 1981; Maureen Ann Smith 2014; Patrick Cyril Carroll 2014;  
Benjamin Wallsworth 1993; Carole Ann King 2018; Denis Batchelor 1969;  
Bernard (Benny) Langan 2009; Christine Mary Kearns 2016; Frank Garlick 2006; Frank Robinson 2008;  
Olivia-Grace Oizamisi Otim-Obaro 2020; John Hand 1994; Monica McIntyre 2018;  
Michael Foley 2007; Margaret Riley 1964; Sidney Jay 1981; Michael Early 1968; Mary Hancock 1994;  
Lawrence Foley 1997; James Byrne 1997 ✕ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**