



Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton – Registered Charity Number 234091
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Year A - Sunday 15th January 2023

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PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and leave a contact number.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2023: This weekend there will be an Appeal on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). Please give generously. White Flower Postcards are available for Parishioners to fill in to support this campaign to ask the Prime Minister to defend true freedom of speech in our country.

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| Saturday 14 th January | 11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm | Confession Evening Prayer Mr Rhodes RIP | |
| Sunday 15 th January | 8.15am 9.00am 11.00am | Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Fazilahmed Family | SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Peace Day |
| Monday 16 th January | 9.30am 11.00am | Private Intention REQUIEM: MARGARET MANLEY | |
| Tuesday 17 th January | 9.30am | John & Daniel Comerford RIP | St Anthony |
| Wednesday 18 th January | 9.30am | Mollie Agnall RIP | |
| Thursday 19 th January | 9.30am | Geoffrey O'Brien RIP | |
| Friday 20 th January | 9.30am | Thanksgiving to Parish on behalf of the family of Ed Duggan RIP | |
| Saturday 21 st January | 11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm | Confession Evening Prayer Roberto Spiga RIP Reception of Josh & Jacob as Catechumens | St Agnes |
| Sunday 22 nd January | 8.15am 9.00am 11.00am BAPTISM | Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Alice Margey RIP Jonah Junior Lucas Castro Rusere | THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Sunday of the Word of God |

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

RIP: Please pray for Margaret Manley who died recently. Please keep Margaret, her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS: As of 7th/8th January, we have reintroduced the procession of the gifts of bread and wine at our weekend Masses. The bread and wine will be brought up **immediately after the bidding prayers.**

NOAH: Homeless charity NOAH are expecting to see more people seeking their help this winter due to consequences of cost-of-living crisis and the aftermath of the pandemic. This winter, with your help, they are hoping to raise, £15,000 for people who have nowhere else to turn, across Luton and Central Bedfordshire. For more information and to donate, please visit: <http://www.noahenterprise.org/winter-appeal-2022> - **Our Crib Collection will go to NOAH.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please confirm attendance, by email or telephone, to the Parish Office.

PAX CHRISTI – PEACE DAY: Please note the Second Collection for Pax Christi, Peace Day will take place on the weekend of 28th/29th January.

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM 2023: 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 speak to Deacon Jim to book your place, or telephone or email the Parish Office. The dates for the Baptism Preparation Classes for 2023 are as follows: Saturday 28th January, Saturday 22nd April, Saturday 10th June, Saturday 16th September and Saturday 4th November. All classes start promptly at 3.30pm.

VOLUNTEERS: Thank you to the volunteers who helped to take down the Christmas decorations.

ST PAUL'S MISSALS: St Paul's Missals are available to buy from the Repository. Please see Judy.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Saturday 4th February 2023, at Pastoral Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD – 10.30am-1.00pm

Catechists, anyone interested in helping or wishing to be involved in restarting the Children's Liturgy of the Word at Sunday 11.00am Mass is invited to attend a morning programme/workshop to discuss and share principles and resources to facilitate Children's Liturgy. To book please email: parish.holyghost@northamptondiocese.org T:01582 722127 Monday-Friday 9.00am-2.00pm.

Please feel free to speak to Fr Allan if you are interested to find out more about this event.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Please be careful when lighting votive candles. Do not place lit candles on the shelf below as this is dangerous! One candle per holder please.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY ON ASSISTED SUICIDE: SPUC is urging people to respond to a parliamentary inquiry on assisted suicide as pro-assisted suicide campaigners gear up with fresh attempts to legalise the practice. In addition to these threats, the Health and Social Care Select Committee in Westminster has launched an inquiry on assisted suicide. Visit: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Article/385408/SPUC> to complete a questionnaire to help fight to protect the vulnerable against the horror of assisted suicide. Completed questionnaires must be submitted by 20th January.

PRO LIFE WITNESS AT L&D HOSPITAL: Saturday 21st January 2023, 1.00pm to 2.00pm Act of Prayer and Witness in support of life and against abortion outside the Luton and Dunstable Hospital.

ENCOUNTER LUTON- HOSTED BY MISSION NORTHAMPTON: During 'Encounter', the Good News of Jesus is re-explored through lively and engaging presentations based on the Word of God, prayer and music, as well as times of reflection and sharing. Participants will hopefully deepen their relationship with God as well as discover a renewed desire to share their faith with others.

When? Saturday 28th January, 10.00am– 5.00pm.

How much? The cost of £15 includes lunch and unlimited tea and coffee.

Where? St Martin De Porres RC Church, Luton

For more information and to book please visit:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/encounter-luton/>

LUX.FLAWLESS: A residential weekend for young Catholics from year 7-13 packed with activities, faith exploration and fun. Join over 100 young people from around the Diocese from 3rd-5th February 2023 at The Kings Park Conference Centre in Northampton. Please contact Fiona email fiona@nymo.org or visit www.nymo.org/lux for more information and to book your place.

LIGHT UP LENT! ONLINE WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER: 23rd February-2nd March:

Give yourself the gift of time with God this Lent by taking part in our Online Week of Accompanied Prayer. Encounter Jesus in a new way through the Scriptures and see your prayer life come to life. Introductory webinar 23rd Jan, 7.30-8.30pm.

https://week_of_accompanied_prayer.eventbrite.co.uk

RETRouvaille: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES: Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24th -26th February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6th-9th 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk Please see Noticeboard.

WARM SPACE: A warm space, a warm welcome and a warm drink! Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from the 10th January 9.30am-1.30pm at Stopsley Baptist Church.

FOOD4ALL: Community Meal: A hot meal for anyone, any age. Every Thursday – January until March 2023. Pay if you can. Stopsley Baptist Church 5.30pm-6.30pm.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Desmond Whittaker 1994; David Knox 1962; Alan Patrick Howard 2013;
Sylvia Margaret Hubert 2015; Fiona Johnson 1969; Andres Solice 1977; Pauline Johnson 2009;
Ambrose (Gerry) Breslin 2013; Robert George Neil 2014; Mary Simpkins 1969;
Charles McEvitt 1972; May Burke 1993; Elizabeth O'Donnell 1997; June McCarthy 2005;
Thomas O'Neill 2005; Julia Manning 2009; Matthew (Mat) Brennan 2017;
Christopher Knights 1971; Joseph Mulholland 1995; Martin Kelly 2003;
Stephen Brannon 2005; Maureen Breweton 2006; Karoly Schmidt 2012;
Kathleen Gallagher 2015; Baby Olivia Hope Broderick 2014; Dennis Danaher 1968;
Kate Davies 1978; Agnes Blakey 1979; Elizabeth Tyson 1988; Reginald Flower 1989;
Geoffrey O'Brien 1996; Dermott MacDonald 2001; Paul Gerrard Hope 2001;
Bridget Gallagher 2001; Arthur McGhee 2019; Jane McNalty 1971; Bridget Early 1975;
Leo William Clarke 2017 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**