

# HEART TO HEART

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton  
Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster and Deanery of St Alban

## Second Sunday of Advent - Year B - 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020



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**NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS:** [parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org) is the new Parish email address. Please use this email address for all future emails to the Parish office.

**MASSES:** Our four weekly public Masses are Saturday (6.30pm), Sunday (9.00am and 11.00am) and Wednesday (9.30am). There are no private prayer sessions in the Church. The Christmas Masses will be as follows

Christmas Eve	Thursday	<b>6.00pm and 8.00pm</b>
Christmas Day	Friday	<b>9.00am and 11.00am</b>
Boxing Day	Saturday	<b>6.30pm</b>
The Holy Family	Sunday	<b>9.00am and 11.00am</b>

With seven Masses available over the four days, hopefully everybody who would like to attend Mass will be able to do so, notwithstanding the Covid capacity restrictions. If we reach the reduced capacity limit at any of the Masses, then the Stewards will not be able to let more attendees in.

There will also be a public Mass on New Year's Day (which falls on a Friday this year) at 9.30am.

Covid rules apply to all Masses, including mandatory face covering, unless exempt, hand sanitising and social distancing. For Mass intentions, email [parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org) or place an envelope in the Presbytery letterbox suitably annotated.

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Harry Sheridan RIP	St Birinus
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	The Colhoun Family – Intentions Paddy and Joan Sweeney RIP	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Private	Patrick Vincent Margey RIP	St Ambrose
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Private		Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Kathleen Golden RIP <b>Funeral for Jose Pedro Vincente da Costa RIP</b>	St John Diego Caohtlatotzin
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Private		Our Lady of Loreto
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Private	Chiara Rena Riley RIP	St Damascus 1
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Ayen Family Deceased	Our Lady of Guadalupe

**SACRAMENTS:** There are no Confessions or Rosary and Baptisms are by necessity only. Weddings with up to 15 attendees and funerals with a maximum of 30 attendees are permitted, with Covid rules applying. No pastoral visits can be made if self-isolating until the isolation period ends.

**CONFIRMATION 2021:** Some of our Confirmation catechists are stepping down and we will need more catechists to run the Confirmation programme. Please consider if this could be a way you could serve our church community, by offering your gifts and talents as a catechist. If you would like to discuss this with a former catechist then please ring Bozena on 01582 708693

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you to our volunteer cleaners and stewards who enable us to open the Church for private prayer and conduct funerals. If you would also like to volunteer, are under 70 years of age and not shielding, then please email [parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org)

**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish office is closed with Parish admin is being managed remotely on a voluntary basis via the email address [parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org)

**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT:** A free online coaching programme [www.vitaeopus.co.uk](http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk) is available to Parishioners providing a wealth of job hunting and self employment information, advice and support for anybody seeking work. Please pass the web link on to anyone who might find it helpful.

**SCHOOL PLACES IN LUTON:** An application for a school place must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for any child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. For an information pack or further information please email [admissions@luton.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@luton.gov.uk) or call 01582 548016 or write to Admissions Team, Children, Families and Education Directorate, Luton Council, Town Hall, George Street, Luton, LU1 2BQ.

**DIOCESAN UPDATES:** If you would like to be kept up to date with the latest news and information from Bishop David, the Curial Departments and Cathedral Diocese then enter your email address in the box in the top right hand corner of the Diocesan web page [www.northamptondiocese.org](http://www.northamptondiocese.org)

**SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICIES:** St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust has updated the Admission Policies (for admission in September 2022) for Cardinal Newman Catholic School, St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary School, St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School. The consultation period is now open until 31 December 2020. Details of the policies can be found on the Trust website [www.stcat.co.uk/trust-governance/consultation-documents](http://www.stcat.co.uk/trust-governance/consultation-documents). If you require a hard copy or have comments to make in regard to the proposed policy, please contact Maxine Gilmartin on [consultation@stcat.co.uk](mailto:consultation@stcat.co.uk), or by post to Maxine Gilmartin, St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, c/o St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School, Pastures Way, Luton, LU4 0PF.

**PARISH GIVING:** In addition to other option (see [www.sacredheartluton.org](http://www.sacredheartluton.org)) to make donations, you can call the Diocese each Tuesday between **10.00am** and **4.00pm**, a member of the Cathedral team will be available by phone on **01604 712065** for you to make a Parish donation.

**HELPING OTHERS:** Please do what you safely can for elderly or vulnerable individuals, especially those living alone. Pastoral care is available by contacting the Parish Office. Please print and safely pass on a copy of this newsletter to Parishioners who do not have online access.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** The Prayer Group continues to gather virtually and would be pleased to pray for any intentions. Please email your intentions to [parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org)

**JOSE PEDRO VINCENTE DA COSTA RIP:** The funeral service for Jose (65 years of age) will be at 11.00 am on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Sacred Heart Church followed by burial at 12.15pm at The Vale Cemetery. Covid restrictions apply, including face coverings, unless exempt, with a maximum of 30 attendees.

**KATHLEEN (KATE) O'CALLAGHAN RIP:** The funeral service for Kathleen (87 years of age) will be at 12.00 Noon on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Sacred Heart Church followed by burial at 1.15pm at The Vale Cemetery. Covid Restrictions apply, including face coverings, unless exempt, with a maximum of 30 attendees.

**RIP:** Please remember Kathleen O'Callaghan RIP, Jose Pedro Vincente Da Costa RIP and Chiara Rena Riley RIP and all other recently deceased Parishioners and also keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bridget Walsh 1959; Mary McLoughlin 1969; Mary Dolan 1988; Theresa Caldbeck 1991; Julia Walsh 1969; John Nugent 1974; Joseph Early 2014; Joseph Gilheaney 1987; Marcella Franklin 1965; Francis McCrudden 1983; Stephan Curtis 1996; Sarah Garlick 1998; Mary-Ann Walsh 1974; Mary O'Donoghue 1983; Eric Fowler 1987; Mary Cassidy 1991; Maggie Hayes 2002; Mary (Bridget) Hope 2013; Louise Taylor 1969; Charlotte Mary Byrne 2011; James Connolly 1980; Stanislawa Curtis 2000; Henry (Harry) Sheridan 2008; Sinead Patricia Garahee-Sugrue 2018; James Bennett 1988; Maurice Croke 1993; John Joseph Comerford 2013; ✕  
**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**