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# 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

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Year A - Psalter Week 1 - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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**MASS ARRANGEMENTS:** The Holy obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended. If you would like to attend one of our public Masses (Wednesday, Saturday and two on Sunday, as shown in red bold type below), to ensure Covid-19 compliance please:

- **Wear a face mask** - it is **COMPULSORY** unless exempt
- 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
- Wait until Mass attendees have left before lighting candles

To ensure Covid-19 compliance, the Church capacity at each Mass is significantly reduced so, if possible, please go to the Wednesday 9.30am Mass to reduce 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 or over 70 years of age. Please do not attend Mass if you have Covid-19 or flu like symptoms. All other weekly Masses 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.

There are no paper Newsletters, singing or hymn books. There will be an offertory collection as you exit the Church after Mass, thank you for your continued generosity to the Church. Mass intentions can be requested by emailing [sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk)

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Public Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Deceased members of the Ayen Family</b>	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Public Masses</b>	<b>9.00am 11.00am</b>	<b>Victor Dias RIP Leandra Cardozo - Birthday Thanksgiving</b>	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>		Rupert Gertrude and Roger Lucas RIP	St Matthew
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>			
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Public Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Sarah McGrath RIP</b>	<b>St Pio of Pietrelcina</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>		Mary Hogan RIP	Our Lady of Walsingham
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>FUNERAL MASS</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	Frank Horan RIP <b>Virginia Daluz RIP</b>	
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Public Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Padro Pio</b>	<b>Sts Cosmas and Damian</b>

Entrance Antiphon	<b>I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.</b>
Psalm Response	<b>The Lord is close to all who call him.</b>
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!</b>
Communion Antiphon	<b>You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.</b>

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES:** From the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> September onwards through to the middle of October, small groups of Parish children will be receiving First Holy Communion at the three weekend Masses. To ensure Covid-19 compliance, family and friends attendance will be restricted. Please wear a face mask (unless exempt) and follow the guidance of the Mass Stewards so that we can manage the limited Church capacity effectively. If possible, please consider attending the Wednesday 9.30am Mass to ease the capacity issues. If the permitted restricted capacity is reached, we will not be able to admit any further attendees.

**CONFIRMATION MASS:** Bishop David will be with us to celebrate the Confirmation Mass at 7.30pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Due to Covid-19 requirements, attendance of Confirmandi family and friends will be restricted. Please wear a face mask (unless exempt) and follow the guidance of the Mass Stewards so that we can manage the limited Church capacity effectively. If the permitted restricted capacity is reached, we will not be able to admit any further attendees.

**SACRAMENTS:** There are no confessions except by necessity and no Rosary until further notice. Baptisms and Weddings are currently 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:** Thank you also to our volunteer cleaners and stewards who enable us to have public Masses. We **urgently** need more volunteers for Masses to continue. Stewards manage the safe entrance, participation and exit of worshippers and the cleaners sanitise the Church areas that have been opened up before and after each Mass. If you would like to volunteer for one or both of these two roles, are under 70 years of age and not shielding, then email the Parish office on [sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk)

We also need collection counters, so please email your contact details to the Parish office [sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk) if you are able to volunteer, are under 70 years of age and not shielding.

**THE PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish office remains closed and all Parish staff on furlough. The Parish administration is being managed remotely on a voluntary basis via email: [sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk). See also the Parish website [www.sacredheartluton.org](http://www.sacredheartluton.org)

**THE REPOSITORY:** After 9.00am Sunday Mass and until 10.00am the Repository is open to purchase items. Only one face masked 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/](http://www.churchpaper.co.uk/)

**ST PAUL MISSAL 2021:** Contact Judy Weekes on 01582 738569 for 2021 St Paul Missals and SMA Mass cards.

**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](http://www.northamptondiocese.org)

**DIOCESAN WEBINARS:** Pope Francis has called on us to reflect on our current situation so, in response, a series of Monday evening Diocesan online webinars will start on 21<sup>st</sup> September with Bishop David reflecting on the last six months. Future topics will include: reaching out to the needy, building community, prayer and spirituality and catechesis. For more information and to register for these free webinars, please go to <https://postlockdownchurch.eventbrite.co.uk>

**VIRGINIA DALUZ RIP:** The funeral Mass for Virginia Daluz RIP will be 1.30pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at our Church, followed by a committal service at The Vale Cemetery at 2.30pm. Maximum 30 attendees.

**MARGARET RANKIN RIP:** The funeral Mass for Margaret Rankin RIP will be at 2.00pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at our Church, followed by burial at The Vale Cemetery. Maximum 30 attendees.

**RIP:** Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently including Peter Blessing (father of Michael Blessing), Virginia Daluz and Margaret Rankin. Please also remember their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

**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](mailto:sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk)

**PARISH GIVING:** In addition to 'Standing Order' and 'Online' routes (see <https://www.sacredheartluton.org/>) to make donations, Northampton Cathedral has also 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 OTHERS:** Please do what you safely can for any elderly or vulnerable individuals in the community, especially those living alone. 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. Please also print and safely pass on a copy of this newsletter to Parishioners who do not have online access.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Perry 1994; Jeremiah Coffey 1983; Esther Robinson 1986; Richard Healy 1987; Mary Philomena McDonnell 1989; Kenneth Caprani 1996; Frank Hurley 2009; William Sullivan 1980; Mat Theresa Gannon 2012; Mary Dinsey 1981; Gwyneth Devlin 1989; Joannes Benart 1963; John Curry 1986; Julian Vidal 1993; Ronald Byrne 2017; John Joseph Kehoe 2018; John Gemmell 1961; Eric Marchant 1971; Josef Lajac 1981; Ailsa Billings 1990; Jack McKearney 1993; Mary Theresa Kehoe 2014; Joan Flynn 2017; David Willis 1981; Edward O'Riley 1986; Mary Skales 1995; Eva Ring 1998. ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen**