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 12th October 2025
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

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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**
Monday 13th October	9.30am **Parish Lounge** **7.00pm**	Private Intention (Healing) **Social Committee Meeting**	
Tuesday 14th October	9.30am	Terry Browne RIP PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 15th October	9.30am	Pedro Saculles RIP	**St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
Thursday 16th October	9.30am **10.00am-12Noon**	**THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 17th October	**NO MASS**		**St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**
Saturday 18th October	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Stuart Michael Gibson RIP	**ST LUKE, EVANGELIST**
Sunday 19th October **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees** **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Eddie Travers (Jnr) RIP Bethany Mass	**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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-Thursday 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.

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

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 especially Olive Early (sister-in-law to Jane Jones). Please keep Olive's family 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 **11th/12th October** there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of **PACT, Prison Advice & Care Trust**. Prisoners' Sunday invites us to reflect on how we, as Church and community, support those affected by imprisonment. With record numbers in our overcrowded prisons, many face violence, isolation, and despair; others leave with no home, work, or hope. Families, too, serve a hidden sentence, often struggling to afford basic needs. By marking Prisoners' Sunday, we stand with prisoners and their loved ones, helping them find dignity, renewal, and the chance of a fresh start.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend **18th/19th October** there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of **Missio** – World Mission Sunday.

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!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL: Thank you to all who donated so generously to the recent CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal - £986.92. Thank you to Bozena and Geraldine, our CAFOD Parish Representatives, for all that you both do on behalf of our Parish.

NEXT STEPS FOR THE SYNOD: PATHWAYS FOR IMPLEMENTATION: Saturday 18th October, online workshop 11.00am-1.30pm. Join Avril Baigent and Fr Matthew Nunes as they explore the practical steps to implement the Synod.
With keynote speaker Bishop Brendan Leahy (Diocese of Limerick) and papal biographer Austen Ivereigh, plus opportunities to share with others from across the UK and beyond.
More here **https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/news/18th-october-event-exploring-pathways-of-the-synod-journey**

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 Lounge.** All welcome! Come along to put forward your ideas for planning and organising social events/activities and to form a Social Committee.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT: This weekend is the final 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.

BETHANY MASS: The next Bethany Mass is on **Sunday 19th October at 3.00pm** at Sacred Heart. Refreshments will be provided in the Parish Hall after Mass. 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.

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 this 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/

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.

NO PLACE FOR HATE: Invitation to attend a 'No Place for Hate' event to celebrate cohesion across Luton and work together to find solutions and commit to keeping the harmony in our town. We will hear from a keynote speaker and those with lived experience, as well as a networking opportunity and panel, as part of 'National Hate Crime Awareness Week'.
The event will be held at St Mary's Church in Luton Town Centre, on Thursday 16th October 2025, between 5pm to 8pm – doors open at 4.30pm so that everyone can be seated for a 5pm start.
Light refreshments will be available, and the nearest parking is at Power Court (or other town centre car parks). Please get in touch if you require accessible parking.
Booking is essential for this event and the link can be found here:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/luton-no-place-for-hate-event-tickets-1741610918139?aff=oddtdtcreator

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 5th October 2025 Loose cash £333.89; Envelopes £638.60; Total: £972.49. 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/**

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.

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.

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.

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:
William 'Bill' Michael MacManus 2023; Grazyna Jarema 2020; John Flatley 1975; Celia Cowap 1986; Baby Jake Charles Moules 1996; Alice Connelly 2006; John Mills 1982; Frederick Greenaway 1990; Albert Dinsey 1992; Patrick Burns 2013; James (Jim) McGhee 2013; John Johnson 1962; Nora Harrison 1983; Christopher Flood 1996; Dorothy Smith 2004; Edward James Travers 2013; David Doak-Dunelly 2019; Celia Harkin 1988; Margaret Lee 1990; Franciszek Wiacczek 1993; Eva Margaret Bozser 2022; Michael McMeil 1984; Gloria Hanson 1990; Patrick Byrne 2009; Eamon McGovern 2010; Pedro Tacadena Saculles 2021; Patrick Mathurin 2023; John O'Sullivan 1984; James Cavanagh 1989; Michael Callaghan 1999; Mary Connaughton 2001; Caroline Garrand 1962; Joseph McKeown 1972; Orazia (Grace) Cacioppo 2021; Sheila Butcher 2020 ✠ **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)