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 21st June 2026
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.**

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Saturday 20th June	**5.45pm** **6.00pm-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**
Monday 22nd June	**9.30am**	Albert Waite RIP (1st Anniversary)	**SS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS**
Tuesday 23rd June	**9.30am**	Joe Purcell (Intention) **PRAYER GROUP:** : Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 24th June	**9.30am**	Healing (Private Intention)	**THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**
Thursday 25th June	**9.30am** **10.00am-12 Noon**	Gary Coyle RIP **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 26th June	**9.30am**	Fr Allan – Anniversary Mass	
Saturday 27th June **WARDOWN PARK**	**5.45pm** **600pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm** **12Noon-8.00pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Mary Bridget & Patrick McGovern RIP **Churches Together in Luton – Praise in the Park**	
Sunday 28th June **PARISH HALL**	**8.30am** 9.00am **11.00am** **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Danny Bonner RIP (3rdAnniversary) **INTERNATIONAL BRING & SHARE LUNCH**	**SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES AND MARTYRS**

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 Monday-Friday.

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 **20th/21st June** for Bishop's Conference: **Day for Life**.

DAY FOR LIFE: Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

FATHER'S DAY: So, on this Father's Day, let us give thanks for our Dads, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and all men who were like Dads for us and most of all, let us give thanks to God, our Father, for, to do so, is right and just!

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.

ALBERT WAITE RIP FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Please remember Albert in your prayers as his family gather at Sacred Heart this week to lovingly honour Albert on his first anniversary. Please keep Albert's family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

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).

INTERNATIONAL BRING AND SHARE LUNCH: Next Sunday 28th June in the Parish Hall after 11.00am Mass
We will have an International Bring and Share Lunch for everyone.
Please sign up this weekend if you are planning on bringing food, or even just turn up with a plate to share. Feel free to dress up in national costumes and dress. Everyone is welcome.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 14.06.26 Envelopes £698.58; Loose Cash £824.44; Total £1523.02 Thank you. Second Collection towards purchasing new hymn books and maintenance of the Church: £703.37 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.

SIGN UP SUNDAY: This weekend 20th/21st June is a Sign Up Sunday. Please make sure you are registered as parishioners through the CASPAR link. Sign Up Cards are available in the Foyer. The responsibility for this lies with you as parents/guardians/carers alone.

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: Congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart last weekend. Thank you to Mgr Kevin McGinnell for presiding. Please continue to remember all those confirmed in your prayers.

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: This 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 COMMUNION: Congratulations to all our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist at Sacred Heart on 7th June and last weekend 14th June. **Certificates will be available for collection after all Masses 4th/5th July.** Please continue to keep all our young parishioners in your prayers.

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

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

FIDDLES, FLUTES 'N' COWBOY BOOTS: A day filled with warmth, smiles, dancing & live music for the whole family. Saturday 4th July 2026 at Stockwood Park Rugby Club, London Rd, Luton LU1 3RN
Buy Tickets online on ffcbfestival.com or contact fiddlesnflutes@btinternet.com or mobile tel:07810153828. Do try and come - raffle money goes to local charities

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.

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**

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE: There will be limited parking in the Church Car Park next Saturday 27th June due to the Parish Hall being used for a private event. Please allow extra time if attending the 6.30pm Mass.

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**

DONATION: Thank you for the very generous donation received to pay for the new Hymn Books for Sacred Heart. The benefactor has asked to remain anonymous. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

MISSIO: Many thanks to Sacred Heart Parish for supporting the Missio (Red Box) Appeal Masses recently. More than £130 was given in private donations and others took a Red Box away with them. Where does your money go? It helps local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor and in need, regardless of their background or belief. It is the Pope's charity for world mission.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES: The annual Mass for Marriage and Families is a popular Diocesan event returning again at Northampton Cathedral on **5th September 2026 at noon**. All are welcome, and as usual we look to congratulate couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. Please mark your diary, and watch for a registration link coming soon.

FAITH ART PRIZE 2026: Artists of all background are invited to submit work to The Faith Art Prize, where they could share in a total prize fund of £30,000. The international competition, formerly known as the Laudamus Award, explores faith, devotion and spirituality. **The deadline is 5pm on 1st October**, and the entry fee is £15 for one piece of work, £25 for two, or £35 for three. Up to 100 shortlisted works will be exhibited at Westminster Cathedral in London from 9th-13th November. You can find out more and enter, at **https://artopps.co.uk/opportunities/thefaithartprize**

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Veronica Macken 2021; Charles 'Charlie' Timoney 2023; Phyllis Ferry 1999; Cornelius Canny 1984; John Reader 1997; Mary Martin 2009; Anthony McGrath 2005; Patrick McGovern 2006; John Michael Christopher Collins; William Purcell 1979; Sheilagh Farrell 1992; Noel Flynn 2010; Marie Nadege Andre 2020; Leno Besagni 1964; Francis Wilson 1975; James O'Donnell 1980; James Walsh 1993; Alice Lloyd 2004; Charles McEwan 2005 ✠ **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).