



# 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 EASTER – Low Sunday Year A - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.</b>
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**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and leave a contact number.

**THANK YOU:** Fr Allan, Fr James and Deacon Jim would like to thank all who helped with the Triduum services and to all Parishioners and visitors who attended. They would also like to thank all for their Easter greetings and generous gifts.

Saturday 15th April	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer John Farrell RIP	
Sunday 16th April	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am <b>BAPTISM</b>	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Clare Caldbeck RIP Sarah Alison McBurnie	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Low Sunday</b>
Monday 17th April	9.30am	Johnny Delaney RIP	
Tuesday 18th April	9.30am	Lisa Doran RIP	
Wednesday 19th April Parish Hall	9.30am 7.30pm	Sean Dowd RIP Parish Council Meeting	
Thursday 20th April	9.30am	Ann Delaney (Intention)	
Friday 21st April	9.30am	Fiona Dias (Intention)	
Saturday 22nd April	11.00am 3.30pm 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Baptism Preparation Class Evening Prayer Mel McNabola RIP	
Sunday 23rd April	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am <b>BAPTISM</b>	Morning Prayer Sandra Dias (Birthday Intention) People of Our Parish Miriam Izabela Ghergut	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For a culture of peace and non-violence:**

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Josh Moynihan who was baptised and confirmed into the Catholic faith and became a member of our community on Holy Saturday.

**WELCOME:** To Sarah Alison McBurnie who is to be baptised into the community of Sacred Heart Parish this weekend.

**DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE SICK – HOLY FAMILY LANGLEY, SLOUGH SL3 7UD on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 3.00pm** Everyone welcome in person, or via our livestream. Can you help a housebound person, or someone in hospital or in a care home to join us online? Our YouTube channel works on smart TVs and iPad/tablets as well as on computers: [holymfamilychurchlive](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqjKjKjKjKjKjKjKjKjKjKj)  
The Mass will be available afterwards as a recording. A Mass sheet is available to download [www.northamptondiocese.org](http://www.northamptondiocese.org) (Please see Poster on the Noticeboard and invitations in the Foyer, available to deliver, to anyone who you feel may wish to attend in person or via livestream.)

**PRAYER FOR OUR NEEDS, THOSE OF THE PARISH AND BEYOND:** All are invited to meet for prayer on Fridays after 9.30 Mass at Sacred Heart.

**VACANCY:** Position: Housekeeper (Permanent role). Location: Sacred Heart, Luton  
Part Time: 25 hours per week, Monday-Friday, ideally 9.30am – 2.30pm. Start date: ASAP  
We are currently recruiting for a Housekeeper to manage and carry out the housekeeping duties for the presbytery, including all cooking/catering needs for the resident Priest/s.  
Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

**TABERNACLE:** Thank you to all who have donated towards the purchase of a new Tabernacle. Your generosity is most appreciated.

**DIVINE MERCY SERVICE:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 3-4.00pm, Our Lady's. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy during the Holy Hour. All welcome. (The Divine Mercy novena starts on Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023)

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm, Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Parish Council Members, please confirm your attendance to Bernadette by emailing the Parish Office. Thank you. If any other parishioners would like to join the Parish Council, then please speak to Fr Allan to express your interest. New members are very welcome!

**LEITRIM ASSOCIATION DINNER & DANCE:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023, 7.00pm, St Joseph's Parish Centre, Gardenia Avenue, Luton LU3 2NS. Contact Marie Gilmartin: 07757 512730 or 01582 733563 (Ticket: £30).

**NIGHT FEVER: Coming to Luton – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 at Our Lady's Luton, 7.30pm to 9.30pm**  
Every Catholic is called to Mission – to share the good news of Jesus to others.  
Night Fever – an open prayer evening to help those far away from the church to encounter God and to experience his love and mercy. Can you help? Three ways: 1) Pray for this initiative to be fruitful. 2) Attend on the evening for Adoration, to give witness to non-Catholics. (Invite a friend to join you.) 3) On the evening to go out in pairs into Castle Street to invite passers-by to come in. If you can help, please ring Eva on 07886 346047

**ST GEORGE'S FEAST DAY MASS:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm Mass followed by refreshments at Our Lady's Luton. All welcome.

**NOAH BINS:** Please note there will not be a NOAH collection service in April at Sacred Heart - **please do not leave any donations for NOAH in the Foyer during April.**

**OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE DIACONATE IN OUR DIOCESE:** An information morning organised by Fr Tony Brennan: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10.00am-12.30pm at St. Mary's RC Church, 82 West Street, Dunstable, LU6 1NY. Please contact Fr. Tony on 01582 662710 for more details.

**OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy Land (Bethlehem), which is based in Nottingham, will be at Sacred Heart Church affording parishioners the opportunity to purchase wood carvings. The Good Shepherd Company's goal is to support and help the Christian families in the Holy Land to stay at work as olive wood carvers. Olive wood carving is one of the most important sources of income for them as 90% of the Christians rely on the sale of these items. By selling carvings here on their behalf, this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities. As a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem there are only forty-one thousand Christians left in the area. Please support this worthy cause.

**BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE:** Recruiting volunteers to help vulnerable people become safer in their homes through Home Fire Safety Visits, free of charge, including any smoke alarms, CO2 alarms or specialist hearing alarms. Due to Cost of Living and fuel affordability challenges which can lead to people not heating their homes or heating them in an unsafe way, they offer a free home visiting service which helps access support. This service is particularly useful to those people who are not able to use the internet or who do not have telephones. Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service will undertake the online work and make calls for them. Volunteers are needed in Bedford, Central Beds and Luton. They welcome enquiries from all sections of the community and from people from all backgrounds. Any enquiries to [Janet.Brennan@bedsfire.gov.uk](mailto:Janet.Brennan@bedsfire.gov.uk) (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

**ALPHA COURSE: Coming to Luton – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 and following Tuesdays at Our Lady's Luton, 7.30pm to 9.30pm.** Every Catholic is called to Mission – to share the good news of Jesus to others. Alpha is a course that creates a space, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God. Three ways to help: 1) Pray for this initiative to be fruitful. 2) Invite your non-Catholic family and friends to join the course. 3) From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to go out in pairs to homes near Our Lady's to invite people to join the Alpha Course; if they are out to deliver the invitation. If you can help, please ring Eva on 07886 346047

**ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO DUBLIN, THE SOUTH EAST AND KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND, 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023:** £949.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 6 nights Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment & excursions. Single supplement extra. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com) See Noticeboard for further information.

**CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023:** For those who say, 'I would love to go to Lourdes sometime...'; then let 2023 be the year. For further details, contact Kath White [lourdesadmin@catholicassociation.co.uk](mailto:lourdesadmin@catholicassociation.co.uk) or call 07799 268 069 (Tangney Tours: See Noticeboard for Pilgrimage Options and for Pilgrims who require assistance.)

**LOVE THE STRANGER:** The Catholic Bishops' Conference Department for International Affairs has released an important new document about migrants and refugees called 'Love the Stranger'. You can download this important document from this website: [cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger](http://cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
Thomas Vallis 1952; Gerald Fahy 1965; Thomas Gibbon 2010; John Joseph Farrell 2008;  
Erwin Binder 1981; Theresa Lloyd 1982; Clare Caldbeck 2018;  
Constance (Connie) Florence West 2020; Anne Lewis 1999; Victor Manley 2002;  
Mary Ellen Sheddock 2014; Patrick Ferguson 1966; Raymond Baker 1994;  
Brigid Mary Walker 2020; Gladys Staunton 1978; Catherine McCaffrey 1985;  
Harry Barron 2020; James Andrew Hagan 2016; David Clegg 1961; Thomas Kenny 2005;  
Ellen (Helen) Mary Dixon 2021; Janet Sheila Howell 2014; Arthur Marsh 1951;  
Sheryl Owens 1978; Eric Andrew Roberts 2017 ✕ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**