



HEART TO HEART

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
 Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster and Deanery of St Alban
23rd Sunday – Year A – Psalter Week 3 – 6th September 2020

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MASS ARRANGEMENTS: The Holy obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended, however, you are welcome to attend one of our four weekly public Church Masses on Wednesday, Saturday and two on Sunday, as shown in 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 Covid-19 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 5th Public Mass	6.30pm	Guy and Elise Celine RIP	St Teresa of Kolkatta
Sunday 6th Public Masses	9.00am 11.00am	Dyron Da Costa – Thanksgiving Marie Duffy RIP	
Monday 7 th		Mary McGovern RIP	
Tuesday 8 th			Nativity of the BVM
Wednesday 9th Public Mass	9.30am	Eva Fernandes – Intentions	St Peter Claver
Thursday 10 th		Margaret Strongman RIP	
Friday 11 th		Jim Rolleston RIP	
Saturday 12th Public Mass	6.30pm	Sinead Garahee RIP	The Most Holy Name of Mary

Entrance Antiphon	You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
Psalm Response	O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

New Mass intentions can be requested by emailing the Parish office at sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk. There will be no paper copies of the Newsletter provided in the Church and there will be no singing or hymn books. There will be an offertory collection as you exit the Church, thank you for your continued generosity to the Church.

SACRAMENTS: There are no confessions except by necessity and no Rosary until further notice. The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion are deferred until further notice. Baptisms and Weddings are now permitted provided the arrangements are compliant with the Covid-19 regulations in place at the time of the Sacrament.

PASTORAL VISITS: 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.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: We 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. We **urgently** need more cleaner and steward volunteers to continue having public Masses. 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 maintained 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: 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 contains useful information and updates.

THE REPOSITORY: After the 9.00am Sunday Mass has finished and until 10.00am, the Repository will be open to purchase items. Covid-19 protocols must be observed (including face covering) and only one person at a time may enter the shop. Items purchased must be pre-ordered by contacting Judy on 01582 738569. You will not be able to browse in the Repository for items to buy. Church newspapers are freely available by visiting www.churchpaper.co.uk/

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.

BAPTISMS: We would like to welcome recently baptised Molly and Jack Donnelly into the Church family.

DEIDRE AXTEN RIP: The funeral Mass for Deidre Axten will be at 3.00pm on Monday 14th September in the Large Chapel at The Vale Cemetery, maximum 30 attendees.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently - Annette Maxius (Aunt of Myrtle and Reg Anderson), Deidre Axten and Josephine (Josie) O'Callaghan. Please also remember their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

ACT OF PRAYER AND WITNESS: The Act of Prayer and Witness in support of life and against abortion on Saturday 5th September has been **cancelled** due to Covid-19. If possible, please 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.

DIOCESAN UPDATES: If you would like to be kept up to date with the latest news and information from Bishop David, the Curial Departments, our Catholic Cathedral in Northampton and our whole Diocese, then you can receive monthly information by entering your email address in the box in the top right hand corner of the Diocesan web page www.northamptondiocese.org

DIOCESAN WEBINARS: Pope Francis has called on us to reflect on our current situation so, in response, our Diocese is hosting a series of online webinars on Monday evenings through the autumn, starting on 21st September with Bishop David reflecting on the last six months and posing some key questions as we go forward. Other future topics will include reaching out to the needy, building community, prayer and spirituality and catechesis. The webinars are free to attend, but you will need to register to receive the web link. For more information and to register, please go to <https://postlockdownchurch.eventbrite.co.uk>

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. 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: Rosina Davis 1971; Michael Kozyra 1993; Margaret Fox 1981; Sean McGuire 1989; Anna Bridge 1995; June Wallace 2001; Neil Sweeney 2006; James Millar 1970; Sidney Rogers 1973; John McCaskey 1975; Leonard Salkeld 1988; Brian Wood 1995; William Rodger 1997; Mary Kane 2003; Mary Teresa Collard 2012; Mary Johnson-Conroy 2012; Frederick Ward 1967; John Walsh 1983; Cressy Modestine Baptiste 2014; Charles Riley 1964; Josef Zacek 1986; Tony Conway 2007; Vivian Pinney 2007.

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