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

14th Sunday - Year A - Psalter Week 2 - 5th July 2020

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CHURCH MASSES: We are delighted to announce that the first public Mass in the Church will take place on **Saturday 11th July at 6.30pm**. For the moment, there will be four public Masses per week in our Church:

6.30pm on Saturday
9.00am and 11.00am on Sunday
9.30am on Wednesday

The next two private prayer sessions between 10.00 a.m. and Noon this Sunday (5th) and Wednesday (8th) will be the last ones for the moment, as we do not currently have enough volunteer cleaners and stewards to service both these and the Mass requirements. Please volunteer if you possibly can.

While the Holy obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended, you will be very welcome to attend one of these Masses, especially the Wednesday Mass to reduce the weekend numbers.

The capacity of the Church will be considerably reduced to meet the two metre distancing rules to approximately 50 to 60 attendees per Mass. Attendees from one household can sit together, but must maintain two metre distancing from other individuals or households. Once full capacity has been reached no more people will be able to enter the Church.

You are advised not to attend Mass if you are medically vulnerable or if you are over 70 years of age.

You must not attend Mass if you have Covid-19 or flu like symptoms.

To ensure compliance with pandemic regulations, when attending Mass please:

- Follow the stewards' instructions and requests
- Sanitise your hands on both entry and exit
- Follow the signed entrance and one-way system
- Don't use the kneelers, toilets or water taps
- Observe the two metre distancing rule at all times
- Minimise contact with surfaces and other households
- Ensure children stay with parents/guardians at all times
- Complete an attendance contact card before leaving

There will be no singing or hymn books available and no printed copies of the newsletter provided. There will be a collection as you exit the Church.

All of the other Masses (i.e. those not listed above) in the Church during the week will be will be conducted privately by Fr Mirek and there will be **no Church opening times for private prayer after Wednesday 8th July**. Please don't come to the Church at any other times unless you have a prearranged appointment with Fr Mirek.

Thank you to the Parishioners who have volunteered as cleaners and stewards to enable us to open the Church for the Masses to take place, however, **we urgently need more volunteers to continue having public Masses**, so please seriously consider if you might be able to offer an hour or two of your time to help out.

The main role of the stewards is to manage the safe entrance, participation and exit of worshippers to the Church via the one-way system. The key role of the cleaners is to be available before and after each Mass to sanitise the Church areas that have been opened up.

If you are under 70 years of age, not shielding or living with somebody that is shielding and do not have any medical conditions that render you vulnerable and wish to volunteer for these two roles then email the Parish office on sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk.

The Parish office remains closed and all Parish staff continue to be on furlough. The Parish administration is being managed remotely on a voluntary basis via email: sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk. The Parish website www.sacredheartluton.org also contains lots of other useful information and updates.

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

Saturday 4 th		Francis Bradley RIP (25th Anniversary)	St Elizabeth of Portugal
Sunday 5 th		Marlyn Dias Intentions	
Monday 6 th		Jim Rolleston RIP	St Maria Goretti
Tuesday 7 th			
Wednesday 8 th			
Thursday 9 th		Margaret Strongman RIP	St Augustine Zhao-Rong and Companions
Friday 10 th		People of our Parish	
Saturday 11 th	6.30pm	Mel McNabola RIP	St Benedict

MASS INTENTIONS: New Mass intentions can be requested by emailing the Parish office at 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 – Sheila Cecilia Winifred Egan, Marie Nadege Andre, Jim Rolleston, Margaret Strongman and Margaret McPartland. Please remember their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

Sheila Cecilia Winifred Egan RIP:

Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church - 10.00am Tuesday 14th July - maximum 30 attendees
Committal at The Vale Cemetery Small Chapel - 11.30am Tuesday 14th July

PRIESTHOOD SILVER JUBILEE: Congratulations to Fr John McArdle from St Joseph's Church on the Silver Jubilee of his Priesthood. Ad multos annos!

CHURCH NEWSPAPERS AVAILABLE TO READ: Visit 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 pleased to pray for any intentions. Please email your intentions to 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.**

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>

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>

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: Alan Hannon 1978; Patricia Platt 2007; Eleanor Arthur 1967; Leonard Wromald 1978; Nora Kane 1989; John Burke 1995; Teresa Onyszkiewicz 2001; George Storey 2017; Elizabeth Duff 1982; Stephen McLoughlin 2003; Baby Saunders 1980; Gordon Little 2008; Geraldine Teresa Baker 2008; Christina Burns 2017; John McAvoy 1993; James (Mel) McNabola 2014; William Paul Doherty 2014; John Leggatt 1994; Peter Joseph Fallon 2016.

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