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Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster and Deanery of St Alban

27th Sunday - Year A - Psalter Week 2 - 4th October 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), or the forthcoming First Communion or Confirmation Masses, 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

The Church capacity is significantly reduced. If possible, please attend 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 must not attend if you have Covid-19 or flu like symptoms and you are advised not to attend if you are medically vulnerable or 70+ years of age.

All other weekly Masses not listed in red bold type below will be celebrated by Fr Mirek privately without a congregation. 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

Saturday 3rd Public Mass	6.30pm	Roland and Dayle de Souza - Thanksgiving	St Thomas de Cantelupe
Sunday 4th Public Masses	9.00am 11.00am	Peter Blessing RIP Owen and Mary Ann Byrne RIP	
Monday 5 th		Peter Blessing RIP	
Tuesday 6 th		Harriet and Joe Quinn RIP	St Bruno
Wednesday 7th Public Mass	9.30am	Carmel and Jim McSharry RIP	Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday 8 th		John McMama RIP	
Friday 9 th WEDDING FUNERAL	NOON 2.30pm	Jim Purcell and Purcell family - Intentions RIONA KELLY AND MATTHEW COFFEY ELIZABETH MARY PHELAN RIP	SS Denis, Osyth, John Leonardi and John Henry Newman
Saturday 10th Public Mass	6.30pm	Guy Celine RIP	St Paul of York

Entrance Antiphon	Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.
Psalm Response	The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Through to the middle of October, small groups of Parish children will be receiving First Holy Communion at weekend Masses. Attendance for the family and friends of the First Communion children 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. If the permitted restricted capacity is reached, we will not be able to admit any further attendees.

CONFIRMATION MASS: Bishop David will celebrate our Confirmation Mass at 7.30pm on Thursday 22nd October. 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. If the permitted restricted capacity is reached, we will not be able to admit any further attendees. Please pray for our Confirmation class, as they prepare to be confirmed '*God our Father, we ask you to bless all candidates who are now preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the gifts within each young person be touched by your Holy Spirit and become blessings for our parish. Bless, too, all who have been the reflection of your Son's love for these young people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.*'

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 call 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

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

Thank you also to the Parishioners who have continued to maintain the Church grounds and buildings, including the recent repainting of the Church entrance areas.

THE PARISH OFFICE: The Parish office remains closed with all Parish staff on furlough. The Parish administration is being managed remotely on a voluntary basis via email: sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk. See also the Parish website 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/

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

DIOCESAN WEBINARS: Pope Francis has called on us to reflect on our current situation so, in response, a series of free Monday evening Diocesan online webinars will be taking place, to register please go to <https://postlockdownchurch.eventbrite.co.uk>

On Monday (5th October) we are very lucky to have Francis Davis, Professor of Religion, Community and Public Policy, speaking on Making it real, a parish for the poor. As Francis has also been involved in starting over 40 social enterprises, he's got a lot of practical knowledge to share about getting parish projects off the ground.

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL: Due to Covid-19, the Cardinal Newman Catholic School open evening for Year 6 students will be a 'virtual' open evening available on the school website from 8 October 2020 www.cardinalnewmanschool.net

The school is also seeking to recruit a full time Teaching Assistant to start as soon as possible. Please visit MyNewTerm or the school website for full details. Closing date 8 October 2020.

ELIZABETH MARY PHELAN RIP: The funeral for Elizabeth Mary Phelan will be at 2.30pm on Friday 9th October at The Vale Cemetery. Covid-19 attendance requirements apply.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently including: Elizabeth Mary Phelan, 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

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 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: Patrick James McGowan 2018; Michael Forde 2009; William Keogh 1969; Michael Ryan 1974; Marion Grimes 2005; Bryan Mogman 2009; Francis (Frank) David Paul Breheny 2019; John Zechs 1983; Frances Anderson 2000; Ethel Murtagh 1975; John Kokas 1988; John McManus 1989; Patrick Flanigan 2001; Austin Knights 2015; James Forrest 1965; John Halpin 1967; Thomas Franklin 1972; Alexander Warden 1983; Charles Reilly Brown 1994; John Flatley 1975; Celia Cowap 1986; Baby Jake Charles Moules 1996; Alice Connelly 2006.

✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen**