Heart to Heart

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

Year C – Sunday 27th April 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.**

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Saturday 26th April	6.30pm	Victor Manley RIP	
Sunday 27th April	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **BAPTISM**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Fay Howell RIP **Peter John Joseph Forde**	**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)**
Monday 28th April	9.30am	Fr Eugene Connolly, SMA, RIP	**ST GEORGE, Martyr, PATRON OF ENGLAND**
Tuesday 29th April	9.30am	Pedro Saculles RIP **Prayer Group**	**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
Wednesday 30th April	NO MASS **11.00am**	 **REQUIEM: HELENA PURCELL RIP**	
Thursday 1st May	9.30am **10-12Noon**	James O'Donoghue RIP **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 2nd May	9.30am KS2 attending Mass	Private Intention **REQUIEM FOR POPE FRANCIS**	**St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Saturday 3rd May	6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Confessions Angela Joseph RIP	**SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**
Sunday 4th May	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Charles Tunn RIP (1st Anniversary)	**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

POPE FRANCIS: It was with great sadness the World learnt of the death of Pope Francis. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Apostolic Chamber, announced the death of Pope Francis from the Casa Santa Marta with these words:
"Dearest brothers and sisters, with deep sorrow I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis. At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favour of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God."

ONLINE BOOK OF CONDOLENCE: As we unite as the Catholic community across our diocese in prayer for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father, Francis, each of us will have a unique memory of his impact on us personally or our world. If you would like to leave a digital message on our diocesan book of condolence visit **https://northamptondiocese.org/book-of-condolence/**

REQUIEM FOR POPE FRANCIS: On Friday 2nd May, the 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart will be a Requiem Mass for Pope Francis. All welcome to attend.

MORNING PRAYER: Monday to Friday 8.50am, followed by Rosary – all welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass intentions moved for unforeseen reasons (e.g. funerals) will be honoured on another day. Please provide contact details when requesting intentions and check the weekly newsletters.

WELCOME: This weekend we welcome Fr Brendan Seery to Sacred Heart who will be presiding over the Saturday 6.30pm Mass. Thank you, Fr Seery.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Pope Francis, Maria Hamilton, Helena Purcell and Barry Hood. Please keep Pope Francis, Maria, Helena, Barry; their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Helena Purcell RIP, Requiem Wednesday 30th April, 11.00am at Sacred Heart.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or to ask for a relative/friend then please contact Fr Allan or email the Parish Office. **All Extraordinary Ministers taking Communion to the sick speak to Deacon Jim before or after Mass please.**

CONFESSION: Please note Confessions will not be available at Sacred Heart this Saturday 26th April.

In memory of Pope Francis: POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: For working conditions
Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Financial support to maintain our Church is desperately required to keep our Church, property and equipment in good condition, safe and presentable. The sound system and security are a major concern at the moment so any donations would be gratefully received to help upgrade the system. **Please consider to gift aid your donations.**

SAFEGUARDING: Bishop David Oakley is available to meet anyone affected by abuse. Contact via the safeguarding office 01604 723514 or by email **safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org**

INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO BE A TEACHER? St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are running a series of open mornings where you can find out what is involved in our training programme and progress your application for September 2025. To book your place, go to **www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/open-mornings/**

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend 26th/27th April there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10. Please see Poster on the Noticeboard.

JESUS OUR HOPE: As part of our celebrations for the 2025 Jubilee Year, you are warmly invited to an evening of celebration, inspiration, and hope. Each evening will include prayer, reflection on God's Word, personal testimony, music, and time to socialise over refreshments.
The event is free to attend, but to help us prepare refreshments, we kindly ask that you register in advance. We look forward to celebrating with you!
Event Dates and Locations:

- Sunday, 12th May – Online
- Tuesday, 14th May – 7:00–9:00pm in Olney
- Monday, 9th June – 7:00–9:00pm in Aylesbury

More information and registration details can be found at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/**

PHASES OF THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS: Leaflets available in the Foyer. Bishop David is asking everyone to reflect on our community life and mission into the future. Your voice and experience are essential to this process. You are invited to join the conversation.

APPOINTMENT OF A PERMANENT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Pauline Cuddihy has been appointed as the new Director of Education, effective immediately. Pauline has been serving as Interim Director of Education, during which time she has demonstrated outstanding leadership, dedication, and a clear vision for the future of Catholic education within the diocese. Pauline will begin her permanent role at the start of May and is assured of our prayers and support.

DIACONATE OPEN DAY: Considering the Diaconate? Are you feeling called to serve in a deeper way? Come and learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese at an Information Morning on Saturday 31st May, from 10:00am-12 Noon at St. Mary's Parish, 82 West St., Dunstable. This is a great opportunity to explore the vocation of a deacon, ask questions, and discern if God is calling you to this ministry. For more information, contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710 or email **franthony.brennan@northamptondiocese.org**

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20th-22nd June **www.retrouvaille.org.uk** Tel: 0788 7296983

ALTAR SERVERS: Bishop David Oakley invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Northampton Diocese Altar Servers Mass 2025 at the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury, Northampton – Saturday 28th June, 11.00am, followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre. Further information and booking please contact Deacon Peter Griffin **pfgriffin@hotmail.co.uk**

COULD YOU BE THE NEXT INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF OUR SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY BOARD?
The Diocese of Northampton is seeking a committed and experienced safeguarding professional to take on the voluntary role of Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Advisory Board. This vital position involves leading quarterly meetings, offering expert advice on safeguarding matters, and supporting our diocesan safeguarding team. Applicant should be someone with senior-level safeguarding experience, ideally from the statutory sector, who also has a good understanding of the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know might be interested in this rewarding opportunity to help ensure the safety and well-being of all within our Church community, please contact Danielle Dixon, Safeguarding Coordinator, on 01604 723514 or email **safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org** for more information. Applications are now open, the new Chair due to take up the role in December 2025.

D-SUMMER: A summer residential event in July for everyone aged 11-18 (in School years 7-13). This year it will be from **Friday 11th** to **Sunday 13th July.** We can't wait to partner with the Sion Community again this year for this event. We had such a great time last year, and we can't wait to see what God's got in store for us this time round. More information and the booking link can be found on NYMO's webpage: **https://nymo.org/d-summer/**

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: All major payment types accepted. Please do not forget to Gift Aid if eligible. Dona machine at the back of the Church. Please see Posters, displayed on the Noticeboards and on the Repository window.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Isobel Snook 1967; Elizabeth Meadows 1979; John Earnshaw 1986; Maude Tearle 1987; Patrick Dady 1991; Pasquale (Tony) Caruso 2009; John Hogan 2017; Ann South 1983; Margaret Sullivan 2004; June Brothers 2010; Elisa Vecchione Ditella 2023; Margaret Berry 1989; Elizabeth Forrest 2004; James Shontall 1984; Elsie Money 1987; Vittorio Spiga 2008; Doreen Draper 2017; Joanne Susan Morrell 2023; Margaret Doherty 1972; Mary Wallman 1976; Harry Baily 1991; Waclaw Jacinski 1997; Valerie McGuigan 2013; Vincenzo Chiazza 2024; Bernadette Scott 2015; Dorothy Mote 1963; Elizabeth Penman 1968; James Keegan 1984; Helen Gregg 2022; Errol Henderson 2002; Irene Doris McGarry 2013 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

PARISH REGISTRATION: To complete your parish registration, please use the QR code on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.