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 January 2025
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**

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Saturday 18th January	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Martin Loughnane (Intentions)	
Sunday 19th January	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer Geoffrey O'Brien RIP People of Our Parish **Bethany Group Mass**	**2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **Peace Sunday**
Monday 20th January	9.30am	Billy O'Reilly RIP	
Tuesday 21st January	9.30am	Holy Souls	**St Agnes,** **Virgin and Martyr**
Wednesday 22nd January	9.30am	Holy Souls	
Thursday 23rd January	9.30am	Anna Demeter RIP	
Friday 24th January	9.30am	Holy Souls	**St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Saturday 25th January	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Thanksgiving to Parish on behalf of the family of Teresa Hurley RIP	**Conversion of St Paul the Apostle**
Sunday 26th January	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Tim Naughton RIP People of our Parish	**3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **Sunday of the Word of God**

PARISH HALL: Teas and Coffees available after Sunday 11.00am Mass. All are welcome!

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 Geraldine Bonner and keep Geraldine, her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.
FUNERAL DETAILS: Geraldine Bonner RIP, Friday 14th February, 11.00am at The Vale.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: To request the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact Fr Allan or the Parish Office.

CONFESSION: Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm every Saturday or by appointment.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection this weekend **18th/19th January** is in aid of Pax Christi - Peace Sunday. Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Peace is 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'. The message speaks of how we must listen to the 'pleas of an endangered humanity', how the year of Jubilee inspires us to seek the liberating justice of God in our world and how by 'opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, we will restore God's justice on earth' and 'move forward to achieve the goal of peace'. For more info **https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/20241208-messaggio-58giornatamondiale-pace2025.pdf**

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. The dates for the Baptism Preparation Classes for 2025 are as follows: Thursday **6th February**, 7.00pm; Thursday **3rd July**, 7.00pm; Thursday **4th September**, 7.00pm; Thursday **6th November**, 7.00pm. Please speak to Deacon Jim or contact the Parish Office.

SAFEGUARDING: Bishop David Oakley is available to meet anyone affected by abuse via the safeguarding office 01604 723514 or by email **safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org**

NOAH BINS: Dat Sacred Heart **18th/19th January**. Donations of good quality, clean pre-loved clothes, bric-a-brac, books and small items of furniture will be gratefully accepted.

CHRISTMAS CRIB: The crib (up until **2nd February**) collection will go to 'Embrace', tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. For more information go to **https://embraceme.org/**

SAINT THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMIES TRUST (STCAT): Congratulations to Joe Richardson, Strategic Executive Lead (SEL) for St Thomas Catholic Academy Trust who will become the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at St John The Baptist Catholic Multi-Academy Trust in the Diocese of East Anglia in September 2025. We wish Joe well in his new role and await further news in the coming months concerning the recruitment of his successor.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: - This week (18th – 25th January) marks the annual week of prayer for Christian Unity with the theme: "Do you Believe this?" There is a booklet of reflections available at: **https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/WPCU-2025-English-Pamphlet-for-website.pdf.pagespeed.ce.apcKAcRDaN.pdf**

YOUNG CATHOLICS CURRY NIGHT: If you are 18 - 35, come along to the Indian Ocean on Sundon Park Road to get to know other young Catholics from across Luton. Friday **24th January** at 7.00pm. Email **parish.stjosephluton@northamptondiocese.org** to let us know you are coming.

SUNDAY FOR THE WORD OF GOD: This year the Sunday of the Word of God falls on **26th January**. It is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. Bishop David will lead a liturgical celebration in our Cathedral at 3.00pm on this day. All those who proclaim and/or teach the scriptures are invited to pray together and be commissioned for their ministry and are welcome to attend either in person or virtually.

A JOURNEY OF HOPE: For the Jubilee Year this Lent, there is an opportunity of a retreat in daily life, on Mondays from **3rd March**. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. You will receive weekly one-to-one support from an experienced prayer guide on zoom. To find out more, sign up to our introductory webinar on Monday **3rd February**, 7.30pm -8.30pm **https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1506153**

WORD ON FIRE UK BIBLE CONFERENCE: Join Bishop Robert Barron from **Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February 2025** at the Excel Centre, East London for a conference entitled 'Evangelisation and Culture: The Bible' to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. For more information and to register, please visit: **wordonfire.org/the-bible-event**

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Retrouvaille, a Catholic ministry for marriages in difficulty, provides a programme to enable couples to restore trust in their marriage. In a recent survey, 75% of couples who experienced the Retrouvaille programme were still together five years later. To register for the next programme via Zoom from **27th February** to **2nd March** call or text 07887 296983, or email **info@retrouvaille.org.uk** or go to **www.retrouvaille.org.uk**

PASTORAL AREA PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL: To celebrate the 175th Anniversary of our Diocese and the Jubilee Year, Bishop David will be celebrating Mass at Northampton Cathedral on **17th May 2025**. More details will be forthcoming including the planned arrangements for coaches from every parish.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Week ending **17th January 2025** - Cash £508.78; Envelopes £575.35; Total £1,084.13. Thank you. If you Gift Aid donations, we can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Patrick Nally 1987; 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.
✠ **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.