



# Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton  
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban

**Year B - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

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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, time and a contact number.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of Pax Christi. (Envelopes and Prayer Cards are available in the Foyer.)

**MASSES:** Please note there will not be a 9.30am Mass on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January or Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	11.00am 5pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Alice Margey RIP	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am <b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>Day of Prayer for Peace on Earth</b> Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Margaret Manley RIP (Birthday) Penelope Tyrrell	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Andy McKenna RIP PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	John Walsh RIP	<b>St Anthony of Egypt</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January <b>HALL MEMORIAL MASS</b>	<b>10-12Noon</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>THURSDAY CLUB</b> <b>PATRICIA MacDONALD RIP</b> <b>(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b>	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Concetta Bruno RIP	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	11.00am 5pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Patricia MacDonald RIP	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am <b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>Sunday of the Word of God</b> Morning Prayer Margaret Manley RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) People of Our Parish Oslo Mitchell Iannelli	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: For the Gift of Diversity in the Church**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**RIP:** Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Margaret Jackson. Please keep Margaret, her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

**FUNERAL DETAILS:** Margaret Jackson RIP, Service Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 11.30am at Sacred Heart.

**PATRICIA MacDONALD RIP:** Please remember Patricia's husband, family and friends as they gather this week to lovingly honour the memory of Patricia on her first anniversary. Please remember Patricia RIP and keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult and sad time.

**RIP:** Please remember in your prayers this weekend John Hanrahan RIP. Please keep his wife Julie, family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they lovingly remember John on his first anniversary.

**THURSDAY CLUB:** The Thursday Club meets every Thursday in the Parish Hall from 10.00am-12 Noon. All welcome.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you to the volunteers/helpers who took the decorations and tree down from the church on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**WORLD DAY OF PEACE:** For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we know that we do need to think about the consequences of the advances in AI for peace and justice. Peace Sunday is an important opportunity for Pax Christi to raise funds. Their small team of staff and volunteers are highly dedicated and work hard to support and encourage all in working for peace. They greatly appreciate the support parish communities give through collections and donations and they would ask that you take this opportunity to support them this year. Please visit: [info@paxchristi.org.uk](mailto:info@paxchristi.org.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING:** Bishop David Oakley is available to meet with anyone affected by abuse, as a victim, survivor, their families or supporters, where private discussions can take place in a safe and non-judgmental environment. Contact safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or email [safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

**READERS ROTA:** Copies of the updated Rota for 6<sup>th</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 are now available in the Foyer.

**PRAYER GROUP:** Please note the Prayer Group meet on Tuesday each week after the 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY LUTON:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 10.00am-12.30pm at Holy Ghost Parish Centre, Westbourne Road, Luton led by Reverend Heather Whyte, United Reformed Church, Minister for Luton and Dunstable. The theme this year is 'The nature of unity and the oneness of God'. Light refreshments will be provided, free parking. See Poster on the Noticeboard for full details.

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:** Next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 3.00pm Bishop David will preside at a Bible Service in the Cathedral during which he will commission readers present at the service and those who join him by livestream. All readers are very welcome to take part by attending the Cathedral.

**LUX DIVE:** Our diocesan youth ministry office has announced the dates of the next residential weekend for young people. 'Lux.dive' will take place from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The weekend is open to all those in school years 7-13 and costs £125 pp. Visit <https://nymo.org/lux-dive/> If interested, please contact Fr Allan, we can provide some financial help to enable young people to attend.

**CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? You will be supported by CAFOD with training and all resources will be provided and expenses paid. For more information contact Debbie Purfield [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk) or call 07786 114 390

### **VACANCIES:**

St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are looking to recruit a Chief Finance and Operations Officer working across all the schools in the Trust, Luton, Bucks and Slough. Further information visit <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/320797/EDV-2023-STCAT-45441>. Closing date for applications is Midday on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are looking to recruit RE Teachers, both existing and current teachers looking to convert. To register your interest for this or any other role within our Trust, please visit: [St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, Dunstable, Luton and Slough/ Teaching Jobs & Education Jobs | MyNewTerm](#)

**NOAH:** Please note there will be no Blue Bins available for donations this weekend 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January. Please do not leave any donations in the Foyer. The next NOAH Donation/Collection at Sacred Heart will be in February.

**FIRST AIDERS:** Thank you to all who have volunteered to be named First Aiders at Sacred Heart Church. Please contact Maurice to discuss the necessary arrangements/training required to implement designated First Aid Roles within the Church. Thank you.

**COLLECTION:** Figures for w/e 7.01.2024 Envelopes £ 673.00; Loose Cash £322.61; TOTAL £995.61 Thank you.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Baby Robert Barratt 1983; David Aikins 1995; Desmond Whittaker 1994; John Hanrahan 2023; 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; Patricia Marian MacDonald 2023; 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 ✕ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**