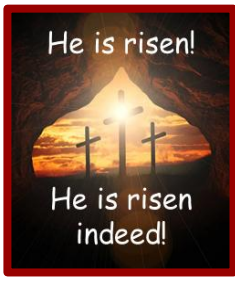

Heart to Heart

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

YEAR A – Sunday 12TH April 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Psalter Week 2

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

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Saturday 11th April	**5.45pm** **6.00pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Gloria Keegan RIP	**SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Sunday 12th April **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Maureen Walsh RIP	**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Monday 13th April			
Tuesday 14th April			
Wednesday 15th April			
Thursday 16th April	**10.00am-12 Noon**	**THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 17th April			
Saturday 18th April	**5.45pm** **6.00pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession John Farrell RIP	
Sunday 19th April **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees** **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Victor Manley RIP (24th Anniversary) **BETHANY MASS**	**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

PARISH HALL: Open after Sunday 11.00am Mass for teas and coffees. All welcome!

THANK YOU: Fr Allan would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and gifts received for Easter. Please be assured of his prayers.

CONFESSION: Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm every Saturday, or by appointment.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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 telephone/email the Parish Office.

CAR PARK: Please note the Parish Hall has been booked for the Sri Lankan Association New Year Celebration 2026 (Luton Aurudu Udanaya) social event this **Saturday 11th April** so there will be **limited car parking available**. Please consider this when attending 6.30pm Mass on 11th April as the car park may be full!

THURSDAY CLUB: Reopens on Thursday 16th April. Please contact anyone that you may feel would benefit from attending the Thursday Club and extend a warm welcome to come along to Sacred Heart's Parish Hall to have a chat and a cup of tea - **Thursday 10.00am-12 Noon**. All welcome!

RIP: Please remember Kath Carleton, mother of Dermot Carleton who died recently. Please keep Kath in your prayers and keep her son Dermot, Kath's extended family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS: Kath Carleton RIP, **Requiem Tuesday 21st April 11.30am** at Sacred Heart Church.

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.

THANK YOU: To Musicians, Readers, Servers, Ministers and all who helped with our liturgies over the Triduum and Easter.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: If you are new to the Parish and/or wish to make your weekly donations using envelopes then please contact Wesley on 01582 738569. Thank you.

THANK YOU: To Judy and Wesley Weekes for the wonderful hot cross buns supplied and enjoyed by all last Sunday in the Parish Hall after the 11.00am Mass. A big thank you from the Parish for all that Judy and Wesley do on behalf of Sacred Heart Church.

SECOND COLLECTION: PARISH MAINTENANCE: Financial support to maintain our Church is desperately required to keep our Church, property and equipment in good condition, safe and presentable. There will be a **second collection at all Masses this weekend 11th/12th April to help the funding towards replacing the Parish Hymn Books. Please consider to gift aid your donations.**

SACRED HEART QUIZ NIGHT: FRIDAY 24TH APRIL – 7.00PM START: £3 PER TICKET Come along and participate in a social event Quiz in the Parish Hall. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tea and coffee will be available to purchase. All welcome! **Tickets available** this weekend 11th/12th **April from the Repository** or from the **Office (during Office hours 10am-12 Noon Wednesday 15th April and Friday 17th April)**. See Poster on the Noticeboard for further details. **Final opportunity to purchase tickets Monday 20th April from the Office 10.00am-12 Noon.**

PARISHIONERS: There are many parishioners who are unwell at the moment, both at home and in hospital. The Church is not always notified. Please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of a parishioner who is unwell (name/address/telephone number or family contact details).

"MEN'S SHED" SUNDON PARK: Thursday 23rd April 10:30am at St John's Parish Hall - This aims to create a safe, friendly, inclusive space for men - typically 55+, but open to all, to connect, socialise, improve wellbeing, reduce loneliness, combat social isolation, share work skills and knowledge, learn new skills, support one another, and contribute to the wider community. We will be holding a Come and See event for you to find out more and to see if you would like to take part. No commitment, just bring a friend**. ***Delighted to announce Mick Harford from Luton Town Football Club will also be joining. **More info call Joe 07939 190424 or Deacon Jim Hannigan 07756 685220**

CALLED TO LOVE: A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from **Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May**, with the option of staying Friday night. **https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/**

LEGION OF MARY – PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD PRIORY: Saturday 9th May 2026
Cost: Adult £20 Child £12 - Coach: Sacred Heart 8.45am Saturday 9th May 2026
(Alternative pick-up times and places – see Poster on the Noticeboard.)
All seats must be confirmed and payment received by Tuesday 28th April 2026. Payments to be forwarded to Judy Weekes. Contact Judy Weekes via Sacred Heart Parish Office 01582 723099 or via Wesley Weekes 01582 738569 or 07549 996123

CONGRATULATIONS: To Eliana Lloyd-Davies and Amanta Doda who were baptised during the Easter Vigil. Congratulations also to Colin Ross – baptised and confirmed, Iona Thomas on being received into the Church and being Confirmed.

DEANERY ADORATION AND CONFESSION: Posters on the Parish Noticeboard show all Adoration and Confession times available within the Deanery.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you wish to have your child baptised at Sacred Heart Church a Baptism Preparation Class must be undertaken before Baptism can go ahead. Please contact the Parish Office to discuss further and to book your place. The next Baptism Preparation Class will take place on Thursday 4th June at 7.00pm in the Church. Please register with the Parish through the CASPAR link.

FURNITURE BANK: Caritas in the diocese of Northampton responds to local poverty and hardship through a number of initiatives like the Furniture Bank, ensuring that families in the diocese receive the dignity and care they deserve.
The Furniture Bank operating out of St John the Apostle Church, provides essential furniture and household items including beds, storage, chairs, bedding, flooring, and cooking utensils to families and individuals in real need.
Can you help? Donating furniture? Volunteering to help? Collecting and distributing items?
If yes or for more information please contact: Deacon Jim Hannigan 07756 685220
Email: deaconjimhannigan@northamptondiocese.org Website: northamptondiocese.org/caritas

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS: If any adult (16 or over) would be interested in preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer, please email the Parish Office this week. Fr Allan is proposing a weekly course that will run on **Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm as of the 28th April.**

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. Retrouvaille have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: **www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443**

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Traditionally the Easter Collection goes to the Parish Clergy; thank you for your generosity. Figures for w/e 05.04.26: Envelopes £1630.50; Loose Cash £1387.44;
Total £3017.94 Thank you. Good Friday Second Collection – Holy Places £717.39
Many parishioners give faithfully through the offertory collection each week. Did you know that if you are a UK taxpayer, your gift could be worth 25% more at no extra cost to you? Through Gift Aid, a donation of £10 becomes £12.50 — and we can even reclaim up to four years of past donations. Signing up is simple, confidential, and makes a big difference to parish life. Find out more at:
https://northamptondiocese.org/gift-aid/

CSSA THEMATIC INSPECTION: SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has launched a public survey as part of its thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. Victims and survivors of abuse—whether recent or historic—are invited to share their experiences of contact with dioceses and Religious Life Groups.
In Northampton, we continue to walk alongside survivors through initiatives such as the Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral. Survivors are encouraged to participate in the survey, helping shape a safer Church for all. Visit:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tlVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzlLTEdTWkUySjhaTlU0QURaOU05SC4u

FORMING CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERS: Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Six days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character.
www.christianleadershipformation.com (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

NOAH BLUE BINS: Available to accept donations at Sacred Heart this weekend **11th/12th April.**
Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

LITURGY OF THE WORD ZOOM SESSIONS FOR 2026: The God Who Speaks – Our Liturgy of the Word:
A series of online Zoom Sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year. Led by the Liturgical Formation Team.
Future sessions in 2026: Wednesday 8th July, Wednesday 9th September, Wednesday 11th November.
Each session runs from 7.30pm-8.30pm Cost: No charge but there will be the opportunity to make a donation. Please register in advance to secure a place by emailing
deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org **Full details on Poster displayed on the Noticeboard.**

READERS' ROTA: Copies of the Readers' Rota for the period 5th April to 31st May 2026 available in the Foyer.

LUTON FOODBANK: Would like to thank Sacred Heart Parish for their generous contributions to the Foodbank, financially and through continuing to donate food.
'Every bit of support helps us continue this vital work—thank you for being part of our community and helping us make a real impact!'
March 2026 newsletter is now available and it highlights:
The increasing number of families and individuals the Foodbank is supporting.
Stories from volunteers making a real difference every day.
Recent donation successes and how they're helping our community.
Upcoming initiatives and ways you can get involved, from donating food to volunteering your time.
Read the full newsletter here: **https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/luton-foodbank-newsletter-march-2026/**

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Desmond McGrattan 2005; Daniel Friel 2006; Sarah (Sally) Egan 2018; Alan Chandler;
Baby John McDermott 1972; Thomas Gibbon 1975; Frances Lynch 2002; Sheila McLaughlin 2005;
Alison Blessing 2005; Susan Dickinson 2006; Richard Hennessy 1975; James Gallagher 1985;
Stephen Lemmon 2010; Mr Holohan 1998; Fiona Gallagher Caldwell 2016; Rita Ellen Knights 2020;
Eileen Lund 1968; Raymond Campbell 1990; Catherine McBride 2003; 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; Margaret Frances Peggy Brogan 2023;
Valerie Martina Assumpta O'Grady ✠ **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 at the top of the Newsletter on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.

If you do not have an email address then please pick up a form in the Foyer to give your authority for the Parish Office to register you. Please remember to include the following information on the back of the form: Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number (if applicable).