Heart to Heart

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

Year C – Sunday 13TH July 2025
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEA SUNDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.**

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Saturday 12th July	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Mel McNabola RIP	
Sunday 13th July	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer McCormack Family Members RIP People of Our Parish	**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
Monday 14th July	**NO MASS**		
Tuesday 15th July	9.30am		**St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Wednesday 16th July	9.30am	**YEAR 6 LEAVERS MASS**	
Thursday 17th July	**NO MASS** **10.00am-12 Noon**	 **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 18th July	9.30am	Private Intention	
Saturday 19th July	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Jerry Daly RIP & Deceased Members of the Daly Family	
Sunday 20th July	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **BAPTISM**	Morning Prayer Finnerty Family RIP People of Our Parish KAYLA ADANNAYA ONUKWUFOR	**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

PARISH HALL: Teas and coffees available after Sunday 11.00am Mass. All are welcome!

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

MORNING PRAYER: This week: Morning Prayer: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8.50am, followed by Rosary – all welcome!

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: For formation in discernment.
Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Maureen Abram and Anthony Neeson. Please keep Maureen and Anthony, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Anthony Neeson RIP, Funeral Service 11.00am Wednesday 23rd July at the Vale.
Maureen Abram RIP, Funeral Service 1.00pm Wednesday 23rd July at the Vale.

CONGRATULATIONS: Rev. Deacon Jim on your 12th anniversary of being ordained Deacon. Ad multos annos.

CALLED & EQUIPPED 2025-6: Would you love to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year-long *Called & Equipped* course gets going again in October, offering the opportunity to explore the foundations of Catholic theology with a like-minded community of faith. Find out more here: **https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/** or sign up for one of our introductory webinars here **https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese.**

NOAH: Please note NOAH Blue Bins will not be available to accept donations at Sacred Heart during the month of July. Please do not leave any donations in the Foyer.

LUTON PASTORAL AREA: ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2026; SIGN UP SUNDAYS: This weekend 12th/13th July is a Sign Up Sunday. 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 Luton or elsewhere in the diocese you must collect a SIGN UP CARD. Cards available in the Foyer. On given Sundays in the coming months your priest will sign this card if you are present at Mass with the child[ren] involved. **The responsibility for this lies with parents/guardians/carers alone.** Please pick up a Sign Up Card in the Foyer. **Families must be registered on CASPAR.**

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend 12th/13th July, Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) Second Collection 2025. This year Sea Sunday is Sunday 13th July, a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. Seafarers and fishers are essential to our daily lives, yet they often endure challenging and dangerous working conditions. The number of crews being abandoned by their employers remains alarmingly high. Ongoing global conflicts are putting seafarers at greater risk, and many are facing increased stress and declining mental health. Stella Maris, formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea, is the Catholic Church's maritime ministry. Its dedicated chaplains offer both practical assistance and pastoral support to seafarers and fishers across the UK and around the world. This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishers get the support they need.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND: This weekend Sacred Heart Church welcomes the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy Land (Bethlehem) which is based in Nottingham. Their goal is to support and help the Christian families in the Holy Land, to stay at work as olive wood carvers as this is an important source of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale.
So, by selling their products here on their behalf, this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities. Please support.

HARVESTERS MEN'S WEEKEND: Is coming to Milton Keynes for the first time in 25 years, 19th-20th July. Great venue: Kents Hill Park, swimming pool and Gym. To book go to **https://harvesters.org.uk**
From 11am Saturday, full board accommodation, ends Sunday after lunch. Information Mike 07778124270. Encouraging talks, engaging conversations, praise and worship, Saturday evening bar, Holy Mass on Sunday.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL: 50th Anniversary Mass at Northampton Cathedral to mark the closure of Notre Dame High School with the Choir of St Thomas Becket School is at Noon on Saturday July 19th. There will be a Reception after for Past Pupils in The St Thomas Centre. Please contact Cathy Chaplin on 07802913124 or **cathychaplin@hotmail.co.uk** for more details if you would like to attend the Reception. Thank you.

WOMEN OF HOPE: A SPECIAL DIOCESAN EVENT: The Women in Ministry group in the Diocese of Northampton are running a special event on Saturday 19th July at St Mary's Woburn Sands from 11am-4pm. An opportunity for women across the Diocese to gather, share and celebrate the stories of ministries past and present. Avril Baigent will share her experiences of the Synod in Rome and lead all in a synodal listening process. Bishop David will also be joining for the day and the final liturgy.
All are welcome! Sign-up using the following link:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1600230 For more information, please contact Helen Burgess at **helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org**

THURSDAY CLUB – AFTERNOON TEA INVITATION: Thursday 24th July at 12.00 Noon. Tea/coffee and bingo at 10.00am as usual. **This will be the last session until Thursday 4th September.** Thank you to all the volunteers who work so hard throughout the year to provide this opportunity for all to socialise.

ST THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMIES TRUST: Next Weekend Sunday 20th July, Sacred Heart Church welcomes Joe Richardson CEO (Strategic Executive Lead) St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust who will be talking about the Trust's work.

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF OUR SCHOOL AND TRUST COMMUNITY: Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School joined the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust in October last year. At the end of a very busy academic year, we wanted to tell you about the things we have been doing to ensure the school continues to thrive - there is lots to share!

Please scan the QR code to read more about what we have been doing, or go to **https://www.sacredheartluton.org.uk/catholic-life/parish-leaflet/**

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday 2nd August 2025. Led by Bishop John Keenan. 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 £26.00, 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you wish to have your child baptised at Sacred Heart Church a Baptism Preparation Class must be undertaken before Baptism can go ahead. The dates for the Baptism Preparation Classes are as follows: Thursday 4th September, 7.00pm; Thursday **20th** November, 7.00pm. Please speak to Deacon Jim or contact the Parish Office. (Please note change of date for the November Preparation Class.)

LUTON CATHOLIC PASTORAL AREA BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:
Sunday 13th July – 3.00pm - The Vale

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025: Our newly appointed employee within St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust is new to the area and is looking to rent a studio apartment or one bedroom property. Ideal locations are Aylesbury, High Wycombe or outskirts of Luton. It's for a male non-smoker and he would prefer somewhere without pets. If you know of something suitable, please contact Radek on r.madajczyk@yahoo.co.uk to discuss further.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 6th July 2025 Envelopes £358.64; Loose cash £830.45; Total: £1189.09 Thank you. As many already do, you can Gift Aid your donation, enabling us to claim from the government an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you. You can also donate by card via the DONA Machine located in the church.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
(James) Mel McNabola 2014; William Paul Doherty 2014; John Leggatt 1994; Peter Joseph Fallon 2016; Francis Brooks 1978; Michael Curren 1991; Hugh Duffy 1972; Thomas Moore Wilson 2024; Kate (Catherine) White 2011; Mary Tohill 2020; Carmela Clark 1983; Helen McNelis 2021; Kazimierz Kaczan 1993; James O'Sullivan 2005; Charles Moffat 1971; Natalie Jones 1989; James Rodger 1994; Miecczyslaw (Mitch) Menzel 2018; Luke Doherty 1987; Eugene Brady 1980; Frederick Blakey 1984; Martin Baker 1999; Alexander Lang 2002✠ **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 on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.