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 5th October 2025
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'**

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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**
Monday 6th October	**NO MASS**		
Tuesday 7th October	**NO MASS**		**Our Lady of the Rosary**
Wednesday 8th October	**NO MASS**		
Thursday 9th October	**NO MASS** **10.00am-12Noon**	**THURSDAY CLUB**	**ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST**
Friday 10th October	**NO MASS**		
Saturday 11th October	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Bill MacManus RIP (2nd Anniversary)	
Sunday 12th October **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Gabriella Zorpas RIP	**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **4th 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.

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.

In addition to this monthly intention, Pope Leo has asked each of us to pray the Rosary every day in October for peace.

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: This 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend 11th/12th October there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of PACT.

THE JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS: Will take place on Saturday and Sunday, 4th/5th October, in Rome. The programme includes two moments with Pope Leo XIV:

- Jubilee Audience on Saturday at 10:00
- Holy Mass on Sunday at 10:30

Both events will be held in St. Peter's Square.
More information can be viewed here: **https://northamptondiocese.org/home-page/wdmr/**

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!

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**

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 third 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.

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: Pope Leo has announced that he will declare Saint John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Church on 1st November.

NOAH BLUE BINS: Please note NOAH Blue Bins will be available to accept donations at Sacred Heart next weekend **11th/12th October**. Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

LUTON FOODBANK: Wish to thank Sacred Heart parishioners for their continued support in working together to fight food poverty in our community. You can read Luton Foodbank's Newsletter here: **https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/luton-foodbank-newsletter-september-2025/**

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL: This Sunday 5th October 9.00am Mass and 11.00am Mass, Nicola Morgan, Chair of the Local Academy Committee, will be making an appeal for those interested in applying to be Foundation Governors.

MARIATHON: Radio Maria invites you to our **Mariathon 15th-17th October**, as we "Turn Up the Volume" on the Quiet Revival in our nation. Hear inspiring guest speakers share stories of faith, growth, and renewal. Tune in via DAB+, the Radio Maria app, online at **www.radiomariaengland.uk,** or smart speaker. See Poster on the Noticeboard.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 28th September 2025 Loose cash £292.96; Envelopes £791.62; Total: £1084.58 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.

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.

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:
Mary Hobbs 1963; William Conlen 1971; Mary Bloomer 1980; Elizabeth McHugh 1991; John Forrest 1995; Luis Ortigosa 2008; Patrick James McGowan 2018; Pasqualina Maria Antonia Varga 2023; Michael Forde 2009; Patricia Gallagher 2022; 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; Lurleen Leu 2024; Austin Knights 2015; Julia Mary Burton 2020; James Forrest 1965; John Halpin 1967; Thomas Franklin 1972; Alexander Warden 1983; Charles Reilly Brown 1994; William 'Bill' Michael MacManus 2023 ✠ **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)