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 21st September 2025
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
EVANGELII GAUDIUM DAY
Psalter Week 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.**

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Saturday 20th September	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Nancy & PJ Tinch RIP	**St Andrew Kim Tae-gon and the martyrs of Korea**
Sunday 21st September **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees** **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer Rupert, Gertrude & Roger Lucas RIP People of Our Parish **Bethany Mass**	**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **1st Weekend Annual Parish Mass Count**
Monday 22nd September	9.30am	Bridget Kelly RIP	
Tuesday 23rd September	9.30am	Private Intention (Healing) PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	**St Pius of Pietrelcina**
Wednesday 24th September	9.30am	Mary Ann Byrne RIP (Month's Mind)	**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**
Thursday 25th September	9.30am **10.00am-12Noon**	**THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 26th September	**NO MASS**		
Saturday 27th September	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Charlotte Robinson (Healing)	**St Vincent de Paul, Priest**
Sunday 28th September **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Michael O'Sulllivan RIP	**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

PARISH HALL: The Parish Hall is open after the Sunday 11.00am Mass for teas and coffees. All welcome! 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-Thursday 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.

READERS ROTA: The Readers Rota for the current period ending 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. Please keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or to ask for a relative/friend then please contact Fr Allan or telephone/email the Parish Office.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend 20th/21st September – Evangelii Gaudium Sunday
The second collection of Evangelii Gaudium Sunday supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

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 NEXT WEEKEND 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. Please make sure you have registered as a parishioner with the Parish through the CASPAR link.**

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. Please contact the Parish Office to discuss further and to book your place. The next Baptism Preparation Class will take place on **Thursday 6th November**. Please make sure you have registered as a parishioner with the Parish through the CASPAR link.

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).

BOOKING OF SACRED HEART HALL: If you wish to book the Parish Hall for a function, please email: **hallbookings.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org** (Note this is a new email address.)
An acknowledgement email will be sent and then a discussion regarding availability and fees can commence with Wesley Weekes, Hall Manager.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues?
Next programme starts 17th October **www.retrouvaille.org.uk** **Tel: +44 7887 296 983**

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES: Children who celebrated First Holy Communion in June 2025, certificates are available for collection after Mass from the Repository **this weekend 20th/21st September**. This will be the final chance to collect your child's certificate as certificates have been available, as announced and published in the Newsletter, for collection since July. Please also collect I BELONG Books in the Foyer.

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

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

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES: For those young adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart on 24th June 2025 and who would like to receive a certificate, parents please email the Parish Office stating the full name you wish to appear on the Certificate. Certificates will be available to collect after any weekend Mass on **27th/28th September from the Repository**.

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.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT: This weekend begins the first week of four Annual Parish Mass Counts. Can Counters please pick up a Count Sheet from the Foyer and record numbers accordingly for each Mass. Please also remember to include musicians and choir members in the Loft. Once the count has been completed and signed by each Counter, the sheets should be posted through the Parish Office letterbox. Thank you.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 14th September 2025 Loose cash £361.40; Envelopes £793.50; Total: £1154.90 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.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: Fr Allan will be available to sign a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** in the Parish Office (three time slots) on **30th September:**
10am-10.30am,
3.45pm-4.15pm,
7.00pm-8.00pm.
If this date is not convenient, please email the Parish Office as soon as possible to arrange an appointment with Fr Allan.
All parents and children **MUST** be registered on CASPAR. Please do not ask Fr Allan to sign a Certificate of Catholic Practice if you do not have **6 or more signed entries on the Sign Up Card.**

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.

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

STCAT CATHOLIC LIFE NEWSLETTER 2024-2025: Newsletter celebrating the Catholic Life of the 17 schools in our Saint Thomas Catholic Academies Trust over the last academic year, copies available in the Foyer.

SECOND COLLECTION 4TH/5TH OCTOBER: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST: Please donate to our Family Fast Day collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year. For example, you'll be helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope, donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope** or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. Please see the Notice on the Noticeboard.

RADIO MARIA – YOUTH COMPETITIONS: Radio Maria is launching two exciting competitions for young people:

1. **Young Presenter Competition** – schools and students can apply to host a monthly show on Radio Maria England.
2. **Poetry / Song / Spoken Word Competition** – theme: *"A Prayer for Christian Unity"* (John 17:1–26). Winners will perform at a live showcase and receive the *Young Herald's Trophy*.

Deadline: 30th September (Feast of St Jerome). Entry is free.
More information: **https://radiomariaengland.uk/competitions-for-young-people/**

COMMUNITY IS STRENGTH: BE STRONG LET'S LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER: Thursday 2nd October 2025 from 6.30pm-8.30pm at Ramridge Primary School.
Round Green, Stopsley, Vauxhall and Wigmore Let's Talk Meeting. Public: Event by Luton Social Justice Unit. This meeting is an opportunity to:
Raise any issues affecting your area;
Meet the Police and Highways Team;
Connect with other residents.

MASS IN ITALIAN TO HONOUR ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI – FOLLOWED BY THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS: Sunday 5th October 2.30pm at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD

LITURGY OF THE WORD ZOOM SESSIONS FOR 2026: The God Who Speaks – Our Liturgy of the Word: A series of online Zoom Sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year. Led by the Liturgical Formation Team – **next session Wednesday 15th January 2026** – Ordinary Time up to Ash Wednesday. **Future sessions in 2026:**
Wednesday 11th February, Wednesday 8th April, Wednesday 8th July, Wednesday 9th September, Wednesday 11th November
Each session runs from 7.30pm-8.30pm Cost: No charge but there will be the opportunity to make a donation. Please register in advance to secure a place by emailing **deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org** **Full details on the Poster displayed on the Noticeboard.**

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Edith Sweeting 1990; Anthony Davey 1995; Mary Catherine Hannon 2023; Victor Dias 2009; John Perry 1994; Pamela Irene Hennessy 2024; Philomena Veronica Coyne 2022; Jeremiah Coffey 1983; Esther Robinson 1986; Richard Healy 1987; Mary McDonnell 1989; Kenneth Caprani 1996; Frank Hurley 2009; 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; Michelino Egidio Spiga 2023; John Gemmell 1961; Eric Marchant 1971; Josef Lajac 1981; Ailsa Billings 1990; Jack McKearney 1993; Mary Theresa Kehoe 2014; Joan Flynn 2017 ✠ **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.