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 19th October 2025
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 1
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

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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**
Monday 20th October	9.30am	Healing (Private Intention)	
Tuesday 21st October	9.30am	Michael Friel RIP PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 22nd October	**NO MASS**		
Thursday 23rd October	**NO MASS** **10.00am-12Noon**	**THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 24th October	**NO MASS**		
Saturday 25th October	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions People of Our Parish	
Sunday 26th October **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer Maureen Clancy RIP Carberry Family RIP	**THIRTIETH 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 and Tuesday 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 Jenny Walsh and Olive Early (sister-in-law to Jane Jones). Please remember Jenny and Olive in your prayers and keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS: Olive Early RIP, Funeral Tuesday 28th October, 12 Noon at Sacred Heart.

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 **18th/19th October** there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of **Missio** – World Mission Sunday.
The Holy Father invites us to join the global Missio family in supporting World Mission Sunday, the Church's annual worldwide celebration of mission. On this special day, Pope Leo XIV asks people in every Catholic parish around the world to support Missio - his charity for world mission. We stand united in prayer and solidarity with our sisters and brothers in need, as together we strive to make God's love more visible in the world.

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Leo reminds us that we are called to be "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples" - witnesses of Christ's love and resurrection in our parishes and communities, and in solidarity with those in greatest need. Read Pope Leo's message for the day here:
https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/mission/documents/20251013-giornata-missionaria.html

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: Thank you to all who attended the Social Committee Meeting last week. Lots of ideas put forward for future events. A chance for all the Parish to become involved.

BETHANY MASS: 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

JOIN OUR DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE: Beginning this coming Monday, journey with Canon John Udris and Canon Simon Penhalagan as our diocesan family walks in the footsteps of the saints - from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Paray-le-Monial to the shrine of St John Vianney in Ars.

Each day, you can share in the graces of this pilgrimage from home through our daily e-newsletter, featuring inspiring video reflections filmed on location, audio homilies and prayers, blog updates, and beautiful photographs. Join us in prayer and discovery as we encounter St Margaret Mary, St Bernadette, and the communities of Taizé, Cluny, and Sept-Fons, allowing their witness to renew your own faith journey. Sign up today to become a virtual pilgrim and travel with us in spirit: **https://northamptondiocese.org/sacred-heart-pilgrim/**

JUST A REMINDER: Sunday 26th October 2025 British Summer Time (BST) ends **- clocks go back one hour!**

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.

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN MISSION EVENT: Saturday 25th October 10.00am to 4.30pm St. Mary's Church Dunstable
You are invited to a special day Celebrating Faith by fanning into flame the gifts we have received. Tea/coffee provided, bring a packed lunch. Ros Powell will lead the day. Come along, bring a friend, donation only. See Poster on the Noticeboard.

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

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE: There will be a Bereavement Service at Sacred Heart on **Sunday 2nd November at 3.00pm.** Please bring a photo of your loved one to place in front of the Altar at the beginning of the service. All welcome to attend. Refreshments in the Hall after the service.

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). There will also be a raffle. If you are happy to donate a raffle prize then please hand in to the Parish Office to Bernadette **17th, 19th, 21st November** (during office hours Mon, Weds, Fri 10am-12Noon). A box in the Foyer will also be available in which raffle prizes can be donated over the weekend of **15th/16th November**. Thank you.

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.

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.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 12th October 2025 Loose cash £364.96; Envelopes £634.60; Total: £999.56. 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/**

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Mary Sullivans 1964; Baby Peyton Riley Crump 2023; William Burns 1976; Gregory Flaherty 1998; Alfonso Abella 2003; Maria Abella 2022; Wanda Hall 2022; 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; Henrietta Mary Flitton 2023; John Croke 1972; Jaqueline Charles 1979; Antonia Vinent 1998; Maire Palcic 2001; Kate 'Kitty' Kehoe 2023; Baby Anthony Ronan 1988; James McGuinness 2009; Patrick Forde 2016; Mary McDade 1982; Robert Millar 1999; James Connorton 2024; Annina (Nina) Allen 2016 ✠ **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)