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 31st August 2025
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.**

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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**
Monday 1st September	9.30am	Mary Ann Byrne RIP	**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**
Tuesday 2nd September	9.30am	Dolores Ozyer-Key RIP (1st Anniversary)	
Wednesday 3rd September	9.30am	Anthony & Neville Davey RIP	**ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor of the Church**
Thursday 4th September	**NO MASS 10am-12Noon**	**THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 5th September	9.30am	Patrick Stenson RIP	
Saturday 6th September	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Michael King RIP & deceased King family members	
Sunday 7th September	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **BAPTISM**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Tony McClave RIP **Reggie McLean**	**TWENTY-THIRD 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, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8.50am followed by Rosary – All welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: For our relationship with all of creation.
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

"SEEDS OF PEACE AND HOPE": Pope Leo XIV Invites the Faithful to Renew Their Commitment to Creation. The Catholic Church will mark the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on Monday, 1st September 2025, an occasion inaugurated ten years ago by Pope Francis and closely linked to the publication of his landmark encyclical Laudato Si'. This year's celebration carries the theme "Seeds of Peace and Hope", a reflection offered by Pope Leo XIV in a powerful message addressed to Catholics and all people of goodwill.

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, Mary Ann Byrne, and Tony McClave. Please keep Bridget, Mary Ann and Tony, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

THURSDAY CLUB: The Thursday Club reopens **Thursday 4th September – 10.00am-12Noon.** All welcome!

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

CSSA THEMATIC INSPECTION: SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has launched a public survey as part of its thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. Victims and survivors of abuse—whether recent or historic—are invited to share their experiences of contact with dioceses and Religious Life Groups.
In Northampton, we continue to walk alongside survivors through initiatives such as the Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral and Bishop David's A Time to Listen. Survivors are encouraged to participate in the survey, helping shape a safer Church for all. Visit:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tlVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzlLTEdTWkUySjhaTlU0QURaOU05SC4u

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 this 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 will be **Sunday 14th September**. Thank you.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: DOLORES OZYER-KEY RIP: Please remember Dolores Ozyer-Key RIP in your prayers and keep her family (Sister Margaret Buckley and family) and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they lovingly honour Dolores on her first anniversary.

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.

READERS ROTA: The Readers Rota for the period 7th September to 23rd November is displayed on the Noticeboard and copies are available in the Foyer for all Readers to collect.

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

CHRISTIAN BOOKS (LUTON): Formerly Luton Christian Bookshop, will be opening initially on Wednesdays between 10.00am and 1.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Church Road (opposite the Point and next to the University). Hoping to increase the opening hours soon.

ONLINE WEBINAR – 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI': SUSTAINING THE IMPACT: On Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 7:00 pm (London time), the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW), in partnership with CAFOD, will host a free online webinar titled "Sustaining the Impact" to mark the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si'.
Speakers include:

- Philip Booth (CBCEW)
- Christine Allen (CAFOD)
- Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg
- Hannah Woolley (Church of England EIAG)
- Liga Pare (CBCEW)

Register here: bigmarker.com/cafod/LaudatoSi10

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 24th August 2025 Loose cash £246.82; Envelopes £626.70; Total: £873.52 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/**

NEXT WEEKEND 6th/7th SEPTEMBER IS A SIGN UP SUNDAY WEEKEND - ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS for 2026: Catholic Schools may ask for your priest to sign a form stating that you are a practising Catholic family. Your priest will sign this card if you are present at Mass with the child[ren] involved. The responsibility for this lies with parents/guardians/carers alone.

JOHN BRADBURNE: Invitation to attend Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 13th September for a very special celebration of the life and legacy of Servant of God, John Bradburne – poet, mystic, and servant of the poor.
Mass at 2:00pm: Held in Westminster Cathedral – free and open to all.
This service will also be live-streamed.
(If you'd like the streaming link and aren't on our mailing list, please email: **info@johnbradburne.com**).
Talks, Exhibition, Music & Refreshments: 3:30–5:30pm | In the Cathedral Hall (next to Westminster Cathedral)
After Mass, join JBMS for an inspiring programme of talks, an exhibition, live music and refreshments.
⚠️ Please note: This part of the event is ticketed and spaces are limited – book early to avoid disappointment! Reserve your place here: **https://www.johnbradburne.com/product/special-mass-at-westminster-a-celebration-of-john-bradburnes-life-cause/**

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 choices of further education or future employment. Assuring you all of our prayers and good wishes.

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.

EMERGENCY ALERTS SYSTEM: The UK government is testing the Emergency Alerts system on Sunday 7th September 2025 at 3.00pm. Compatible mobile phones and tablets will receive an alert, make a loud siren-like sound and vibrate. You will not need to take any action. The Emergency Alerts system is used to warn if there's a danger to life nearby, including extreme weather. Regular testing ensures the system is functioning correctly, should it need to be used in a life-threatening emergency.
Find out more at **gov.uk/alerts.**

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Jean Johnette 1991; Revelina Ner 2002; Thomas O'Neill 2005; Rosaline McPherson 2006; Catherine Thomson 2009; William Sims 2000; John Barber 2006; Elizabeth Kimmer 2011; Baby Oscar Kent Purcell 2024; Francis Conway 1978; John Mead 1984; Alfred Thurlow 1988; Andrew Malcolm 1999; Joseph McGrath 2010; Ann-Marie Duffy 2011; Anne Marie Halloran 1968; Paul Christopher Brennan 2023; John Manning 2007; John Fennelly 2010; William 'Liam' Doran 2023; Irene Crokes 1965; Denis Michael McGrattan 1984; Martin McHugh 1989; Richard Gallagher 2004; Harry McHale 2004; Anna Mary Ficeto 2014; Kathleen O'Connor 1979; Margaret McKenna 1981; Christopher Mulligan 1996 ✠ **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.