



HEART TO HEART

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

17th Sunday - Year A - Psalter Week 1 - 26th July 2020

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While the Holy obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended, you are very welcome to attend one of the four public Masses per week in our Church, as indicated in red bold type below.

The capacity of the Church will be considerably reduced to meet the two metre distancing rules to approximately 50 to 60 attendees per Mass, so we would encourage use of the Wednesday 9.30am Mass to reduce the weekend numbers.

Attendees from one household can sit together, but must maintain two metre distancing from other individuals and 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, shielding, living with somebody who is shielding, or if you are over 70 years of age. You must not attend Mass if you have Covid-19 or flu like symptoms.

All Masses during the week not listed in red bold type below will be celebrated by Fr Mirek privately without a congregation. Please do not come to the Church at any times other times, unless you have an appointment with Fr Mirek.

Saturday 25th Public Mass	6.30pm	Michael and Patricia Nicholson RIP	St James
Sunday 26th Public Masses	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Christina and William Hannon RIP	
Monday 27 th FUNERAL	11.00am	SARAH MCGRATH RIP	
Tuesday 28 th FUNERAL	10.00am	CHARLES HENRY AUGUSTUS SWEENEY RIP	
Wednesday 29th Public Mass	9.30am	Hugh Garahee RIP (Birthday)	St Martha
Thursday 30 th FUNERAL	10.00am	Margaret Strongman RIP MARY HOGAN RIP	St Peter Chrysologus
Friday 31 st		Peter Leaning RIP	St Ignatius of Loyola
Saturday 1st Public Mass	6.30pm	Michael Barnard RIP	St Alphonsus Liguori

Entrance Antiphon	God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.
Psalm Response	Lord how I love your law!
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord; because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Communion Antiphon	Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

There will be no paper copies of the Newsletter provided in the Church and there will be no singing or hymn books. There are no confessions except by necessity and no Rosary until further notice. There will be an offering collection as you exit the Church, thank you for your continued generosity to the Church. 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**.

To ensure compliance with pandemic regulations, if you attend one of the public Masses please:

- Follow the stewards' instructions and requests
- **Sanitise** your hands on both entry and exit
- Follow the signed entrance and **one-way system**
- **Do not** 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

Thank you also 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 some 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 useful information and updates.

New Mass intentions can be requested by emailing the Parish office at sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk. The sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Presentations and Baptisms are deferred until Public Health advice permits gathering safely.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently - Mary Hogan, Mary McGovern, Sheila Cecilia Winifred Egan and Marie Nadege Andre. Please also remember their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

Sarah McGrath RIP: Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church - **11.00am on Monday 27th July** - maximum 30 attendees, followed by committal at The Vale Cemetery at 12.15pm.

Charles Henry Augustus Sweeney RIP: Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church - **10.00am on Tuesday 28th July** - maximum 30 attendees, followed by committal at The Vale Cemetery at 11.00am.

Mary Hogan RIP: Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church - **10.00am on Thursday 30th July** - maximum 30 attendees, followed by graveside committal at The Vale Cemetery at 11.15pm.

Josephine O'Callaghan: Sacred Heart community is asked to remember Josephine in their prayers as she receives palliative care.

CHURCH NEWSPAPERS AVAILABLE TO READ: Visit www.churchpaper.co.uk/

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.**

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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John McLeod 1969; Mrs Mahoney 1979; Tommaso Luongo 1997; Matthew Earley 2000; Julia Caroline McIlroy 2008; Margaret Rodger 1972; Adrian Lucas 1978; Charles Walker 1998; Brian McEntee 2005; Mary O'Kane Hughes 2015; Lidia Nayyar 2018; Mary Muldoun 1960; Thomas Lawley 1972; Baby Conor Marchant 1997; Mary McAuley 1998; John McStravick 1980; Liborio Catuara 1993; Elizabeth Peters 2007; Paul Dove 1985; Sean Ryan 2003; Giovanna Chiazza 2018; Margaret Ryan 1985; Almerinda Tome 2004; Terence Kelly 2007; Janina (Jasia) Baxter 2013.

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