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 19th July 2026
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

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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**
Monday 20th July	**11.00am**	**REQUIEM: JOHN PROSPER**	
Tuesday 21st July **The Vale**	**9.30am** **3.00pm**	**Prayer Group:** Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond **FUNERAL SERVICE: MARIANNE MATTHEWS**	
Wednesday 22nd July	**9.30am**	Private Intention - Thanksgiving	**ST MARY MAGDALENE, APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES**
Thursday 23rd July	**NO MASS**		**ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, RELIGIOUS, Patron of Europe**
Friday 24th July	**9.30am**	Private Intention - Healing	
Saturday 25thJuly	**5.45pm** **600pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Dan & Sarah O'Connell RIP	**ST JAMES, APOSTLE**
Sunday 26th July **PARISH HALL**	**8.30am** 9.00am **11.00am** **Teas and Coffees** **BAPTISM**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Kath Carleton RIP	**SEVENTEENTH 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 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).

RIP: Please remember Patrick Barry, Jordan Baldry, Margaret Coxsey (Mother of Sarah Miller), John Prosper (Husband of Veronica) and Marianne Matthews who died recently. Please remember Patrick, Jordan, Margaret, John 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:
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. Thank you to all who attended the Afternoon Tea last week provided by the Thursday Club Volunteers. A wonderful afternoon enjoyed by all! **Thursday Club has now closed for the summer break and will reopen on the 3rd September.** 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 12.07.06.26 Envelopes £671.10; Loose Cash £332.23; Total £1003.33 Thank you. Second Collection: Stella Maris, Sea Sunday £583.73 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/

WE BELIEVE: FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE, 24th-27th JULY 2026: Join thousands of Catholics from around the UK for the annual We Believe festival. Discover the traditions, charisms, ministries and movements of the Catholic Church in the UK in the beautiful and historic setting of St Mary's College, Oscott.
https://www.webelievefestival.com

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

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

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.

YOUTHSCAPE: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT: This is a new senior role within Youthscape to draw together a range of responsibilities primarily in income generation and marketing. Working with a small team, the successful candidate will focus on two key priorities: Developing and delivering a compelling national communications and marketing strategy; Leading a step-change in income generation from individuals, churches, trusts and major donors. **See Poster on Noticeboard. Interviews provisionally scheduled for Monday 27th July. Applications close 5.00pm Thursday 23rd July.**

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**

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.

ANCIENT BYZANTINE ICONOGRAPHY COURSE, 12th-18th OCTOBER 2026: A seven-day course writing an icon in the ancient Byzantine style, using the liquid egg tempera technique. The course leads the student through each step of writing an icon of their own, providing theological explanations and practical demonstrations. Our October course is for those with some experience: please register your interest for an opportunity to book onto the next novice course.
https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/ancient-byzantine-iconography-course/

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eugene Brady 1980; Frederick Blakey 1984; Martin Baker 1999; Alexander Lang 2002; John Smythe 1996; Lesley Harper 2023; John Hamilton 1967; Evelyn Baker 1982; Thomas Mifsud 1987; Carmel Nally 2016; Anna Demeter 2024; Vincent John Whittaker 2018; Frederick Flynn 2006; Mary Ellen Ryan 2017; Wilma Gertrude Ward 2018; Kathleen 'Kathy' McLeod 2022; Sheila McCarthy 1996; James Patrick Gralton 2024;
Maura O'Hara 1997; Emily Carroll 1960; Miezyslav Pilc 1971; Hannah Lavelle 1973; William Hughes 1979; Mary Taylor 1983; John Walsh 1986; Margaret Motherway 2001; John Hamill 2003; Colin Gallagher 2005; Joseph Kevin Kearns 2016; Thomas Patrick Clarke; Mary Rilley 1972; Margarita Kammel 1975;
Mary Brogan 1993; Baby Charlie Cawley 2006; Aileen Webb 2007 ✠ **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).