Heart to Heart

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

YEAR A – Sunday 14th June 2026
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

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Saturday 13th June	**5.45pm** **6.00pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession **CONFIRMATION MASS** Dan & Sarah O'Connell RIP (Refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Confirmation Mass)	**The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Sunday 14th June **PARISH HALL**	**8.30am** 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer Dyron DaCosta (Birthday) **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS** People of Our Parish	**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Monday 15th June	**NO MASS**		
Tuesday 16th June **THE VALE**	**9.30am** **11.30am FUNERAL**	Healing (Private Intention) **PRAYER GROUP:** : Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond **MARY BURKE**	
Wednesday 17th June	**9.30am**	Gary Coyle RIP	
Thursday 18th June	**9.30am** **10.00am-12 Noon**	Brian Hill RIP (20th Anniversary) **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 19th June **THE VALE** **HOLY GHOST CHURCH**	**NO MASS** **2.00pm FUNERAL** **7.30pm**	 **KATHLEEN MARY DODD** **DEANERY ST ALBAN'S FEAST DAY MASS**	**THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL**
Saturday 20th June	**5.45pm** **600pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession John Bonner RIP	**St Alban, Martyr**
Sunday 21st June **PARISH HALL**	**8.30am** 9.00am **11.00am** **Teas and Coffees** **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer Maureen Clancy RIP People of Our Parish **Bethany Mass**	**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **Day for Life**

PARISH HALL: Open after Sunday 11.00am Mass for teas and coffees. All welcome!

CONFESSION: Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm every Saturday, or by appointment.

MORNING PRAYER: 9.00am Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – Please note change of time.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: For the values of sports
Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or to ask for a relative/friend then please contact Fr Allan or telephone/email the Parish Office.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend **13th/14th June** to fund purchasing new Hymn Books and to help towards the maintenance of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass intentions moved for unforeseen reasons (e.g. funerals) will be honoured on another day. Please provide contact details when requesting intentions and check the weekly newsletters.

DEANERY ST ALBAN'S FEAST DAY MASS: Friday 19th June 2026 7.30pm at Holy Ghost, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD. All welcome!

RIP: Please remember Mary Burke, Kathleen Dodd, Gary Coyle (Son of Joe and Vera Coyle), Jackie Tingey (Sister of Jim Horsted) who died recently. Please keep Mary, Kathleen, Gary and Jackie in your prayers and keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.
FUNERAL DETAILS:
Mary Burke RIP, Tuesday 16th June at 11.30am at The Vale.
Kathleen Mary Dodd RIP, Friday 19th June at 2.00pm at The Vale.

THURSDAY CLUB: Please contact anyone that you may feel would benefit from attending the Thursday Club and extend a warm welcome to come along to Sacred Heart's Parish Hall to have a chat and a cup of tea - **Thursday 10.00am-12 Noon**. All welcome!

PARISHIONERS: There are many parishioners who are unwell at the moment, both at home and in hospital. The Church is not always notified. Please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of a parishioner who is unwell (name/address/telephone number or family contact details).

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH: Sunday 28th June in the Parish Hall after 11.00am Mass – All welcome! An opportunity to socialise and come together as a Parish community. Please bring a plate of food to share!

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 7.06.26 Envelopes £532.11; Loose Cash £700.87; Total £1232.98 Thank you. Second Collection towards purchasing new hymn books and maintenance of the Church: £687.59 Thank you. Many parishioners give faithfully through the offertory collection each week. Did you know that if you are a UK taxpayer, your gift could be worth 25% more at no extra cost to you? Through Gift Aid, a donation of £10 becomes £12.50 — and we can even reclaim up to four years of past donations. Signing up is simple, confidential, and makes a big difference to parish life. Find out more at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/gift-aid/**

LUTON PASTORAL AREA & DUNSTABLE & the POLISH PARISH: ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS for September 2027: Catholic Schools may ask for your priest to sign a form stating that you are a practising Catholic family. If you need this for any Catholic school within or without the diocese **you must collect a SIGN UP CARD. (Cards are available in the Foyer.)**
On given Sundays in the coming months your priest will stamp this card if you are present at Mass with the child[ren] involved. If you are away a priest in the parish where you go to Mass may sign it for you. **The responsibility for this lies with you as parents/guardians/carers alone.**
You must be registered as parishioners to eventually receive a Certificate of Catholic Practice.

CALLED & EQUIPPED 2026-27: Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry.
Sign up to the introductory webinar on Wednesday 24th June, 7:30-8.30pm
https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/

CONFIRMATION: Please pray for all our young adults who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend on **Saturday 13th June at the 6.30pm Mass**. We welcome Mgr Kevin McGinnell to Sacred Heart who will be presiding. Parishioners who usually attend 6.30pm Mass are welcome to attend but please be aware seating will be limited to the outside aisles only. The centre aisles will be reserved for the Confirmation candidates and their families. Refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall afterwards.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LUTON: PRAISE IN THE PARK – Free Entry – 27th June from 12 Noon-8.00pm, Wardown Park, Luton LU2 7HA. All welcome – Music, Community, Unity. See Poster in the Foyer.

BETHANY MASS: Next weekend Sunday 21st June at Sacred Heart at 3.00pm. All welcome! Tea will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass. Solan is being confirmed at this Mass so it will be a very special day!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AT SACRED HEART, JUNE 2026: Congratulations to all our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist at Sacred Heart last Sunday. Please note the second group of children will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist during the **11.00am Sunday Mass this weekend 14th June**. Parishioners who usually attend 11.00am Mass are welcome to attend but please be aware seating will be limited to the outside aisles only. The centre aisles will be reserved for first holy communicants and their families. Please pray for all our young first holy communicants.

SUNDAY 14th JUNE - A DAY TO PROMOTE THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: Many of us see deacons serving at the altar, but their call is truly to be a guardian of service in the Church. A deacon's ministry isn't just within the walls of the church building; it is out in the world—in our workplaces, our hospitals, our schools and with the marginalised within our community. It is a unique vocation for men, many of whom are married and have families, who feel called to serve God through the Word, through service at the Altar, and doing works of Charity within the community. If you have ever felt a nudge in your heart to serve more deeply, or if others have told you that you have a servant's heart, the Lord may be calling you. For married men, this is a journey shared with your wife, and her support is a vital part of the discernment. We invite all men and their families to pray about this vocation. You can find information on https://northamptondiocese.org/diaconate/ or speak directly with your parish priest. Join us at our **'Taster Morning' on Sat 4th July at The Holy Family church, Langley, Slough. SL3 7UD, beginning at 10:00am.**
Email Dcn. Erik Kerr at deaconerik.kerr@northamptondiocese.org for more details.

CSSA THEMATIC INSPECTION: SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has launched a public survey as part of its thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. Victims and survivors of abuse—whether recent or historic—are invited to share their experiences of contact with dioceses and Religious Life Groups.
In Northampton, we continue to walk alongside survivors through initiatives such as the Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral. Survivors are encouraged to participate in the survey, helping shape a safer Church for all. Visit:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tlVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzlLTEdTWkUySjhaTlU0QURaOU05SC4u

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PARISH OUTREACH DAY: Saturday 11th July 2026; 11:00am – 3:00pm St John the Apostle Parish, Luton
Come along for a day focused on the joy of the Gospel. The day will include prayer, input and an opportunity to join others in sharing the Gospel in practical ways. Everyone is welcome. No previous experience is necessary. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.
For more information and to register, please visit The Joy of the Gospel – Luton – 11th July 2026 on the Northampton Diocese website, or contact 07886 346047 / 07543 748193.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday 1st August 2026. Led by Bishop Peter Collins (East Anglia). Coaches leave St Mary's Dunstable at 7.20am, St Joseph's Luton at 7.40am (No parking – Vigil Mass that evening), Our Lady's Luton at 8.00am. Adults £27.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. Seats reserved only with payment. Bring a packed lunch and drinks. **For more information go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org and to book kevin.drew@btinternet.com or 07802 525581.**

SUNDAY MISSAL 2027: If you wish to order a Sunday Missal for 2027, please speak to Judy in the Repository. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend **20th/21st June** for Bishop's Conference: **Day for Life**.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: Sunday 28th June – Luton Church Cemetery, Crawley Green Road 3.00pm;
Sunday 5th July – Luton General Cemetery, Rothesay Road 3.00pm;
Sunday 12th July – The Vale Cemetery, Butterfield Green Road 3.00pm

WEBELIEVE - Festival of Catholic Life: Friday 24th - Monday 27th July 2026 at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24th-27th July at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. Book your tickets at **webelievefestival.com**

MEN'S SHED – SUNDON PARK: Thursday 10:30am–12:30pm, at St John's Parish Centre, Sundon Park Road, Luton, LU3 3AL. Men's Sheds are friendly, informal places for men 55+ to meet people, enjoy a cuppa, share skills, learn something practical, and spend time in good company—whether you're handy with tools or just fancy a chat. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend. For more information, contact Joe on 07939 190424 or Deacon Jim Hannigan 07756 685220

STELLA MARIS (FORMERLY CALLED APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA): Is seeking one volunteer from Sacred Heart Parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12th July this year). This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please **contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org**
Related to that, all parishioners are warmly invited to an **online webinar being run by Stella Maris on Wednesday 17th June from 7:30pm to 9pm**. You will hear about the work that Stella Maris has been doing with seafarers and fishers over the past year or so, including the use of the funds kindly donated on Sea Sunday last year. To attend this webinar, please sign up at**: www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou**

DIOCESAN RESIDENTIAL YOUTH WEEKEND: Young people from across the diocese are invited to join a residential summer weekend filled with games, discussions, activities, socialising, and prayer. This will take place on 17th-19th July 2026 at Buckden Towers, St Neots, and is aimed at young people aged 11-18. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and take a break from everyday life in a relaxed and supportive environment. The cost of the weekend includes accommodation, all meals, and organised social activities. There will also be a tuck shop available throughout the weekend, so participants may wish to bring some spending money for additional snacks. The diocesan youth team will be staying on site for the full weekend, providing supervision, support, and pastoral care. Young people will stay in shared rooms at Buckden Towers. If you have any questions about room arrangements, or if you need support with transport, please contact **nymo.admin@northamptondiocese.com. Booking is essential, and places must be paid for in advance.** If you have any concerns about the cost of the weekend, please get in touch - happy to discuss support options in confidence.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dennis Pollard 2019; Maximiano Alexander Mascarenhas 2022; Edward (Eddie) Gallagher 2021; John Reynolds 1991; Isadora Suarez-Vega 1997; Inacinho Fernandes 2012; Mary Patricia Catlin 'Pat' 2025; William O'Neill 1981; Ellen Smith 2006; Ann Marie Daly 2013; Gerald (Gerry) Conroy 2015; Kathleen Hegarty; Larry Edward Balfe 2014; Bridget Hickmott 1966; Teresa Habershon 1981; Mary Smyth 1989; Margaret Canny 1994; Marie McGarry 1997; Frederick Collard 1995; Dorothy Joan Tasker 1997; Matilda St Rose 2000; Gordon Stewart 2009; Mary Ellen Browne 2009; Paul Joseph Estevez 2017; Timothy Murray 1971; Patrick Newton 1973; Eleanor Dawtrey 1998; Tony Quigley 2007; Sue Barker 2023; Justin Lobo 2007; Moira Hamill 2008; Louise Columba McGuire 2013; Baby Olivia Hope Broderick 2014; Roy Hart-Davies 1966; Bernard Hill 2006; Cleston Mascarenhas 2007; Sean Vincent Bonner 2020; Agnes Diggin 2014; Bela Sianto 1981; James Lawler 1987; Loi Fat Chan 2003; Patrick Higgins 2004; Mary Ellen 'Maureen' Clancy 2022✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen**

PARISH REGISTRATION: To complete your parish registration, please use the QR code at the top of the Newsletter on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.

If you do not have an email address then please pick up a form in the Foyer to give your authority for the Parish Office to register you. Please remember to include the following information on the back of the form: Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number (if applicable).