



Heart to Heart

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

Year B - Sunday 10th December 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

Responsorial Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

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PARISH OFFICE: Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and provide a contact number.

Saturday 9 th December	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Eileen Walsh RIP	
Sunday 10 th December	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Morning Prayer Judy & Wes Weekes (Wedding Anniversary) People of Our Parish Mass for those with Special Needs and their families	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday 11 th December	9.30am	Fr Jaoa Francisco RIP	
Tuesday 12 th December CHURCH	9.30am	Mary Hannon RIP PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 13 th December	9.30am	Daniel Gois RIP	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Thursday 14 th December HALL	9.30am 12 Noon	Roger Greenstreet RIP THURSDAY CLUB CHRISTMAS EVENT	St John of the Cross
Friday 15 th December	9.30am	Arthur McNaughtan RIP	
Saturday 16 th December	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Deceased Members of Gois Family RIP	
Sunday 17 th December HALL	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Michael Gear RIP Christmas Jumper Competition	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETTE

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

RIP: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Thomas Rogan and John Walsh. Please keep Thomas, John, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult and sad time.

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

CARITAS - LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN 2023: Our parish is pleased to be taking part in the diocese Campaign 2023. With the continuing cost of living crisis and even more help being required by lots of people, we are hoping to support many more in-need individuals and groups. Please place donations at Sacred Heart in the boxes marked '**CARITAS – LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN**' in the **SMA Room, (Side room to the left of the Altar).** (See Noticeboard: suggested items to donate.)

NOAH: The NOAH Blue Bins are at Sacred Heart this weekend 9th/10th December. Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

MASS FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Will be held at Sacred Heart on 10th December at 3.00pm. This Mass will be Fr Kevin's last Mass with the group so please come along to show your appreciation. Thank you, Fr Kevin. Further details contact Sean 07930 305362

THANK YOU: A big thank you to Sean and Bernie Ballantyne for organising, over the many years, the monthly Mass in the area for people with disabilities, their families and friends. We wish Sean, Bernie and family every happiness as they will be returning to Ireland in the near future. The organising will be taken over by Elizabeth Craigen craigendavid@hotmail.com Fr James Cassidy will celebrate Mass each month from January onwards. Mass will take place each time on the third Sunday of each month at 3.00pm at Sacred Heart Church. The Group will be renamed '**The Bethany Group**' recalling how Mary, Martha and Lazarus welcomed Jesus into their home in Bethany.

THE SYNOD AND US MOVING FORWARD: This is about listening and responding to one another in the grace of God's Spirit. Take time to reflect together as Pilgrims of Hope Tuesdays of Advent, Mass 7.30pm, meet 8-9pm at Holy Ghost Church and Centre, LU4 8JD.

HOW WE CELEBRATE OUR MASS (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

12th December PARTICIPATION; 19th December MISSION

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION: Enjoy Christmas whilst supporting NOAH & Keystage Housing – 13th December: Venue Harpenden Golf Club, Redbourn Lane AL5 2AX; Time 6.15pm or 7.00pm sit down; Dress: Smart Casual. Tickets: £35 per head for two course Christmas Dinner including wine. See Poster on the Noticeboard for further information. Booking deadline 6th December – Email John Williams to reserve places: johnwilliams58@btinternet.com

VOICES FROM THE ROME SYNOD: Thursday 13th December: 7.30pm Voices from the Rome Synod: an evening with Austen Ivereigh. An online event with Austen Ivereigh, papal biographer and co-author of *Let us dream* with Pope Francis. He will share his insights from the first assembly of the Rome Synod, and what he sees as the challenges and opportunities ahead. Register: https://voices_from_rome_synod.eventbrite.co.uk

PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: RC Church of the Holy Child and St Joseph, 2 Brereton Rd, Bedford MK40 1HU on Sunday 17th December 2023 from 1.00pm-4.00pm. There will be Rosary for Peace, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Holy Mass as requested by Our Blessed Mother. For more information call: 07957594646

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday 18th December, 7.00pm at Holy Ghost, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: To dress the Parish Christmas Tree on Monday 18th December 2023 after the 9.30am Mass. Please speak to Maurice if you are able to help.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER COMPETITION: Sunday 17th December after the 11.00am Mass in the Parish Hall. Come and take part in our Parish Christmas Jumper Competition only £1 to enter! Competition open to all. Two categories Child (up to 16 years); Adult (16 years +) Prize for the best jumper in each category.

CRIB COLLECTION 2023: Our Crib Collection this year will be for Friends of the Holy Land. Friends of the Holy Land is uniquely placed as a registered charity in the Holy Land and can quickly meet families' urgent needs in the West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem and Israel.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Mary Maybury would like to invite those of you who will be on their own or unable to prepare a full Christmas Dinner to come and celebrate and enjoy a 4 Course Christmas Dinner with others at St John's R.C. Church Hall, 296 Sundon Park Road, Luton, LU3 3AL on Christmas Day at 1:30pm to 5pm. Cost: Donations Only. (Transport will be provided if there are enough volunteers who can provide transport.) Volunteers are also required. Please contact Mary Maybury 07866 989254 to book your place or volunteer. If you would like to donate financially to this great cause then please drop your donation to Sacred Heart Parish Office. (Poster on the Noticeboard.)

URGENT REQUEST FOR WINTER COATS: Luton currently has 900+ asylum seekers/refugees. There is an urgent need as winter sets in for good quality coats suitable for men aged 20-40 years. Please leave donated coats in the Foyer in the box marked 'Winter Coats'.

EXAM INVIGILATORS: Cardinal Newman Catholic School are looking to recruit Exam Invigilators to supplement their experienced and committed team. The team invigilate exams primarily during May and June but also at other examination periods throughout the school year. Working hours are flexible. For an informal chat about the role of an exam invigilator please contact the Exams Manager on 01582 597125.

LUX.DIVE RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND: LUX is a residential weekend for those in Year's 7-13, Friday 9th - Sunday 11th February 2024 at Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton. The cost is £125.00 and this includes accommodation, all meals and activities over the weekend. There will be the usual mix of fun, games, prayer, Mass and the chance to meet other young people who want to explore their faith too. Visit Lux Dive – NYMO to book online and pay the non-refundable deposit of £50.00 to secure their place (or full payment if you wish). The remainder will be due by Friday 12th January 2024 but if this is an issue, this can be organised to be paid in instalments past this date.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Gerrard West 1962; Mary Walker 1964; Andrew Smith 1988; Michael McHugh 1998;
Jolan Mizsei 2004; Frank Nemeth 1998; Baby Keiden Lansangan 2017; Mary Kinnane 1959;
Charles Gauron 1976; William Fleming 1977; Baby Nicola Lemmon 1987; Martin McDonald 1997;
Patricia Gallagher 2013; Baby Michelle Coleman 1981; John MacGuire 1984; Charles Graham 1964; Colin Reynolds 1968; Catherine Higgins 1989; Frances Edmunds 1995; Mary Murray 2001;
Margaret O'Riley 2002; Michael Gear 2020; Arthur Stuart James McNaughtan 2019 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**