



Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A - Sunday 24th September 2023

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is close to all who call him.

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PARISH OFFICE: Open Wednesday and Friday this week from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and provide a contact number.

Saturday 23 rd Sept.	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer In honour of Padre Pio	1st Weekend of Parish Mass Count
Sunday 24 th Sept.	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am BAPTISM	Morning Prayer Maya Dias (Birthday Intention) People of Our Parish Roman James Baldry	TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Monday 25 th Sept.	9.30am	Keith & Augustina Shuttleworth (Birthday Intentions)	
Tuesday 26 th Sept.	9.30am	Lesley Harper RIP	
Wednesday 27 th Sept. CHURCH	9.30am 7.30pm	Freida Towfield RIP Meeting: Extraordinary Ministers	St Vincent de Paul
Thursday 28 th Sept.	9.30am 10am- 12Noon	Thressiy Amma RIP THURSDAY CLUB	
Friday 29 th Sept. The Vale Cemetery	9.30am 11.30am	Lesley Harper RIP Service: Maria Dove RIP	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL
Saturday 30 th Sept. (2nd Weekend Parish Mass Count)	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer People of Our Parish	St Jerome Anniversary: Dedication of the Church
Sunday 1 st October HALL	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Morning Prayer Stuart Gibson RIP Eileen Walsh RIP Legion of Mary Meeting	TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

PARISH HALL: Teas and Coffees available after Sunday 11.00am Mass. All welcome!

THURSDAY CLUB: Reopens on Thursday 28th September from **10.00-12 Noon.**

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

RIP: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Maria Dove and Paul Brennan. Please keep Maria, Paul, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:

Maria Dove RIP, Service, Vale Cemetery Chapel 11.30am, Friday 29th September

Paul Brennan RIP, Requiem 11.00am at Sacred Heart, Tuesday 3rd October

SIGN-UP SUNDAY CARD: This weekend 23rd/24th September is a Sign-Up Sunday. Admission to Catholic Schools for 2023. Catholic Schools may ask for your priest to sign a form stating that you are a practising Catholic family. Your priest will stamp the Sign-Up Card if you are present at Mass with the child(ren) involved. The responsibility for this lies with parents/guardians/carers alone.

PARISH MASS COUNT: This weekend 23rd/24th September marks the start of four weekends of Parish Mass Counts. Counters: Count Sheets are available in the Foyer, please complete and return to the Parish Office after each Mass.

MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Our Lady's, Luton LU1 3AG, Sunday 24th September 2.30pm followed by refreshments. All welcome.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Meeting on Wednesday 27th September, 7.30pm in the Church.

PRAYER VIGIL: Saturday 30th September 2.00pm at Holy Ghost, Westbourne Rd, LU4 8HD to pray for God's blessing on the SYNOD. At the same time Pope Francis, other Christian leaders and all at the Synod will be praying in St Peter's Square. We have invited Christians from all the town churches to join us. Please come along to pray together!

MISSIO RED BOXES: It is that time again! Anyone who has a red box that needs to be emptied, please bring it into the church this weekend 23rd/24th September or next weekend 30th September/1st October. Make sure your name is on the box so that it can be returned to you. **Where does your money go?** It helps local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor and in need regardless of their background or belief. It is the Pope's charity for world Mission. (Thank you from the Parish to Pete and Theresa Crawley for organising the Missio collection.)

SAFEGUARDING: Safeguarding information is displayed on the Noticeboard outside the Loft.

LUTON AND DUNSTABLE PARISHES: REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS 2023/2024: Online registration will CLOSE ON 30th SEPTEMBER for First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion (Year 3 and above in September) and for Confirmation (Year 8 and above in September). Link online for sacramental registration www.lutonpastoralarea.org/registration/ **Registration is ONLINE only and not through the Parish.** The responsibility for registration lies with parents/guardians/carers alone. **No applications for registration will be accepted after the 30th September! This is the last week for registering.**

FIRST AIDERS: If you are a qualified first aider and willing to be a named first aider at the Mass you attend, then please email the Parish. Our Parish needs First Aiders.

DEFIBRILLATOR: The Parish hopes to purchase a Defibrillator. All donations to enable this purchase and the necessary training involved will be most gratefully received. Please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Defibrillator'.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: The annual Mass for Married Couples will take place on Saturday 30th September at midday at Northampton Cathedral. All are very welcome to attend and there will be light refreshments in the St Thomas Centre after Mass. Please see Poster.

APPOINTMENTS: Any concerns, sacramental requests, blessings, documentation etc you wish to discuss with Fr Allan or Fr James please arrange an appointment by phoning or emailing the Parish Office. Thank you.

LUTON FOODBANK: Stock levels are low. Luton Foodbank requires your support in donating the following most needed items: Tinned fruit; Tinned rice pudding and custard; Tinned baked beans; Rice; Long life (UHT) milk. (Please see Appeal Letter on the Noticeboard.)

ST PAULS MISSALS 2024: Ready for collection. Please see Judy in the Repository.

READERS MEETING: There will be a meeting for readers on Wednesday 4th October, 7.30pm.

ITALIAN MASS and PROCESSION: Sunday 1st October, 2.30pm, Holy Ghost Church, Luton LU4 8JD, to honour St Francis of Assisi with the blessing of animals and procession of the Saint.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 4th to 11th October, flying from Luton. Cost per person sharing £706 with single room supplement of £130. £100 deposit due as soon as possible payable to Mrs Pat Henry who will transfer the money to Marian Pilgrimages. Alternatively, flights can be booked at www.marian.uk (deposit or full costs). You must be insured for this trip. Contact pat@arthurmc.com for payment or queries. See Noticeboard.

CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING: Thursday 5th October.

You are warmly invited to attend our open evening which will run from 4.30pm – 9pm. Please ensure you book in advance using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-6-open-evening-tickets-714581411237?aff=oddtcreator>

Each time slot will include the Headteacher's presentation and a guided tour of the school.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES: Bishop David will preside at a Mass for those with disabilities, their carers, families and friends at Northampton Cathedral on 8th October at 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend this joyful celebration.

A TIME FOR LISTENING: As our diocese continues to respond to the call of Pope Francis to be a synodal Church, our diocesan safeguarding office would like to invite you to a morning reflecting on the impact of Church-related abuse and how we, as a community can respond. Join them at Holy Ghost Catholic Church Parish Centre in Luton, LU48JD on Saturday 14th October from 10.30am-1.00pm. It is intended that opportunities for synodal listening will be offered by our safeguarding department in other locations throughout our diocese in 2024. Email safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org or call 07833 050628 for further details.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

William Sullivan 1980; Mary 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;

Patricia McDonnell 1975; Thomas Mulholland 1989; Christina McCallig 2010 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**