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 28th September 2025
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

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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** **2nd Weekend Annual Parish Mass Count**
Monday 29th September	9.30am	Patrick Margey RIP	**SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, Archangels**
Tuesday 30th September	9.30am **PARISH OFFICE**	PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond Signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice **10am-10.30am; 3.45pm-4.15pm; 7pm-8pm**	**Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church**
Wednesday 1st October	9.30am		**St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
Thursday 2nd October	9.30am **10.00am-12Noon**	**THURSDAY CLUB**	**The Holy Guardian Angels**
Friday 3rd October	9.30am KS2 St Francis attending Mass		**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY**
Saturday 4th October	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Derek Coleman (Healing)	**St Francis Of Assisi, Religious**
Sunday 5th October **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Rodger Gladwin Pietersz RIP (3 month anniversary)	**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **3rd Weekend Annual Parish Mass Count**

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

CONFESSION: Please note Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm every Saturday or by appointment.

MORNING PRAYER: Please note Morning Prayer this week Monday-Friday 8.50am followed by Rosary – All welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

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.

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

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: Next weekend **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.

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 will CLOSE THIS 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.**

CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL: YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING: (Ticket Only) Thursday 2nd October 2025 – 4.30pm-9.00pm. To book a ticket please visit https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cardinal-newman-catholic-school-open-evening-october-2025-tickets-1700701817919?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl

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.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Here's an opportunity to get involved in our Parish. Meeting on Monday 13th October 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome! Come along to put forward your ideas for planning and organising social events/activities and to form a Social Committee.

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**

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

BETHANY GROUP MASS: Thank you to all who attended the recent Bethany Group Mass. Thank you to those who provided and served refreshments in the Hall afterwards. The next Bethany Group Mass will take place at Sacred Heart at 3.00pm on Sunday 19th October. All welcome.

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

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 is the second 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 21st September 2025 Loose cash £277.17; Envelopes £654.50; Total: £931.67 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.**

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/**

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART CHURCH: To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church there will be Vespers and Benediction at **4.00pm** followed by a plate to share lunch on **Sunday 23rd November** in the Parish Hall. All welcome. Lists nearer the time will be available in the Foyer to sign up to volunteer help and to offer/provide finger foods (cakes, sandwiches, sausage rolls etc). Please keep this date free in your Diary to gather together to celebrate this special anniversary.

BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE: A free of charge 8-week course presented live online by Mauro Lannicelli. **Start date – Wednesday 1st October 2025, End date – Wednesday 19th November 2025. Time: 7pm-8.45pm Register: comeandsee.org**
The course devised by Jeff Cavins, enables participants to see how the people and events of Scripture fit together into one, unified narrative

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

YOUTH MASS: 5TH OCTOBER 2025, 3.00PM CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, BEDFORD: Calling All Young People! NYMO invite all young people and young adults to be part of a Youth Mass filled with joy, faith, and community. This is a chance to celebrate together, connect with others, and be inspired as they worship. All are welcome. Bring a friend and join us for an unforgettable afternoon of prayer and fellowship. Open to everyone aged 11–25 years.

JOIN SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY TEAM: Sacred Heart Primary School warmly invites parishioners to become part of their school chaplaincy team. The chaplaincy plays a vital role in nurturing the faith of our school community by:
Supporting prayer and liturgical celebrations; Helping children grow in their faith journey;
Strengthening the link between parish and school; Bringing Gospel values into action.
For more information or to express interest, please contact in the first instance Fr Allan.

LUTON IRISH FORUM HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB: Monday 27th October to Thursday 30th October. 9.00am-4.00pm. £10 per day – Includes lunch. FREE places for families claiming free school meals. Fun activities for 7-12 year olds. See poster on the Noticeboard or Facebook to sign your child up.

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:
David Willis 1981; Edward O'Riley 1986; Mary Skales 1995; Eva Ring 1998; Patricia McDonnell 1975; Marie Edwidge Suzel Andre 2023; Thomas Mulholland 1989; Christina McCallig 2010; Josephine Rogan 1995; Martin Seibert 1997; Else Baioni 1999; Matthew Cockfield 2001; Elizabeth Grayson 2002; Patricia Maureen Keating 2013; James McKenna 1973; Amy Ollievz 1968; Patrick Joseph O'Kane 1990; Mathew Clyde 2013; John Wheeler 1991; Helen Davies 1993; Lawrence Higgins 2004; Desmond Carroll 1967; Brian Tohill 2003; William Hannon 2003; Iain Byrne 2004; Maureen McHugh 2013 ✠ **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.

If you do not have an email address then please pick up a form in the Foyer to give your authority for the Parish Office to register you. Please remember to include the following information on the back of the form: Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number (if applicable)