Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban
Registered Charity Number: 234091

YEAR A – Sunday 27th September 2026
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Remember your compassion, O Lord.**

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Saturday 26th September	6.00pm-6.20pm **6.30pm MASS**	Confessions Erik & Maureen Kerr (Intentions)	
Sunday 27th September **PARISH HALL**	**9.00am MASS** **11.00am MASS** **Teas and Coffees**	Private Intention (Healing) People of Our Parish	**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **Annual Parish Mass Count Week 2**
Monday 28th September	**NO MASS**		
Tuesday 29th September	**NO MASS**		**SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, Archangels**
Wednesday 30th September	**NO MASS**		**St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
Thursday 1st October **PARISH HALL**	**NO MASS** **10.00am-12Noon**	 **THURSDAY CLUB**	**St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
Friday 2nd October	**NO MASS**		**The Holy Guardian Angels**
Saturday 3rd October	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm **6.30pm MASS**	Evening Prayer Confession Irene & William Davey RIP	
Sunday 4th October **PARISH HALL**	8.30am **9.00am MASS** **11.00am MASS** **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer Patricia & Noel McLaughlin (Intentions) People of Our Parish	**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **Annual Parish Mass Count Week 3**

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

CONFESSION: Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm on Saturday, or by appointment.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: For mental health ministry
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.

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.

XAVERIAN MISSIONARIES APPEAL & SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend 26th/27th September, Sacred Heart has the pleasure of welcoming Fr Robert to the Parish. Fr Robert will be presiding over all Masses. He will be making a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Xaverian Missionaries. There will be a second collection at all Masses for the Xaverian Mission.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT: This weekend is the second week of four Annual Parish Mass Counts. 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.

BETHANY MASS: Thank you to all who attended the Bethany Mass last weekend. Thank you also to all who provided and served refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass.

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).

THURSDAY CLUB: Thursday 10.00am-12 Noon. 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. All welcome!

RIP: Please remember in your prayers Thomas Davitt and Lily Dolly who died recently. Please keep Thomas and Lily their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 20.09.26 Envelopes £578.90; Loose Cash £311.07; Total £889.97 Thank you. Second Collection in aid of Home Mission Sunday £390.43 Thank you. Many parishioners give faithfully through the offertory collection each week. Did you know that if you are a UK taxpayer, your gift could be worth 25% more at no extra cost to you? Through Gift Aid, a donation of £10 becomes £12.50 — and we can even reclaim up to four years of past donations. Signing up is simple, confidential, and makes a big difference to parish life. Find out more at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/gift-aid/**

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. 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

LUTON COUNCIL OF FAITHS – PEACE WALK 2026: Saturday 26th September 2026
1.15pm start – St Mary's Church – 30th Annual Peace Walk: A public demonstration of community solidarity to build a stronger Luton by fostering understanding and friendship. For more information contact: **info@lutonfaiths.org** See Poster on the Noticeboard.

CAFOD APPEAL TALK: This weekend 26th/27th September there will also be an appeal on behalf of CAFOD for **Family Fast Day – Friday 2nd October.** A **second collection will take place over the weekend of Saturday 3rd/4th October**. Family Fast Day is a day when we are invited to pray, eat simply and give generously. By giving to CAFOD this Harvest we can put our faith into action and share God's love with our neighbours overseas. Please collect a CAFOD envelope (available in the Foyer) as you leave Church today, so that you can gift aid your donation or give through the CAFOD website. Please return your envelope for next weekend's Second Collection, or donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope** or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you to Geraldine and Bozena for being the representatives of this Parish for CAFOD.

HYMN BOOKS: Thank you to all who donated money towards dedications. The new hymn books were blessed during 9.00am Mass last weekend. If anyone would like to take an old hymn book that has a dedication in it for a loved one then please feel free to look through the hymn books which are in the SMA room.

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE 2026: Invitation to attend Safeguarding Conference **on 3rd October 2026 at St Thomas' Centre at Northampton Cathedral.** To book your place please email Laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org See Poster on the Noticeboard for further information.

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. The final Session in 2026 will take place on **Wednesday 11th November.** 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 Poster displayed on the Noticeboard.**

***REGISTRATION 2026 FOR SACRAMENTS IN SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH IN 2027:**
FIRST RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION); FIRST HOLY COMMUNION; CONFIRMATION
Registration for First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion (Year 3 and above in September 2026) and for Confirmation (Year 8 and above in September 2026) **is through the Parish only!**
This weekend 26th/27th September is the final chance to register. REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2026. Please make sure you have registered as a parishioner with the Parish through the CASPAR link. **Please complete a form (available in the Foyer) and email to the Parish Secretary (Bernadette).** parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org Please include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. Please check you have registered your child for the correct Sacrament. The responsibility for this lies with you as parents/guardians/carers alone.
No applications to register for the Sacraments will be accepted after the closing date 27th September 2026. Once registered you will receive an acknowledgement email.

FAMILY DAY: Sunday 27th September, Holy Ghost Parish Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD, **2:15pm–6:00pm** Free entry – booking required
https://sioncommunity.churchsuite.com/events/no5fkk9f
This will be an opportunity for families from across the pastoral area to come together, meet one another and be encouraged in their faith. (See Posters on the Noticeboard.)

PRICE INCREASE – CANDLES: Please note as from the 1st October the cost of Votive Candles will be increased due to rising supply costs – 60p per candle or £1 for 2 candles.

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR – 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ST FRANCIS: Italian Mass to honour St Francis of Assisi with the blessing of animals. **Holy Ghost Catholic Church**, Luton, LU4 8JD – **Sunday 4th October 2026 at 2.30pm.** All welcome! (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2026:
If you are a parent or grandparent of a student currently in Year 6, you are warmly invited to Cardinal Newman School on Thursday 1st October.
On the evening, you will hear a talk from the Headteacher Mrs Fay and our Head boy and girl.
You will then have the opportunity of a guided tour with either Year 11 prefects or a member of staff.
Our school hall has a maximum capacity and because of this we ask you to book your place via the link below:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cardinal-newman-catholic-school-open-evening-october-2026-tickets-2000464533270?aff=ebdsshcopyurl&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2027: Do you have a child due to start Reception or Year 7 in September 2027? Would you like to find out more about our Catholic Schools in this area? Use the QR code below to complete a short questionnaire and your preferred school will contact you with more information.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will be Please note emails will be answered remotely each Wednesday. Any telephone messages to the Parish Office – please state your name and state clearly twice a contact telephone number so that your query can be dealt with as quickly as possible.

MONTHLY MASS AT LONDON LUTON AIRPORT: Beginning on **Wednesday 7th October, in the Landside Prayer Room, Mass will be celebrated by Fr Allan at 11.00am** each month on the first Wednesday of the month. All are welcome. You will need to pay parking if you are neither staff nor travelling, there are ample buses to the airport.

FRIDGE FREEZER: Nearly new fridge freezer (3 months old) available – please contact Wesley Weekes for further information. If interested you must arrange your own transport for collection.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Mary Theresa Kehoe 2014; Joan Flynn 2017; 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; Olive Early 2025; John Wheeler 1991; Helen Davies 1993; Lawrence Higgins 2004 ✠ **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 at the top of the Newsletter 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).