

Heart to Heart

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - Year C



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COVID MASK WEARING REQUIREMENT: It is currently a legal requirement that the public and staff in public facing areas must wear face coverings (unless exempt) including in places of worship. Please bring a face covering with you when attending Mass. Please do not attend Church if you have any symptoms of Covid19.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is **CLOSED** until Wednesday 5th January 2022. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and leave a contact number.

NEWSLETTERS: Paper Newsletters are not available this week.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Please note that Thursday 6th January is a Holy Day – The Epiphany of the Lord. On Thursday there will be an additional Mass at 7.00pm. Morning Masses throughout the week will be at 9.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please check the weekly Newsletter for the Mass Intentions.

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| 2022 | | | |
| Saturday 1st January | 9.30am 10.00am 6.30pm | Adoration with Rosary People of Our Parish John & Daniel Comerford RIP | MARY, MOTHER OF GOD |
| Sunday 2 nd January | 9.00am 11.00am | Victor Dias RIP McManus & Sherry Families RIP | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS |
| Monday 3 rd January | NO MASS | | The Most Holy Name of Jesus |
| Tuesday 4 th January | 9.30am | | |
| Wednesday 5 th January | 9.30am | Pat Brennan RIP | |
| Thursday 6th January | 9.30am 7.00pm | | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD |
| Friday 7 th January | 9.30am | | St Raymond Of Penyafort |
| Saturday 8 th January | 6.30pm | Clifford Family Intentions | |

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| Saturday 1st Entrance Antiphon | MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever. |
| Psalm Response | O God, be gracious and bless us. |
| Gospel Acclamation | Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia! |
| Communion Antiphon | Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever. |

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| Sunday 2nd Entrance Antiphon | When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne. |
| Psalm Response | The Word was made flesh, and lived among us. |
| Gospel Acclamation | Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia! |
| Communion Antiphon | To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God. |

RIP: Please remember Pat Brennan RIP who died recently. Please keep Pat's wife Bridget and family in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult and sad time. Pat's Requiem Mass will take place at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 1.00pm.

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| Thursday 6th | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD |
| Entrance Antiphon | Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come: and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion. |
| Psalm Response | All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord. |
| Gospel Acclamation | Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia! |
| Communion Antiphon | We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord. |

THANK YOU TO ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS: Thank you to all the Stewards, Cleaners and many Volunteers within the Parish who have helped to keep the Church open and functioning, giving their time freely and without hesitation, throughout what has been a very difficult and challenging year. Let us pray that 2022 will see the pandemic finally subsiding.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Fr Mirek would like to thank everyone for the many Christmas cards and kind gifts received.

REFLECTING ON THE CHURCH POST COVID: An event for Christians in Luton marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place on Saturday 22nd January 2022 at Holy Ghost Catholic Parish Centre, Luton, 10.00am-12.30pm. Come and share your experiences and listen to others' wisdom. The Keynote Speaker will be Bishop David. Please see the Poster on the Noticeboard for more information.

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM: If you wish to have your child baptised in 2022 at Sacred Heart Church then please speak to Fr Mirek or Deacon Jim after Sunday Mass. A Baptism Preparation Class **must be undertaken** before Baptism can go ahead. Dates for Baptism Preparation Classes are advertised on the Noticeboard. All classes start promptly at 3.30pm. Please speak to Deacon Jim to book your place.

LUTON DEANERY MARRIAGE COURSE: Saturday 26th February 2022 10.00am to 4.00pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. If you are planning to marry next year, please book your place by downloading a booking form at www.stjosephschurchluton.org.uk by Friday 18th February 2022.

MARY'S MEALS – DONATIONS: Until January every gift given to Mary's Meals will be **DOUBLED** by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of just £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily school meal for a whole school year! For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk. To send one of your loved ones a truly meaningful gift this Christmas, order online at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/gift-card-shop> or call 0800 698 1212.

CARDINAL NEWMAN SUPPORT STAFF VACANCIES: For full details about each role please visit the website, www.cardinalnewmanschool.net or MyNewTerm – www.mynewterm.com.

**Site Agent
Science Technician
Food Technician
Cover Manager
Teaching Assistant**

The closing date for all applications is 14th January 2022.

VACANCY – HEADTEACHER: A special opportunity to become a Headteacher in the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust. St Margaret of Scotland is a school that has been transformed in recent years and presents a fantastic opportunity for a leader who wishes to build on those successes and create a community that stretches beyond the school gates and into the hearts of families, parishes, as well as our neighbours and friends across Luton.

Candidate pack available on www.stcat.co.uk/careers-and-training/trust-vacancies/ offers a detailed insight into the role, together with details as to how you can apply. You will be guided and supported through the application process by our partners at Academicis.

For more information about this exciting opportunity, including arranging visits to the school and discussions with our Strategic Executive Leader, Joe Richardson, please call our recruitment partner Tracy Laverack on 07554 118 997 or 01223 907 979 or via email tlaverack@academicis.co.uk. Closing date for applications is noon on 31st January 2022.

LUTON FOODBANK: Thank you from Luton Foodbank to Sacred Heart's parishioners for their generosity. Please continue to remember those who are less fortunate and who struggle to provide for their families. Donations of food items (non-perishable) can be placed in the boxes in the Foyer. See the Noticeboard for a full list of items required.

THE CATHOLIC NETWORK: As Catholic writers, editors and publishers, the Catholic Network team know the importance of good, relevant communication. Their mission is to spread the Good News and keep you in regular touch with Catholic concerns. Please support The Catholic Network by subscribing to their free weekly newsletter at www.thecatholicnetwork.co.uk

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael Brennan 1966; Gwendoline McShee 1975; Baby Rose Anguo 2005; Margaret Walker 1956; William Murphy 1979; Steve Domjan 2006; Gwendoline Hood 1978; Stewart Canney 2002; Roy Hegarty 1961; Con Fallon 2011; James McLoughlin 1988; Ellen Hayes 1969; Maureen Nolan 1983; Ronald Harvey 1992; Vincent Thomas Caldwell 2014; Patrick Oliver Toman 2015; Patrick Flynn 1970; Edith Godfrey 1981; Rita Solomon 1991; Peter O'Donnell 1995; Peter Forde 2009; Patrick (Porick) Conlon 2018
✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**