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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

29th Sunday - Year A - Psalter Week 4 - 18th 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 on 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. At this weekend's Masses there will also be a **2nd collection for WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** at the exit as you leave the Church after Mass.

Saturday 17th Public Mass	6.30pm	Michael Barnard RIP	St Ignatius of Antioch
Sunday 18th Public Masses	9.00am 11.00am	Stuart Gibson - Intentions Roberto Spiga RIP	
Monday 19 th		Virginia Daluz RIP	St Paul of the Cross
Tuesday 20 th			
Wednesday 21st Public Mass	9.30am	Czeslawa Pechnik RIP - 1st Anniversary	
Thursday 22 nd Confirmation Mass		Ralph Whitehouse RIP 7.30pm Confirmation Mass	Pope St John-Paul II
Friday 23 rd		Anne Maria Donegar RIP	St John of Capestrano
Saturday 24th Public Mass	6.30pm	Mary Hogan RIP	St Anthony Claret

Entrance Antiphon	To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.
Psalm Response	Give the Lord glory and power.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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. If the permitted restricted capacity is reached, we cannot 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 have prepared 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. No pastoral visits can be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: Thank you also to our volunteer cleaners and stewards who enable us to have public Masses. We **urgently** need more volunteers. Stewards manage the safe entrance, participation and exit of worshippers and the cleaners sanitise the Church 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 and Grotto wall.

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 (£6.00 each) and also SMA Mass cards.

PARISH CARETAKER: Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Harpenden, are looking to appoint a part-time Parish Caretaker. Responsibilities will include: maintenance of the Parish hall, and other parish property. An ability to work alone is essential. For further information please visit: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-caretaker-harpenden-our-lady-of-lourdes-parish/>

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>

RIP: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently and their families and friends 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 anybody who would value 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.

DIOCESAN WEBINARS: The most recent webinar can be viewed at: <http://formationpathways.co.uk/exploring-the-post-lockdown-church-webinar-series/> There are now also lots of resources here, so you may have to scroll down a bit to find it. It was led by Hannah Vaughan Spruce, UK Director of Divine Renovation. She was fantastic: practical, honest and passionate about creating transformed communities. Lots of ideas for parishes to take on board as we head into the next few months.

Next week we welcome Fleur Dorrell, director of the God Who Speaks campaign. Speaking on The God Who Speaks in All Season, she will be sharing stories about the different ways that people prayed with Scripture during lockdown and will give us inspiration for the months to come.

ABORTION: Tuesday 27th October is the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27th October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling see; www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

On Saturday 24th October 1.00pm to 2.00pm an Act of Prayer and Witness in support of life and against abortion will take place outside the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. Please come to give these children a voice - and to pray for all involved.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Young 1973; Thomas Earley 1974; Brian Tyson 1982; Sean Conroy 1989; Murtha Morris 1974; Brenda Rees 1977; George Mangan 1983; Jeremiah McCarthy 1990; Anthony Smith 1994; Christopher Lawlor 1999; Maurice Pettit 2001; Teddy Kieran 2001; Cosimo Schirinzi 2006; Cis (Bridget) Hill 2017; Edward Duffy 1967; John Tarleton 1972; Maurice Toomey 1983; John O'Callaghan 1993; Joyce Summers 1995; Denise Waters 2004; John Croke 1972; Jaqueline Charles 1979; Antonia Vinent 1998; Maire Palcic 2001; Baby Anthony Ronan 1988; James McGuinness 2009; Patrick Forde 2016; Mary McDade 1982; Robert Millar 1999; Annina (Nina) Allen 2016; William Baxter 1987; Rose Wallsworth 1999; John Temporal 2002; John Rankin 2004; Ron Gepp 2010; Vincenzo Messina 2017; Alfonso Abella 2003. ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**