



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 ADVENT

Psalter Week 2 - Year A - Sunday 4th December 2022

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COVID-19 GUIDANCE: Anyone displaying Covid-19 type symptoms should not attend Mass.

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

Saturday 3 rd December	11.00am 3.30pm 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Baptism Preparation Class Evening Prayer Sinead Garahee-Sugrue RIP (4 th Anniv)	St Francis Xavier
Sunday 4 th December	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish George Doherty RIP	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday 5 th December	9.30am	Fr Jeremy Davies RIP	
Tuesday 6 th December	9.30am	John Barber RIP	
Wednesday 7 th December	9.30am	Roberta Mugione (Healing)	St Ambrose
Thursday 8 th December	9.30am	Lisa Doran RIP & Kathy McLeod RIP	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Diocesan Patron
Friday 9 th December	9.30am	Judy & Wes Weekes (Wedding Anniversary – 55 years)	
Saturday 10 th December	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Sr Denise Bissonnette RIP	
Sunday 11 th December	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Mr & Mrs Julio Lubuguin Rufina RIP Colin Hurst RIP	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon	People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.
Psalm Response	In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

SACRED HEART MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS 2022:

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve: 6.30pm Mass; Carols 9.30pm followed by 10.00pm Mass

Sunday 25th December, The Nativity of Our Lord: 9.00am Mass & 11.00am Mass

Monday 26th December, St Stephen: 10.00am Mass

Tuesday 27th December, St John The Apostle: 10.00am Mass

TOWN PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR ADVENT: 19th December 2022, 7.00pm at Holy Ghost Church, Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD. (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT: Confessions will be available at Sacred Heart Church after the 9.30am Mass on Thursday 22nd December and after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 23rd December.

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

EVENING PRAYER ON SATURDAYS AND MORNING PRAYER ON SUNDAYS: Everyone is welcome to join us for these services as we pray with the Church throughout the world.

CAROLS IN THE MALL AND THE LAUNCHING OF THE PRAYER TREE: Sunday 4th December at 2.00pm. Please note that the location this year will be at the St. Mary's end of the Mall by the large glass windows.

CAROL SERVICE: Wednesday 7th December 2022 – Carol Service followed by refreshments at St Joseph's Church, Gardenia Avenue, Luton, LU3 2NS, 7.00pm. Christmas begins with Christ.

DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE: We would welcome help on Thursday 15th December after the 9.30am morning Mass to erect the Christmas crib and to decorate the Christmas tree. Refreshments afterwards. If you are able to help, please see Maurice. Thank you.

VACANCY: Cook (temporary basis to provide maternity leave cover)

Location: Sacred Heart, Luton, Part Time: 12 hours per week Monday-Friday; Start: ASAP. We are currently recruiting for a Cook on a temporary basis to provide cooking/catering to meet the needs for our Priests. Please visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> for further information and an application form. Candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

CONGRATULATIONS: To Judy and Wes Weekes on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Thank you both for all that you do for our Parish.

JOIN OUR BIG FAMILY CHRISTMAS AND HELP FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN WITH MARY'S MEALS:

For just £15.90 you can set a place for yourself or a loved one at our virtual Christmas dinner table. Your name will appear online and you'll receive a beautiful PDF placemat to pass on as a gift. Double The Love, donations to Mary's Meals until 31st January 2023 are being matched by a group of generous supporters – up to £1.5 million. This means each place set will feed two children with life-changing school meals for a whole year! Visit: <https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table/>

CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS CHARITY CARDS: Christmas Cards are now available in the Repository to purchase.

SMA: Please give the names for Christmas Masses to Judy as soon as possible.

CAROL SERVICE: Saturday 10th December – Carol Service followed by refreshments Our Lady Help of Christians, 52 Castle Street, Luton, LU1 3AG, 4.30pm. All welcome!

MASS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: St Joseph's Catholic Church, Leagrave on Sunday 11th December at 3.00pm. New families always welcome. Contact Sean on 07930 305362.

CAROL SERVICE: At Cardinal Newman Catholic School on Monday 12th December at 7pm. All are very welcome to attend. To book a free ticket please visit:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cns-carol-service-tickets-479137933457

RORATE MASS: Mass by candlelight in honour of our Lady on Friday 16th December at 6.30am at Holy Ghost Church, Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD.

YOUNG ADULTS BRUNCH EVENT - RETREAT DAY: On December 17th, NYMO are hosting an extended Young Adults Brunch, with Adoration, Faith Formation, Food, Fellowship, Mass, and two amazing guest speakers, Joanna Bogle, and from the US, Meg Hunter-Kilmer. (Be sure to bring a Bible with you!) We invite you to join us for this free event, from 10am to start the day with Adoration, at Our Lady Help of Christians, Luton. For full details on location and times, please see nymo.org/brunch. Age 18-35.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SUNDAY: Come along to the 11.00am Mass on **Sunday 18th December** in your best Christmas jumper. After Mass there will be festive treats in the hall, and a Christmas jumper competition - only £1 to enter and the chance to win a cash prize!

LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN 2022: Sacred Heart Parish has registered with Caritas Northampton to participate in this campaign. Parishioners are invited to donate simple Christmas Gifts for children, families and the elderly living in poverty or alone, as well as young carers and children from broken homes or in care this Christmas. Please see the Noticeboard for a list of suggested gifts and ideas. Donations will be accepted at Sacred Heart until 11th December 2022.

LUTON & DUNSTABLE HOSPITAL: Recruiting Chaplaincy Volunteers (Chaplaincy Ward Volunteer or Chaplaincy Sunday Volunteer). The role demands that Chaplaincy Volunteers are willing and able to offer support to people of all faiths and beliefs.
Eligibility to become a volunteer: Must be over 18 years old; Must be able to attend the volunteer induction and role-specific training; Willingness to offer at least two hours weekly on a regular basis. For further information contact: 01582 718484; 01582 497370 or Email: chaplaincy@ldh.nhs.uk (Please see the Flyer on the Noticeboard.)

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
James Connolly 1980; Stanislaw Curtis 2000; Henry (Harry) Sheridan 2008;
Sinead Patricia Garahee-Sugrue 2018; James Bennett 1988; Maurice Croke 1993;
John Joseph Comerford 2013; Mary Robinson 1962; Margaret Burton 1982;
Carmella Borcellino 2003; Bridget Mulligan 2009; Bridget Gallagher 2017;
Francis Beirne 1982; Frederick Stockley 1991; Bridget Toomey 1997; Bridget Burke 2001;
Thomas Hennessy 2002; Jean Van Develde 2002; Bill Land 2005; Lenos Moses Wilson 2014;
James Walsh 1974; Hugh Devlin 1977; Thomas Hunt 1992; Vernon McLaughlin 1998;
Nellie Hope 2009; Gerard (Gerry) McCarthy 2010; John Gannon 1972; Eileen Leahy 1983;
Peter McCarron 1999; Gerrard West 1962; Mary Walker 1964; Andrew Smith 1988;
Michael McHugh 1998; Jolan Mizsei 2004 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**