



Heart to Heart

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Year C – Psalter Week 1 – 28th November 2021

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PARISH OFFICE: The Parish office is closed this week and being managed remotely by email at parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.30 am. Please check the weekly Newsletter for the Mass Intentions.

NEWSLETTERS: No paper newsletters are available this weekend.

Saturday 27 th	6.30pm	Thomas Purcell RIP	Our Lady on Saturday
Sunday 28 th	9.00am 11.00am	Irene & William Davey RIP Holy Souls – November Dead List	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday 29 th			
Tuesday 30 th	9.30am	Larry McGrattan (Snr) RIP	ST ANDREW
Wednesday 1 st	9.30am	Alice Margey RIP	St Edmund Campion
Thursday 2 nd	9.30am	Patrick Margey RIP	
Friday 3 rd	9.30am	Connor Gosling (Get Well Wishes)	St Francis Xavier Day of Prayer for Migrants
Saturday 4 th	11.00am 6.30pm	Adoration, Rosary, Mass Mary Dolan RIP	St John Damascene

Entrance Antiphon	To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.
Psalm Response	To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: Envelopes and lists are in the Church Foyer for you to put the names of your deceased relatives and loved ones and all for whom you wish to pray. Please return your envelope/list as soon as possible to the Presbytery. Your offering may also be placed in the envelope.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: In Advent, the liturgy frequently repeats and assures us, as if to overcome our natural difference, that God “comes”: he comes to be with us in every situation of ours, he comes to dwell among us, to live with us; he comes to reconcile us with him and with one another. He comes into human history to knock at the door of every man and every woman of good will, to bring to individuals, families and peoples the gifts of brotherhood, harmony and peace.

WELCOME: Our thanks to Fr Dariusz Bialowas and Fr Don Bosco Gunturu who will be at Sacred Heart this weekend and throughout the week to celebrate Mass as Fr Mirek recovers.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: As we are not yet able to restart our sessions, we are setting up a small display in the church foyer for each Sunday of Advent. Please come and have a look and check out some ideas on how we can talk with our children about welcoming Our Lord at "Christ-Mass".

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER – 11.00am, SACRED HEART CHURCH: First Saturday of the month in Reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Adoration and the Rosary followed by Holy Mass (Rosary and Holy Mass will be said in Polish and English). Confessions will be available during the time of Adoration.

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM: If you wish to have your child baptised in 2022 at Sacred Heart Church then please contact the Office in the first instance, by email, or speak to Deacon Jim after Sunday Mass. A Baptism Preparation Course Class **must be undertaken** before Baptism can go ahead.

The dates for Baptism Preparation Classes for 2022 are as follows:

Saturday 15th January 2022 @ 3.30pm

Saturday 26th February 2022 @ 3.30pm

Saturday 9th April 2022 @ 3.30pm

Saturday 21st May 2022 @ 3.30pm

Saturday 2nd July 2022 @ 3.30pm

Saturday 10th September 2022 @ 3.30pm

Saturday 22nd October 2022 @ 3.30pm

Saturday 3rd December 2022 @ 3.30pm

CONFIRMATION: The last opportunity for registration is Sunday 28th November 2021. A copy of your Baptism Certificate should be attached to your form if you were **NOT** baptised at Sacred Heart Church. Completed forms should be returned to the Office. Late applications will not be accepted.

VOLUNTEERS/CATECHISTS REQUIRED: Parishioners, who would like to help or volunteer as Catechists n please contact Fr Mirek or the Parish Office leaving your name, telephone number and/or email address.

CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM: If you have registered your child to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and your child was not baptised at Sacred Heart Church then please forward to the Office a copy of your child's Certificate of Baptism immediately so registration can be completed.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: World Gifts are a wonderful way for parish communities to share the peace and joy of Christmas with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Please take a catalogue home to share with family and friends. Please see the CAFOD Poster displayed on the Noticeboard.

CHRISTMAS DINNER 2021: Mary Maybury would like to invite those who will be on their own or unable to prepare a full Christmas Dinner to come and celebrate with others, to enjoy Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, 25th December 2021 – 1.30pm to 5.00pm, at St John's R.C. Church Hall. Please contact Mary on 07866 989254 to book your place. Cost: Donations Only. Please see Noticeboard for further details.

LUTON FOODBANK: Luton Foodbank would like to thank Sacred Heart Parish for their recent generous contributions. As Christmas approaches please remember those who are not as fortunate and struggle to provide for their families. Please place donations of food items (non-perishable) in the boxes in the Foyer. See the Noticeboard for a full list of items required.

MARY'S MEALS: Mary's Meals donations are doubled! From November to January, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of just £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily school meal for a whole school year! Your kindness brings joy to more than two million children around the world – including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

To send one of your loved ones a truly meaningful gift this Christmas, order online at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/gift-card-shop> or call 0800 698 1212.

A TIME TO LISTEN: Pope Francis has urged Catholic Bishops to collaborate with survivors of abuse to reform our church and society. Bishop David will listen to survivors and anyone affected by abuse on a bi-monthly basis or more frequently, depending on your request. Contact the safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or via the website at safeguarding@northamptondiocese.com

THE CATHOLIC NETWORK: As Catholic writers, editors and publishers, the Catholic Network team know the importance of good, relevant communication. Their mission is to spread the Good News and keep you in regular touch with Catholic concerns. Please support The Catholic Network by subscribing to their free weekly newsletter at www.thecatholicnetwork.co.uk

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CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY (SEPTEMBER 2023): St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust has updated the Cardinal Newman Catholic School Admission Policy (for admission in September 2023). The consultation period is now open until 31 December 2021. Details of the policy can be found on the Trust website (<https://www.stcat.co.uk/trust-governance/consultation/>). If you require a hard copy or have comments to make in regard to the proposed policy, please contact Maxine Gilmartin (consultation@stcat.co.uk, or by post to Maxine Gilmartin, St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, c/o St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School, Pastures Way, Luton, LU4 0PF).

LUTON DEANERY MARRIAGE COURSE: Saturday 26th February 2022 10.00am to 4.00pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. If you are planning to marry next year, please book your place by downloading a booking form at www.stjosephschurchluton.org.uk by Friday 18th February 2022.

NOAH: Although unable to collect donations at the moment from Sacred Heart Church due to a shortage of volunteer drivers, Noah welcomes any donations, warm clothing for the predicted colder weather (particularly gloves, hats, scarves, jumpers, coats etc.) delivered directly to their Store Support Centre, 4a Power Court, Luton, LU1 3JJ – Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm

WINTER HEATING SMALL GRANT: Supported by the Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation, Luton Irish Forum will be making small grants to people who are having difficulty with their heating costs or need other small essential items. Anyone who is interested should call 01582 720 447 or email info@lutonirishforum.org

AN INVITATION: To all **Mothers, Grandmothers & Women** who want to pray together for the children they love. **A weekly prayer group** will be held at Holy Family Church from 10.15am to 12.00pm on Fridays. For more details, please call Helen on 07917 532768.

ACT OF PRAYER AND WITNESS: Saturday 4th December 2021, 1.00pm to 2.00pm Act of Prayer and Witness in support of life and against abortion outside the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. Please come to witness to our faith and give these children a voice - and to pray for all involved.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Annie Mulholland 1971; Kate Fagan 1978; Thomas Brewerton 1999; William John (Billy) Purcell 2016;
Bridget Walsh 1959; Mary McLoughlin 1969; Mary Dolan 1988; Theresa Caldbeck 1991;
Julia Walsh 1969; John Nugent 1974; Joseph Early 2014; Joseph Gilheaney 1987;
Marcella Franklin 1965; Francis McCrudden 1983; Stephan Curtis 1996; Sarah Garlick 1998;
Mary-Ann Walsh 1974; Mary O'Donoghue 1983; Eric Fowler 1987; Mary Cassidy 1991;
Maggie Hayes 2002; Mary (Bridget) Hope 2013; Louise Taylor 1969; Charlotte Mary Byrne 2011;
James Connolly 1980; Stanislaw Curtis 2000; Henry (Harry) Sheridan 2008;
Sinead Patricia Garahee-Sugrue 2018 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**