Heart to Heart

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

Year C – Sunday 24th August 2025
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.**

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Saturday 23rd August	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Ryan Family RIP	
Sunday 24th August	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Marie Duffy RIP	**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Monday 25th August	**10.00am**	David Conway RIP (Month's Mind)	
Tuesday 26th August	9.30am	Members of Bradley Family & McGuckin Family RIP	
Wednesday 27th August	9.30am	Irene & William Davey RIP	**St Monica**
Thursday 28th August	**11.15am**	**REQUIEM: Peter Timothy Browne RIP**	**ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR**
Friday 29th August	9.30am	Rose Collier RIP	**The Passion of St John the Baptist**
Saturday 30th August	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Bridget Kelly RIP	
Sunday 31st August	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Liam Doran RIP	**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

PARISH HALL: The Parish Hall is closed until **Sunday 7th September.**

CONFESSION: Please note Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm every Saturday or by appointment.

MORNING PRAYER: Please note Morning Prayer this week Monday 9.30am, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8.50am followed by Rosary – All welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST: For mutual coexistence
Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass intentions moved for unforeseen reasons (e.g. funerals) will be honoured on another day. Please provide contact details when requesting intentions and check the weekly newsletters.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Bridget Kelly, Peter Timothy Browne and David Conway. Please keep Bridget, Peter and David, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Peter Timothy Browne RIP, Funeral Thursday 28th August, 11.15am at Sacred Heart.

THURSDAY CLUB: The Thursday Club is closed until **Thursday 4th September.**

LUTON AND DUNSTABLE PARISHES - REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS 2025/26: The Pastoral Area has agreed that online registration for First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion (Year 3 and above in September) and for Confirmation (Year 8 and above in September) **open ONLINE now and will CLOSE ON 28th SEPTEMBER 2025**. The link to the online sacramental registration forms is **https://lutonpastoralarea.org/registration/** **Registration for the Sacraments is through the pastoral link only.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you wish to have your child baptised at Sacred Heart Church a Baptism Preparation Class must be undertaken before Baptism can go ahead. The next Baptism Preparation Class is Thursday **11th** September, 7.00pm. Please contact the Parish Office to discuss further or to book your place.

PARISHIONERS: There are many parishioners who are unwell at the moment, both at home and in hospital. The Church is not always notified. Please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of a parishioner who is unwell (name/address/telephone number or family contact details).

DEACON JIM BANNAN: As Deacon Jim announced last weekend he will be taking a 12-month sabbatical from his diaconate ministry. We wish him well and assure him of our prayers.

MARY'S MEALS - FOREIGN CURRENCY COLLECTION: Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. After the summer break especially if some of you have travelled abroad, Mary's Meals would like you to put your spare foreign coins/notes aside for a collection to take place at Sacred Heart next weekend 30th/31st August. Currently the charity feeds over 2.6 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign currency you can help feed the next hungry child. *Mary's Meals will also take UK coins/notes that are no longer legal tender. **Mary's Meals envelopes are available in the Foyer.** Final date to return envelopes to Sacred Heart Church Sunday 7th September. Thank you.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD: The Parish has many valued Extraordinary Ministers and Ministers of the Word but more are needed. If you would like to be considered to serve as an extraordinary minister or as a reader at any weekday or Sunday Mass then please speak to Fr Allan or email the Parish Office to discuss further.

SAINT PAUL'S MISSALS: Please give your name to Judy in the Repository if you wish to order a Missal for 2026.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 17th August 2025 Loose cash £242.76; Envelopes £693.80; Total: £936.56 Thank you. Gift Aid your donation, enabling us to claim from the government an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you. You can also donate by card via the DONA Machine located in the church.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: Bishop David will celebrate the Annual Mass for Marriage and Family Life on Saturday 6th September 2025 at 12 noon at *Northampton Cathedral*. All are welcome. If you are celebrating a special anniversary this year, please contact Sam at **mfl@northamptondiocese.org** or visit: **https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/celebration-marriage-and-family-life/**

29TH ANNUAL PEACE WALK: Saturday 27th September: A public demonstration of community solidarity to build a stronger Luton by fostering better understanding and fellowship. (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)
1.30pm Meet at the Peace Garden Chaul End Park LU4 8EZ behind Downside Primary. If it rains, meet directly at the Chaul End Community Centre
1.45pm The Baha'I Community (Chaul End Community Centre, LU4 8QN)
2.45pm Luton Synagogue 656 Dunstable Road, LU4 8SE
4.00pm Al Hira Mosque 1-7 Beechwood Road, LU4 8RR
4.30pm Masjid-E-Ali, 2-32 Beechwood Road, LU4 8RP
5.30pm Ends. Please dress modestly and bring your own headscarf if possible. For more information contact **info@lutonfaiths.org** Parking available at Masjid-E-Ali and Chaul End Centre

CONGRATULATIONS: To all students who recently received exam results. Wishing you all well in your ongoing choice of further education or future employment. Assuring you all of our prayers and good wishes.

THANK YOU TO PARISH: The Daughters of Divine Love wish to thank the Parish in acknowledgement of receipt of a cheque of £728.11, money from the mission appeal at Sacred Heart Parish on the weekend of 21st/22nd June 2025. The Daughters of Divine Love will ever remain grateful to Sacred Heart parishioners for supporting the sisters in their work. They wish the parish to always be assured of their prayers for your intentions and that of your loved ones.

CAFOD: RESPONSE IN GAZA: Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at **cafod.org.uk.** Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Angela McCarthy 2020; 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; Baby Tracy Ann 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 Vinent 1996; Timothy McCarthy 2006; Gwen Dooley 2009✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

PARISH REGISTRATION: To complete your parish registration, please use the QR code on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.