



## HEART TO HEART

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

### 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - Psalter Week 4 - 21st 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 will be reopening from **Wednesday 24th June** 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, we just need to all work together to make it happen.

Specifically, our Church will be open from **10.00am to Noon** each **Wednesday** and **Sunday** 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 are being organised to enable us to open our Church to comply with the Government and Diocesan announcements. 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 first 10 Parishioners who have volunteered as cleaners and stewards to enable us to open the Church on Wednesdays and Sundays, 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 which will be celebrated privately by Fr Mirek, without a congregation.

Saturday 20th		Bernadette Horsted 60th Birthday	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday 21st		Victor Dias RIP	
Monday 22nd		Danny McCaffery RIP	SS John Fisher and Thomas More
Tuesday 23rd			St Etheldreda
Wednesday 24th		Paul Matthew Scannell RIP	The Nativity of St John The Baptist
Thursday 25th		Thomas Purcell RIP	St Cadoc
Friday 26th		Theresa McAvan private intentions	
Saturday 27th		Patrick McGovern RIP	St Cyril of Alexandria

**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 - Joseph Nally, Margaret Strongman and Danny McCaffery. Please remember their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

**Joseph Nally RIP - Funeral 10.00am Wednesday 24th June 2020 - The Vale Cemetery**

**LUTON FOODBANK:** A one-off 'drive in or walk by' opportunity to contribute whatever you can spare to the Luton Foodbank has been set up at Holy Ghost Parish Centre (LU4 8JD) on Saturday 20th June from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Please give what you can to this very worthy cause.

**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)

**The Act of Prayer and Witness 20th June:** The Act of Prayer and Witness in support of life and against abortion on Saturday 20th June is **CANCELLED** due to coronavirus restrictions. We hope you will be able to pray for an hour at home for this intention and especially for all the current threats to the life of the unborn. The next Act of Witness will, subject to any pandemic restrictions, be on Saturday 5th September 2020.

**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>

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE:** Tuesday 23rd June 2020. Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. The Good Counsel Network - 020 7723 1740 [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

**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.**

**CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL VACANCIES:** The School is looking to recruit for the following vacancies. Full details and applications through MyNewTerm. All September 2020 start dates.

Sixth Form Study Supervisor - L4 £17 599 - £19 431 - closing date 22 June 2020

Cover Assistant - L4 £17 599 - £19 431 - closing date 22 June 2020

Teaching Assistant - L2 £14 587 - closing date 26 June 2020

**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: Phyllis Ferry 1999; Cornelius Canny 1984; John Reader 1997; Mary Martin 2009; Anthony McGrath 2005; Patrick McGovern 2006; William Purcell 1979; Sheilagh Farrell 1992; Noel Flynn 2010; Leno Besagni 1964; Francis Wilson 1975; James O'Donnell 1980; James Walsh 1993; Alice Lloyd 2004; Charles McEwan 2005; Patrick Leonard 1976; Colin Draper 1983; Edward Greaves 1992; Diane Langan 2006; Maureen Muttock 2014; Agnes Lang 2011.

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