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 7th September 2025
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.**

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Saturday 6th September	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Michael King RIP & deceased King family members	
Sunday 7th September **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees** **BAPTISM**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Tony McClave RIP **Reggie McLean**	**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Monday 8th September	9.30am	Bridget Kelly RIP	**THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Tuesday 9th September	9.30am	Mary Regan RIP (1st Anniversary)	
Wednesday 10th September	**Mass 7.30pm** **8.00pm**	Marilyn Clenaghan (Healing)	**Pastoral Area Council Meeting**
Thursday 11th September **CHURCH**	9.30am **10am-12Noon** **7.00pm**	 **THURSDAY CLUB** **Baptism Preparation Class**	
Friday 12th September	9.30am KS2 SH Primary attending	Mary & John Walsh RIP Welcome Back!	
Saturday 13th September	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions McNabola & English family members RIP	**St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Sunday 14th September	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Bernie Sherry RIP (1st Anniversary)	**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

PARISH HALL: The Parish Hall is open after the 11.00am Mass, Sunday 7th September, for teas and coffees. Welcome back! Thank you to Wes and Judy Weekes for all that you do for the Parish. More volunteers are needed. If you can help in serving teas or coffees then please speak to Judy or Wes. Thank you.

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, Thursday 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.

MASS: Please note there will be no 9.30am Mass on **Wednesday 10th September** but there will be Mass at **7.30pm** – all welcome!

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.

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

FUNERAL DETAILS: Bridget Kelly RIP, **Monday 15th September**, Requiem **1.30pm** at Sacred Heart.

THURSDAY CLUB: Please contact anyone that you may feel would benefit from attending the Thursday Club and extend a warm welcome to come along to Sacred Heart's Parish Hall to have a chat and a cup of tea **every Thursday 10.00am-12 Noon**. 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 this week on 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).

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 and place in the envelopes provided in the Foyer. 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: MARY REGAN RIP: Please remember Mary Regan RIP in your prayers and keep her family (Sister Margaret Buckley and family) and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they lovingly honour Mary 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.

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.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 31st August 2025 Loose cash £279.40; Envelopes £643.80; Total: £923.20 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.

THIS 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

WELCOME BACK: To all teaching staff, support staff, students returning to nursery, school, college, university or just starting out on their educational journey. Assuring you all of our prayers and good wishes.

DAVID ASAMOAH: The Parish would like to thank David, our Assistant organist, for his dedication and help throughout the year. We wish David every blessing as he goes to the University of York to study for his Master's Degree.

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.

CANONISATION OF CARLO ACUTIS & PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI: Sunday 7th September, will be a truly historic moment in the life of the Church. In Rome, Blessed Carlo Acutis will become the first Millennial to be canonised, a powerful witness to the holiness possible in our own time. He will be canonised alongside Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, a shining example of youthful faith and charity in the early 20th century.

Together, these saints remind us of the vitality and missionary zeal of young people, and their canonisation will be a great encouragement to the Church across generations.
Read more: **https://northamptondiocese.org/home-page/carlo/**

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.**

PRAY FOR THE UK ON SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER AT 3PM: On Sunday 7th September the government will issue an 'Emergency Alert Test' at 3pm. It is being suggested when we hear the 'Emergency Alert Test' we could: Pray the Lord's Prayer; Pray or sing a blessing; or pray for current issues.

NOAH BLUE BINS: Please note NOAH Blue Bins will be available to accept donations at Sacred Heart next weekend **13th/14th September**. Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

MISSIO - RED BOXES: If any parishioner has a red box that requires emptying, please bring it to the church in the near future. Please ensure your name is on the box so that it can be returned to you. Missio or the "Red Box" is the Catholic Churches official charity for overseas mission. It plays a vital role in combating injustice, disease and poverty. It exists because of the generosity of Catholics.

LEGION OF MARY RECRUITMENT DRIVE: Next weekend 13th/14th September there will be a recruitment drive on behalf of The Legion of Mary. New members welcome – if interested please speak to Judy Weekes.

BETHANY GROUP MASS: The next Bethany Group Mass will take place at Sacred Heart at 3.00pm on Sunday 21st September. All welcome.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Margaret McKenna 1981; Christopher Mulligan 1996; Joseph (Joe) Toomey 2024; 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; Margaret (Peggy) Rankin 2020; Elizabeth Mary Phelan 2020; Frederick Ward 1967; John Walsh 1983; Cressy Modestine Baptiste 2014; Marie Usmani 2023 ✠ **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.