



Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban

Year B - Sunday 18th February 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

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Pastoral Area Info: www.lutonpastoralarea.org

Registered Charity Number: 234091

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is open Monday and Friday from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date, time and a contact number.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend 24th/25th February there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of CAFOD. Lent Fast Day – please pick up an envelope in the Foyer.

Saturday 17 th February (First Holy Communion Preparation)	10.00am 12 Noon 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Group 1 Confession Group 2 Evening Prayer Billy Purcell RIP	
Sunday 18 th February BETHANY GROUP	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Morning Prayer Jack & Hetty Hargrave RIP People of Our Parish Mass for People with Disabilities and their Families	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Monday 19 th February	9.30am	McNabola & English family members deceased RIP	
Tuesday 20 th February	9.30am	Mary Moynihan RIP PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 21 st Feb	9.30am	Kathleen Carbin RIP	
Thursday 22 nd February HALL	9.30am 10-12Noon	John Duffy (Healing) THURSDAY CLUB	
Friday 23 rd February	9.30am 7.30pm	Sarah Jo Colhoun RIP Stations of the Cross	CAFOD FAST DAY
Saturday 24 th February The Vale Cemetery	11-11.30am 1.00pm 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Legion of Mary – Rosary Evening Prayer People of Our Parish	
Sunday 25 th February	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Mary Byrne RIP Monica McIntyre RIP (Anniversary)	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH HALL: Teas and Coffees available after Sunday 11.00am Mass. All welcome!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

BETHANY GROUP: Mass for people with disabilities and their families: Sunday 18th February at 3.00pm at Sacred Heart Church. Do encourage people to come. The Mass will be followed by refreshments.

RIP: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Margaret Lally and Jackie Lennard. Please keep Margaret, Jackie, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS: Margaret Lally RIP, Requiem Thursday 29th February 2.00pm at Sacred Heart.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent at Sacred Heart, Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

SAFEGUARDING: Bishop David Oakley is available to meet with anyone affected by abuse, as a victim, survivor, their families or supporters, where private discussions can take place in a safe and non-judgmental environment. Contact safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or email safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org

OUR SACRED HEART ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

This year is the 350th anniversary of the apparition of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The parish should celebrate this, with a special event. Come and visit the shrine of the Sacred Heart, and also visit Ars - the home of the Curé d'Ars, and Cluny, the ancient Benedictine Abbey. Coach travel is included. It will be led by Fr. James, and together we'll spend 5 days on pilgrimage, enjoying our celebrations.

The cost will be at most £950 per person for half-board (single person supplement: £200). It might be less. The minimum number is 20 people, if we can find 25 the cost will drop. {Yes, it is a bit expensive, but it is our special year.}

Dates: 14th-18th October 2024 – Come and spend a few pleasant autumn days in the middle of France. If you are interested in this please send an e-mail to the parish, and we'll keep you in the picture.

Forms need to be sent in by Wednesday of this week 21st February. Information available in the Foyer.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO SOMETHING TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WOMEN OF THE BIBLE?

This Lent the Diocesan Women in Ministry group is offering to send you a Biblical woman's name and a Bible reference each morning and a short evening shared prayer on Zoom at 6.45 to 7pm on weekdays from 19th February to 15th March, weeks 1-4 of Lent. No need to commit to every day - just join us when you can. Interested? Contact Joanna at Joanna.hale@northamptondiocese.org

DUNS SCOTUS TRUST: Bishop David is seeking experienced Directors/School Governors to represent his wishes on the Duns Scotus Trust – the diocesan body that has ultimate oversight of all diocesan schools and reports back to the Trustee. Do you know anyone who has experience in business, finance or education? Would they have time to commit to three meetings per year? For an information pack or to discuss this volunteer position, please ask them to contact Debbie Main on 01634 953369 email debbie.main@northamptondiocese.org

LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: Bishop David has written and recorded a series of Lenten Gospel reflections for each week of Lent. In the video and audio version you can listen to the Gospel of the day and the reflection by Bishop David. To watch the video please visit <https://youtu.be/DzLbJyKVFul?si=c3AoyeGPI9nkQB-Z>

To listen to Bishop David's reflection, visit <https://on.soundcloud.com/kfViT>

VACANCY: Chaplaincy Apprentice to join Cardinal Newman Catholic School.

The successful candidate will be:

- committed to providing the very best learning opportunities for their students
- able to challenge all students to make exceptional progress
- a strong team player who forms excellent relationships with staff, parents and students
- willing to support the strong Catholic ethos of the school

Further information, or to arrange an informal visit, please contact Miss Jade McKinlay PA to Headteacher on jmckinlay@cardinalnewmanschool.net

Please apply by completing an application form which can be obtained through the link to MyNewTerm from the School website www.cardinalnewmanschool.net/vacancies or by emailing jmckinlay@cardinalnewmanschool.net

closing date for applications is Friday 8th March 2024 midday. Interviews w/c 18th March.

ROSARY: The Legion of Mary invite you to join them in praying the Rosary at the Vale Cemetery at 1.00pm on Saturday 24th February. Meet at the Shelter. All welcome!

MAYO ASSOCIATION LUTON BUFFET NIGHT: Saturday 24th February in St Joseph's Parish Centre, Gardenia Avenue, 7.00pm sharp. Music by Johnny McGovern. Tickets are £10.

Please contact: Patrice Doran 079 44 30 9824

FAMILY FAST DAY: This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today use the envelope in Church or give online at cafod.org.uk and please join in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

LIGHT UP LENT 29TH FEB – 7TH MARCH: Light Up Lent is our diocesan Week of Accompanied Prayer, a retreat in everyday life. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. With one-to-one support each day for a week, via Zoom, from an experienced prayer guide. Find out more and sign up here <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/lightuplent/>

SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE: As an official provider of the government scheme, SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Their programme operates collaboratively with the esteemed Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, a range of services is offered to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, and support during the placement. (Prayer cards available in the Foyer.) More information on the project can be found at the following links:

Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

Email: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine YouTube: youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine

COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 11.02.24 Envelopes: £760.35; Loose cash: £376.00;

TOTAL £1136.35 Thank you.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Edward Kafłowski 1987; Mary Nally 2015; Clara Olabisi Ogunde 2011; Alfonso Siggia 1983;

Annie McLandey 1981; Maureen Ann Smith 2014; Patrick Cyril Carroll 2014;

Benjamin Wallsworth 1993; Carole Ann King 2018; Denis Batchelor 1969;

Bernard (Benny) Langan 2009; Christine Mary Kearns 2016; Presita Isidro Lanuza 'Precy' 2022;

Frank Garlick 2006; Frank Robinson 2008; Olivia-Grace Oizamisi Otim-Obaro 2020;

John Hand 1994; Monica McIntyre 2018; Michael Foley 2007; Margaret Riley 1964;

Sidney Jay 1981 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**