



## HEART TO HEART

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish  
Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster & Deanery of St Alban

### Saints Peter and Paul - Year A - Psalter Week 4 - 28th June 2020

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**CHURCH REOPENING:** While there continue to be no public Masses or collective Church gatherings, we are delighted to announce that our Church is now open for individual private prayer and reflection. It is truly wonderful news that we at last are able to reopen the Church and then work towards the day when we can, once again, celebrate Mass together.

Specifically, our Church will be open from **10.00am to Noon** each **Sunday** and **Wednesday** for private prayer and reflection. Please don't come to the Church at any other times unless you have a prearranged appointment with Fr Mirek. In relation to coming to the Church please:

- Don't enter with cold/flu symptoms
- Sanitise hands on entry and exit
- Follow steward instructions/requests
- Await entry if capacity is reached
- Follow the signed one way system
- Observe two metre distancing
- Minimise contact with all surfaces
- Don't use the toilets or water taps

Hand sanitiser will be available in the Church for your use before and after attendance, however, we would suggest that you wash your hands before and after each visit. Also, the cleaners and stewards will have face masks and gloves, however, if you will wish to wear them at the Church then please bring your own.

A considerable amount of work and supplies have been organised to enable us to open our Church compliantly. The single most important aspect is the need to have a rota of volunteer stewards and cleaners to cover the periods of time when the church is open.

We would like to thank the 10 Parishioners who have so far volunteered as cleaners and stewards to enable us to open the Church, however, we need more volunteers, so please do consider if you might be able to offer an hour or two of your time to help out.

The main role of the stewards will be to manage the safe entrance and exit of worshippers to the Church via a one-way system we will need to have. The key role of the cleaners is to be available before and after the open sessions to clean the Church areas that have been opened up.

Advice and guidance will be provided on what is needed to be done in relation to each role and the recommended PPE and other materials will be provided to complete the tasks.

So we would like to continue to invite any Parishioner who is under 70 years of age who is not shielding or living with somebody that is shielding and who does not have any medical conditions that render them vulnerable, to volunteer for these two roles by emailing your wish to volunteer and confirmation that we can contact you on the email address you have used, to the Parish office on [sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk) with the following information:

- Name:
- Tel No (preferably a mobile):
- Steward volunteer: Y/N
- Cleaner volunteer: Y/N
- Available at weekends: Y/N
- Available on week days: Y/N
- Days of the week not available:

Please go to the Parish website for further information: <https://www.sacredheartluton.org/links-info/>. The Parish website also contains lots of other useful information including live stream Mass details plus further helpful links and additional information.

Below are the listed intentions for the next week that will be celebrated privately by Fr Mirek, without a congregation.

Saturday 27th		Patrick McGovern RIP	St Cyril of Alexandria
Sunday 28th			
Monday 29th		Ursula Brennan private intentions	
Tuesday 30th			First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Wednesday 1st		People of the Parish	St Oliver Plunkett
Thursday 2nd		<b>Sean Vincent Bonner RIP</b> <b>11.30am Funeral</b> <b>The Vale Cemetery Chapel</b>	
Friday 3rd			St Thomas
Saturday 4th		Francis Bradley RIP	St Elizabeth of Portugal

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Those who have Mass intentions please be assured that Fr Mirek will still be celebrating Mass privately and offering those Masses already booked in. New Mass intentions can be requested by emailing the Parish office at [sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk)

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, PRESENTATIONS & BAPTISMS:** Deferred until Public Health advice permits gathering safely.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** No pastoral visits will be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends. However, phone support is available, please phone Fr Mirek on **01582 723099**.

**RIP:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently - Jim Rolleston, Sean Vincent Bonner, Joseph Nally, Margaret Strongman and Danny McCaffery. Please remember their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

**Sean Vincent Bonner RIP - Funeral 11.30am Thursday 2nd July 2020 - The Vale Cemetery Chapel**

**CHURCH NEWSPAPERS AVAILABLE TO READ:** Visit [www.churchpaper.co.uk/](http://www.churchpaper.co.uk/)

**PRAYERS:** On the website <https://www.sacredheartluton.org/links-info/> you will find Prayers for during a time of 'flu and illness produced by the Liturgy Office, 2020 Catholic Bishops' Conference and details of many Masses and services throughout the UK that you can livestream. Daily Mass readings can be found on the website homepage by clicking on "UniversalisdailyMassreadings"

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** The Parish Prayer Group is continuing to pray in twos and threes on the phone and would be delighted to pray for any intentions. Please email your intentions to [sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk)

**PARISH GIVING:** In addition to being able to use the 'Standing Order' and 'Online' routes to make a weekly donation (see <https://www.sacredheartluton.org/>), Northampton Cathedral has additionally set up a simple 'Giving Tuesday' process. Each Tuesday between **10.00am** and **4.00pm**, a member of the Cathedral team will be available by phone for you to donate to your parish community over the telephone. To donate simply call **01604 712065** with your debit or credit card details. **Thank you for your continued generosity in these difficult times.**

**FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS:** Last week, CAFOD launched a [National Assembly](#) for schools. This amazing assembly can be used both in the school setting for collective worship, as well as at home. It is all about CAFOD's 'Summer of Hope' and informs, inspires and encourages children, at a time when children may really need it. It is led by passionate youths and is a real must-watch!

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Summer-hope-assembly>

**MARY'S MEALS:** This is usually a time when Mary's Meals would be reaching out to churches to share their story with parishioners but, due to the coronavirus, that will not be possible. Mary's Meals has recorded a new up to date message for parishioners at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek0x5FbAypk>

**HELPING THE ELDERLY AND THE VULNERABLE IN THE COMMUNITY:** Please do what you safely can to help any elderly or vulnerable individuals in the community you are aware of, especially those living alone. Keep in touch with them. A phone call, a letter or note, an email or text, can make all the difference to someone who may be feeling lonely at this time.

Please print and safely pass on a copy of this newsletter to Parishioners who do not have online access.

If you know of any elderly or vulnerable individuals in the community who would value receiving pastoral care by telephone then please encourage them to contact the Parish Office by email or phone or, with their permission, email their contact details to the Parish Office.

Please continue to pray for Bishop David, our priests, Deacons, Religious, the Parish and the entire Diocese during these difficult times.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sarah Courtney 2002; Francis Bradley 1995; William Connaghton 2005; Jean Blake 2006; Francis Lynch 1969; Joseph Oates 1980; Maureen Muttock 2014; Kyle Brown 1988; Lazlo Jozsef Demeter 2014; Sarah Gravatt 1993; John Monaghan 1999; Ellen (Nellie) Barber 2000; James McNulty 2004; Joseph Smith 2006; June Everitt 2003; Maria Mini 2012; Agnes Zacek 1987; Frances Andreasen 1989; Joseph Curtin 1992; Michael Doherty 2003; John O'Hara 2004; Olive Smith 2006; James Geraghty 1991.

✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**