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Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster and Deanery of St Alban

21st Sunday - Year A - Psalter Week 1 - 23rd August 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 on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday (x 2), as shown in red bold type below.

Please note that it is COMPULSORY for Mass attendees to wear a face covering, unless you are exempt.

To ensure compliance with pandemic regulations, if you attend one of our 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

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 22nd Public Mass	6.30pm	Berthe and Emmee Tripieds RIP	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 23rd Public Masses	9.00am 11.00am	Mrs Manasi Gaikwad - Thanksgiving Kelly and Doran Family Deceased	
Monday 24 th		Michael Brennan RIP	St Bartholomew
Tuesday 25 th			St Louis
Wednesday 26th Public Mass	9.30am	Emanuela D'Souza and James Cardoz Thanksgiving	Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God
Thursday 27 th		Christy Mulcahy RIP	St Monica
Friday 28 th		Margaret Berry - Special Intention	St Augustine
Saturday 29th Public Mass	6.30pm	Elmire and Gaston Ayasamy RIP	The Passion of St John the Baptist

Entrance Antiphon	Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me: save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
Psalm Response	Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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 further notice.

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 offertory collection as you exit the Church, thank you for your continued generosity to the Church.

We **urgently** need collection counters to undertake the task in the Parish Hall suitably socially distanced and with masks, gloves and sanitiser provided. Please email your contact details to the Parish office sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk if you are able to volunteer and are under 70 years of age, not shielding or living with somebody who is shielding.

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.

We would also like to thank all of the Parishioners who have diligently and devotedly worked hard to maintain the church and the grounds in recent months and also the very generous Parishioners who contributed to or donated PPE to our Church, much appreciated.

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.

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**.

St Paul Missal 2021: Anyone wishing to purchase a St Paul Missal 2021 should contact Judy Weekes on 01582 738569. SMA Mass cards can also be obtained using the same contact number.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently - Josephine (Josie) O'Callaghan and Mary Tohill. Please also remember their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

ACT OF PRAYER AND WITNESS: The **Act of Prayer and Witness** in support of life and against abortion on Saturday 5th September is **CANCELLED** due to coronavirus restrictions. We hope you will be able to pray for an hour at home for this intention and especially for all the current threats to the life of the unborn. We are hoping the next Act of Witness will be on Saturday 24th October 2020.

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

DIOCESAN UPDATES: Our Diocese would like to keep you up to date with the latest news and information from Bishop David, the curial departments, our Catholic Cathedral in Northampton and our whole diocese. Each month you can receive this information through an e-newsletter. To subscribe simply visit the diocesan website, www.northamptondiocese.org and enter your email address in the box in the top right hand corner of the page.

MARY'S MEALS: The second Mary's Meals Family Hour takes place at **7pm on Thursday, 27 August** on the [YouTube](#) channel.

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: Alice Norris 1956; Elizabeth Shanley 1963; Rosaline Norris 1968; Lillian Hunt 1988; James Wilson 2011; John McGeoghan 1994; Catherine Prickett 1997; Hugh Parks 2006; Sarah Fursman 2009; Martha Dempsey 1971; Tracy An Wheeler 1971; Elise Celine 1972; Kathleen Callaghan 1980; Annie McLaughlin 2010; James Sherry 2014; Ronald West 1983; John Gemmell 1988; Frances Godfrey 1996; Patrick Begley 2005; Elizabeth Griffiths 1986; Hector Vincent 1996; Timothy McCarthy 2006; Gwen Dooley 2009; Jean Johnette 1991; Revelina Ner 2002; Thomas O'Neil 2005; Rosaline McPherson 2006; Catherine Thomson 2009.

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