



Heart to Heart

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Year A - Sunday 26th February 2023

Responsorial Psalm	Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.
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PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and leave a contact number.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend 4th/5th March there will be a second collection at all Masses for CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

Saturday 25 th February	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Jim Purcell (Intention)	
Sunday 26 th February	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Elizabeth 'Betty' Blake RIP 1 st Anniversary	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Monday 27 th February	9.30am 12.00 Noon	Trish MacDonald RIP REQUIEM: Sheila Mary Mulhall Barber	
Tuesday 28 th February	9.30am	Mary Martin RIP	
Wednesday 1 st March	9.30am	Reilly Family (Intentions)	St DAVID
Thursday 2 nd March	9.30am	Martin Kehoe RIP	
Friday 3 rd March	9.30am 7.00pm	Sheila Barber RIP Stations of the Cross	CAFOD Lent Fast Day
Saturday 4 th March	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Fr Oates RIP (Foundation Mass)	
Sunday 5 th March	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Monica McIntyre RIP	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: For Parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

RIP: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially John McLaughlin and Sheila Barber. Please keep John and Sheila, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:

Sheila Barber, Requiem 12.00 Noon Monday 27th February at Sacred Heart.
John McLaughlin, Requiem 10.30am Thursday 16th March at Sacred Heart.

ELIZABETH BLAKE RIP: Please remember Betty's family as they gather together at Sacred Heart Church this weekend to honour Betty's memory on her first anniversary

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Throughout Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church.

SACRED HEART CAFOD REPRESENTATIVES: Thank you to Bozena and Geraldine who will be speaking at all Masses this weekend about the work of CAFOD. This will be an opportunity to learn more about CAFOD and how, we, as a Parish can help.

LENT 2023: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: This Lent, join in Family Fast Day on Friday 3rd March 2023. Your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give using the envelopes (available in the Foyer) or donate at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK: Walk 200km in 40 days to fight Global poverty. Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! For more information visit: walk.cafod.org.uk See the Poster on the Noticeboard.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH DEVOTIONS: Saturday 4th March 2023 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church Luton. 9.00am Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (during this time 15 mins silent reflection on the mysteries of the Rosary) and Confessions. 9:30am Mass followed by Rosary. All are welcome to attend. Website for further information <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion-explained/>

SEAN O'RIADA MASS: Friday 17th March St Patrick's Day - Sean O'Riada Mass. 9.30am at Our Lady Help of Christians, Castle St., Luton. Gaelic sung mass with Luton Irish Forum Choir and solo by Mac McMahon. All welcome.

DIVINE MERCY SERVICE: Sunday 16th April, 3.00-4.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy during the Holy Hour. Please join us and invite relatives and friends to attend. (The Divine Mercy novena starts on Good Friday 7th April 2023.)

YOUNG PEOPLE & LOURDES: Each year the Catholic Association takes a group to Lourdes. (See their web-site for pictures): <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage-2023> This always includes assisted pilgrims - people who need a bit of a hand, or a bit of a push. The Catholic Association has a special programme for young people (17-23) who are invited to help these pilgrims. If you are free August 18th- 25th do think about joining in and having fun. Fr. James has more details, and also information about funding. If interested please speak to Fr James.

MOSES COURSE: If you are a leader in any area of ministry, or are interested in learning more about leadership please consider booking onto this course: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/moses-beyond-the-desert-2023/> This course is subsidised. It is a residential course from 6.00pm on Friday 31st March to 7.00pm on Sunday 2nd April and will take place in the beautiful setting of Shallowford House in Stone. Places are limited so book soon to avoid disappointment.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes for 2023/24 will be distributed before or after each Mass on the following weekends: **Sunday 5th March 2023, Sunday 12th March, 2023, Sunday 19th March 2023 and Sunday 26th March 2023.**

RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY: Headteacher, St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School, Luton (L18-L24) St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are recruiting for a Headteacher at St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School in Luton. The school is two-form entry and has a proud tradition of delivering excellence in Catholic Education, placing the child's needs at the centre of their teaching and ensuring that all children leave the school with the skills and spiritual qualities they will need for a happy and successful life. For further information, please contact Kerri Wiseman kwiseman@academicis.co.uk or 07733 628155/01223 907979; or go to www.mynewterm.com/jobs/142264/EDV-2022-SMDPCPS-19513

FUNDRAISING MANAGER, 40 HOURS PER WEEK, START DATE: APRIL 2023: Northampton Diocese is currently recruiting for an experienced Fundraising Manager to lead the development and delivery of the diocesan fundraising plan with the principal aim of proactively securing growth of income from charitable trusts, foundations and grant giving bodies. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/job/fundraising-manager/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

PAX CHRISTI: Peace Sunday acknowledgement. Pax Christi have sent a letter of thanks to Sacred Heart to thank all parishioners for their generous contribution totalling £398.78 to the recent second collection. They have also asked if Sacred Heart could provide a link person, a parish representative, from Sacred Heart for Pax Christi. The responsibilities would be minimal, just keeping the parish abreast of what is happening and coordinating the collection in January. Fr Allan is very keen for us, as a Parish, to play an active part in Pax Christi so if you think you could volunteer to be Sacred Heart's representative then please feel free to speak to Fr Allan. Thank you.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Lawrence Foley 1997; James Byrne 1997; Peter Joseph Farrell 2020; Laszlo Szaher 1984;
Mary Moughan 2003; Alice Jones 2005; Anna (Ann) Davern 2014;
Elizabeth Bridget Blake 2022; Eugene Aloysius O'Hara 2018; Walter Ryan 1974;
Frank Colley 1981; Thomas Farrell 1993; Bridget Nee 1996; Ivy Stockley 1998;
Andrew Culbertson 2007; Margery Curtin 2007; Eunice Lloyd-Bernard Johnette 2013;
Mary Margaret Fallon 2022; Margaret Knight 1992; Mary Jane Crow 1958;
Elizabeth McLaughlin 1964; Angela Saggia 1982; Catherine Perry 2012; Sarah Holton 1987;
Rosina Bernes 2008; Edward Bernes 2020; Winifred Mooney 2010; Margaret Rose Kelly 2012;
Henry Adam 1994; Annie Murphy 1996; Brigid McNulty 1997; Annie O'Riley 2005 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**