Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban
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YEAR A – Sunday 11th October 2026
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 4
PRISONERS' SUNDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.**

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Saturday 10th October	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm **6.30pm MASS**	Evening Prayer Confession Eddie Travers (Jnr) RIP	
Sunday 11th October **PARISH HALL**	8.30am **9.00am MASS** **11.00am MASS** **Teas and Coffees** **BAPTISM**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Vicente & Cherry Mendenilla RIP Hayden Damien Duncan Canning	**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **Annual Parish Mass Count Week 4**
Monday 12th October	**9.30am MASS**	Private Intention (Healing)	
Tuesday 13th October **PARISH OFFICE**	**9.30am MASS** **After 9.30am Mass And 6.00pm-7.00pm**	Jim Riley (Healing) Prayer Group: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond **SIGNING OF CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**	**St Edward the Confessor**
Wednesday 14th October	**9.30am MASS**	Gabriella Zorpas RIP	
Thursday 15th October **PARISH HALL**	**NO MASS** **10.00am-12Noon**	 **THURSDAY CLUB**	**St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
Friday 16th October	**10.00am Funeral**	**FUNERAL SERVICE: DAMIAN GRAHAM WAITE**	
Saturday 17th October	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm **6.30pm MASS**	Evening Prayer Confession Anthony & Neville Davey RIP	**St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**
Sunday 18th October **PARISH HALL**	8.30am **9.00am MASS** **11.00am MASS** **Teas and Coffees** **BAPTISM** **3.00pm MASS**	Morning Prayer Stuart Gibson RIP People of Our Parish Xavier John Francis Feilim Bowden **Bethany Mass**	**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **World Mission Day**

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.

MORNING PRAYER: 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. All welcome.

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.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers Lily Dolly, Damian Waite, Rossanna Angeli and Stephanie Dalling who died recently. Please keep Lily, Damian, Rosanna, Stephanie, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Damian Waite RIP, Funeral Service **Friday 16th October 10.00am at Sacred Heart.**
Rossanna Angeli RIP, Funeral Service **Thursday 29th October,10.00am at Sacred Heart.**

ADOREMUS, THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: This Saturday, 10th October, 45 pilgrims from across our Diocese will travel to London to take part in Adoremus, the National Eucharistic Congress. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our pilgrims to join Catholics from across England and Wales in celebrating our faith and reflecting together on the gift of the Eucharist at the heart of our life as the Church. Although the Congress is taking place in London, the day can be shared by the whole Diocese. The Congress will be livestreamed, allowing parishioners, families and those unable to attend in person to join in from home. Watch the Adoremus livestream:
https://northamptondiocese.org/adoremus-3/
Please also keep our 45 diocesan pilgrims in your prayers as they travel to London and take part in what promises to be a very special day of Eucharistic celebration, prayer and fellowship.

CELEBRATING THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOLS: As we celebrate Education Sunday in our Diocese this weekend, our local Catholic schools in the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust have produced a newsletter highlighting the ways in which they have been living out their mission over the last year. You can read it online here **https://www.stcat.co.uk/about-us/catholicity-and-inclusion/celebrating-catholic-life-newsletter/** or take a copy from the Foyer.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT: This weekend is the fourth and final 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.

MONTHLY MASS AT LONDON LUTON AIRPORT: Commenced 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.

BETHANY MASS: The next Bethany Mass will take place at Sacred Heart Church next weekend on Sunday 18th October at 3.00pm. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass. All welcome!

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!

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 27.09.26 Envelopes £631.48; Loose Cash £390.97; Total £1022.45 Thank you. Second Collection in aid of CAFOD Family Fast Day £944.94 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/

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be open Monday and Friday mornings 10.00am-12 Noon. 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.

BOOKCASES: Two more bookcases to go to a good home – donations to the Parish. Please speak to Fr Allan.

NOAH BLUE BINS: Available to accept donations at Sacred Heart **this weekend 10th/11th October.** Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

PRAYER AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT: Two initiatives this October offer support and meaningful opportunities for those affected by abuse in the Catholic Church. From 18–23 October, the Jesuit Institute is offering a free Online Week of Guided Prayer for those directly or indirectly affected by clergy abuse, providing daily personal prayer, confidential one-to-one spiritual accompaniment and space for reflection. For more information, contact Sarah Young at **syoung@jesuit.org.uk or visit www.jesuitinstitute.org/events.**

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is also inviting victims and survivors of abuse in a Catholic Church setting to join its Survivor Panel, helping bring lived experience to the development and inspection of safeguarding standards. The role is remunerated, with expenses covered. Expressions of interest are invited by 5pm on Friday 16 October. For a confidential conversation, contact Sarah Gleadall at **sarah.gleadall@catholicsafeguarding.org.uk.**

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: Fr Allan will be signing Certificates on **Tuesday 13th October after the 9.30am Mass and 6.00-7.00pm in the Parish Office.**
Please bring to the Office your child's Sign-Up Sunday Card. Please make sure you are registered with CASPAR as a parishioner.

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.**

SECOND COLLECTION 10TH/11TH OCTOBER: PRISONERS' SUNDAY takes place on 11th October and is the Catholic Church's National Day of Prayer and action for prisoners, their children and families, and all those affected by imprisonment. It is an opportunity to reflect on Christ's call, **"I was in prison and you visited me"** and to respond with prayer, compassion and practical support.

Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust) is the national Catholic prison charity. Pact supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their families. Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, Pact believes in the dignity of every person and in the possibility of a fresh start. Pact warmly invites you to take part in Prisoners' Sunday 2026. There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend 10th/11th October. (Donation envelopes in the Foyer)

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

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: As from January 2027 we would like a Rota to be set up with volunteers to make/serve teas/coffees after the Sunday 11.00am Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to gather after Sunday Mass but the facility is not being utilised as it should be. **Without more volunteers we cannot continue to offer this service**. So please email the Parish or speak to Wes if you are able to help out on a regular basis and are happy to have your name put forward to be added on a Rota. We need more volunteers throughout our Parish – counters, cleaners, general maintenance, gardening etc. If you can help, please put your name forward, email the Parish or speak to Fr Allan. Most volunteers are retired and the time and commitment offered is most appreciated during working hours, but we need more parishioners to offer their help – please suggest a time when maybe you are available to help and then if we get enough volunteers, we may be able to draw up a rota for hours outside of normal working hours! Thank you.

LEGION OF MARY: Invite parishioners to gather to say the Rosary at the Vale Cemetery on 7th November at 1.30pm. All welcome!

MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL NEWMAN RC HIGH SCHOOL: 'This week has been one of the highlights of our school year as we came together to celebrate the Feast of Saint John Henry Newman, the patron of our school community. As always, it provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our mission, our shared values and the many blessings of belonging to the Cardinal Newman family.
Our celebration of our Feast Day began with a beautiful Mass in the Hall, celebrated by Fr Allan and Monsignor Kevin. Students represented their tutor groups with great reverence and pride, creating a fitting and prayerful start to our celebrations. It was a lovely occasion and a reminder of the faith and community that sit at the heart of our school.
Following Mass, we enjoyed our annual 7km walk around Warden Hills in glorious autumn sunshine. It was a fantastic celebration of our community and of the connections that bind us together. The atmosphere throughout the day was full of joy, laughter and companionship.'

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.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
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;
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 ✠ **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).