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 12th July 2026
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEA SUNDAY
Psalter Week 3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.**

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Saturday 11th July	**5.45pm** **600pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Mel McNabola RIP	**ST BENEDICT, 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**
Monday 13th July	**NO MASS**		
Tuesday 14th July **THE VALE CEDAR CHAPEL**	**9.30am** **12.30pm FUNERAL**	**Year 6 Sacred Heart Primary Leavers Mass** **Prayer Group:** Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond **MARTHA WHITAKER**	
Wednesday 15th July	**9.30am**	Helen McNelis RIP (5th Anniversary)	**St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Thursday 16th July **SACRED HEART CHURCH**	**9.30am** **10.00am-12 Noon** **1.00pm FUNERAL**	Healing (Private Intention) **THURSDAY CLUB (Afternoon Tea)** **RICHARD CASEY**	
Friday 17th July	**9.30am**		
Saturday 18th July	**5.45pm** **600pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Ned Walsh RIP	
Sunday 19th July **PARISH HALL**	**8.30am** 9.00am **11.00am** **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Delfinim De Souza (Birthday)	**SIXTEENTH 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 Tuesday, 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. Please see letter on the Noticeboard. Copies also available in the Foyer.

RIP: Please remember Jordan Baldry, 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 Jordan, 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
Margaret Coxsey RIP, Service on Thursday 30th July at Sacred Heart at 11.00am

THURSDAY CLUB: 10.00am-12 Noon. Thursday Club will be followed by Afternoon Tea at 12.00 Noon on 16th July. Everyone welcome. The club will then close for the summer break and reopen on the 3rd September. All welcome! Thank you to the Thursday Club Volunteers who work so hard to provide this wonderful opportunity for all to socialise. Enjoy your well-earned break!

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 05.07.06.26 Envelopes £605.92; Loose Cash £271.43; Total £877.35 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 11th/12th 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 continue to keep all our young parishioners in your prayers.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: Sunday 12th July – The Vale Cemetery, Butterfield Green Road 3.00pm

NOAH BLUE BINS: Available to accept donations at Sacred Heart this weekend **11th/12th July.** Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

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

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 this weekend 11th/12th July.

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

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 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.

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.

LUTON JOBS AND SKILLS: Hundreds of jobs updated daily across many sectors. **Visit lutonjobsandskills.co.uk** for more information. See Poster on the Noticeboard.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT DAY: Men aged 16 and over who are considering a vocation to the priesthood are warmly invited to a Discernment Day on Saturday, 8th August, from 10:30am at St Augustine Catholic Church, Milton Keynes. The day will include prayer, reflection, Mass, fellowship, and opportunities to speak with priests and others discerning God's call.
To register or find out more, contact Fr Pius at **vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org** or telephone 01753 523147. Please keep vocations in your prayers.

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 register online, if at all possible, Registration Form available at: **https://bit.ly/43Qkt0u** to let us know about your anniversary and to book refreshments. A form is also available in the Foyer. If you know someone who may find the online process difficult, please consider offering support with their registration.

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**

ACT OF PRAYER AND WITNESS: Saturday 18th July 2026, 11.00am to 12 Noon at the junction of Pastures Way and Leagrave High Street, Luton (LU4 0PT) 150 metres from the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. Please come to witness to our faith, to pray for all involved.

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026: TEA DANCE AFTERNOON – SACRED HEART PARISH HALL
Please mark your diary and watch out for more information to follow.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Mary Hogan 2020; John McAvoy 1993; (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 ✠ **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).