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 5th July 2026
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.**

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Saturday 4th July	**5.45pm** **600pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Ned Walsh RIP	
Sunday 5th July **PARISH HALL** **Luton General Cemetery – Rothesay Road**	**8.30am** 9.00am **11.00am** **Teas and Coffees** **BAPTISM** **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Catherine Henry RIP **Kiaan & Kyran Kawal** **Blessing of the Graves**	**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Monday 6th July	**9.30am**	Healing (Private Intention)	
Tuesday 7th July	**NO MASS**		**PATRONAGE OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**
Wednesday 8th July	**9.30am**	Charles Sweeney RIP	
Thursday 9th July	**9.30am** **10.00am-12 Noon**	Healing (Private Intention) **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 10th July	**9.30am**	Jerry Daly & Family RIP	
Saturday 11th July	**5.45pm** **600pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Mel McNabola RIP	**ST BENEDICT, ABBOT, Patron of Europe**
Sunday 12th July **PARISH HALL** **The Vale Cemetery**	**8.30am** 9.00am **11.00am** **Teas and Coffees** **BAPTISM** **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer Marina Da Costa (Birthday) People of Our Parish **Darian Zechariah Rodrigues** **Blessing of the Graves**	**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: For respect for human life
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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.

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.

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).

APPOINTMENT OF AN APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR: Pope Leo XIV has appointed Archbishop Richard Moth as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Northampton. This is a temporary appointment made by the Holy See to ensure the Diocese continues to be led and cared for while the diocesan Bishop is unable to carry out his duties.

During this time, Archbishop Moth will remain resident in Westminster whilst he is responsible for the pastoral leadership and governance of our Diocese.

RIP: Please remember Margaret Coxsey (Mother of Sarah Miller), John Prosper (Husband of Veronica), Richard Casey (Husband of Anne), Martha Whitaker and Marianne Matthews who died recently. Please remember Margaret, John, Richard, Martha and Marianne in your prayers and keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Martha Whitaker RIP, Service on Tuesday 14th July at The Vale Cemetery (Cedar Chapel) at 12.30pm
Richard Casey RIP, Service on Thursday 16th July at Sacred Heart at 1.00pm
John Prosper RIP, Requiem on Monday 20th July at Sacred Heart at 11.00am
Marianne Matthews RIP, Service on Tuesday 21st July at The Vale Crematorium at 3.00pm

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!

INTERNATIONAL BRING AND SHARE LUNCH: Thank you to all who helped organise and attended last weekend's Bring and Share Lunch – a wonderful social occasion!

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 28.06.26 Envelopes £663.50; Loose Cash £323.22; Total £986.72 Thank you. Second Collection, Holy See Peter's Pence £412.19 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/

YOUTH STRATEGY FOR LUTON & DUNSTABLE: Thursday 9th July, from 7:30-9:00pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre (Mother's Room), invitation to anyone from Luton and Dunstable interested in, or currently engaged with youth ministry to meet together as part of the Discernment Process. We'll pray, discuss ideas, and map out what is currently happening for youth in Luton and Dunstable.
The Northampton Youth Ministry Office (NYMO) team will also be there to share an initiative for all those wanting to work with, or already working within youth ministry in Luton and Dunstable. Come along to find out more and help shape the future of youth ministry in Luton and Dunstable.

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 4th/5th July 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to all our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist at Sacred Heart on 7th June and on 14th June. **Certificates will be available for collection after all Masses 11th/12th July (Please note change of date!)** Please continue to keep all our young parishioners in your prayers.

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

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues?
Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage.
Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. **www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info** Tel: 0788 7296983

CAFOD-DEC VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: You can help our neighbours affected by the 24th June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives.
Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code below.
Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela 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

PARISH OUTREACH DAY: CANCELLED due to unforeseen circumstances, the St John's Parish Outreach Day that was due to take place on Saturday 11th July. It is hoped the event will be rescheduled and when a new date has been agreed information will be published accordingly.

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LUTON - PRAISE IN THE PARK: Thank you to all who participated in or attended Praise in the Park. The estimate was over 600 people attended and the day went well for all involved. If you didn't come, hopefully see you there next year!

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

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.

HYMN BOOKS: The new Hymn Books have now arrived. If you wish to have a Dedication in a Hymn Book - £10 per name per book. Please send your donation and the name you wish to have dedicated to the Parish Office before Friday 21st August 2026.

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**

STELLA MARIS (SEA SUNDAY): Thank you to Sally Lawrence, on behalf of Sacred Heart Parish, for offering to make the appeal on behalf of Stella Maris. Sally will make the Appeal at all Masses over the weekend of 11th/12th July.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a Second Collection at all Masses the weekend of 11th/12th July in aid of Sea Sunday, Stella Maris.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Agnes Zacek 1987; Frances Andreasen 1989; Joseph Curtin 1992; Michael Doherty 2003;
John O'Hara 2004; Olive Smith 2006; Mary Brigid McGovern 2020; James Geraghty 1991;
Alan Hannon 1978; Patricia Platt 2007; Eleanor Arthur 1967; Leonard Wromald 1978; Nora Kane 1989;
John Burke 1995; Teresa Onyszkiewicz 2001; George Storey 2017;
Charles Henry Augustus Sweeney 2020; Elizabeth Duff 1982; Sarah McGrath 2020;
Stephen McLoughlin 2003; John Gormley 2023; Baby Saunders 1980; Gordon Little 2008;
Geraldine Teresa Baker 2008; Christina Burns 2017 ✠ **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).