# 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 26th October 2025
## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
## Psalter Week 2

| **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** | **The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.** |
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**Parish Deacon:** Rev James Bannan (On Sabbatical)
**Parish Secretary:** Bernadette Horsted

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| Saturday 25th October | 5.45pm<br>6.00pm-6.20pm<br>6.30pm | Evening Prayer<br>Confessions<br>People of Our Parish | |
| Sunday 26th October<br><br>**PARISH HALL** | 8.30am<br>9.00am<br>11.00am<br>**Teas and Coffees** | Morning Prayer<br>Maureen Clancy RIP<br>Carberry Family RIP | **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** |
| Monday 27th October | 9.30am | Olive Early RIP | |
| Tuesday 28th October | 9.30am<br><br><br>**12 Noon** | David Barber RIP<br>PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond<br>**FUNERAL: OLIVE EARLY RIP** | **SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES** |
| Wednesday 29th October | 9.30am | Jenny Walsh RIP | |
| Thursday 30th October | 9.30am<br>**10.00am-12Noon** | Barber Family Intentions<br>**THURSDAY CLUB** | |
| Friday 31st October | 9.30am | Maureen Clancy RIP | |
| Saturday 1st November | 5.45pm<br>6.00pm-6.20pm<br>6.30pm | Evening Prayer<br>Confessions<br>Catherine Darlington – 100th Birthday | |
| Sunday 2nd November<br><br>**PARISH HALL** | 8.30am<br>9.00am<br>11.00am<br>**Teas and Coffees**<br>**3.00pm** | Morning Prayer<br>Margaret Manley RIP<br>People of Our Parish<br><br>**Bereavement Service** | **ALL SAINTS** |

**PARISH HALL:** The Parish Hall is open after the Sunday 11.00am Mass for teas and coffees. All welcome!

**CONFESSION:** Please note Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm every Saturday or by appointment.

**JUST A REMINDER: Sunday 26th October 2025** British Summer Time (BST) ends **- clocks go back one hour!**

**MORNING PRAYER: Please note Morning Prayer this week Monday-Friday 8.50am followed by Rosary – All welcome.**

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: For collaboration between different religious traditions.** Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity. In addition to this monthly intention, Pope Leo has asked each of us to pray the Rosary every day in October for peace.

**MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER – ALL SOULS: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Please note there will be Mass at 9.30am and also at 7.30pm.**

**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.

**RIP:** Please remember all who have died recently especially Michael Friel, Jenny Walsh and Olive Early (sister-in-law to Jane Jones).
Please remember Michael, Jenny and Olive in your prayers and keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

**FUNERAL DETAILS:** Olive Early RIP, Funeral Tuesday 28th October, 12 Noon 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 telephone/email the Parish Office.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend 1st/2nd November there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of sick and retired priests.

**THURSDAY CLUB:** 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 **every Thursday 10.00am-12 Noon**. All welcome!

**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 6th November at 7.00pm**. Please make sure you have registered as a parishioner with the Parish through the CASPAR link.

**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).

**BOOKING OF SACRED HEART HALL:** If you wish to book the Parish Hall for a function, please email: **hallbookings.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org** (Note this is a new email address.)
An acknowledgement email will be sent and then a discussion regarding availability and fees can commence with Wesley Weekes, Hall Manager.

**BETHANY MASS:** Thank you to all who attended the recent Bethany Mass and also to those who served refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Mass. The next Bethany Mass will take place at Sacred Heart on **Sunday 16th November at 3.00pm**. All welcome!

**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 and Bishop David's A Time to Listen. 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**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD:** The Parish has many valued Extraordinary Ministers and Ministers of the Word but more are needed. If you would like to be considered to serve as an extraordinary minister or as a reader at any weekday or Sunday Mass then please speak to Fr Allan or email the Parish Office to discuss further.

**TRAINING SESSION FOR READERS – MINISTERS OF THE WORD:** All Readers are invited to a Training Session in the Church on **Tuesday 4th November at 7.00pm**.

**TRAINING SESSION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** All Extraordinary Ministers are invited to a Training Session in the Church on **Tuesday 11th November at 7.00pm.**

**BEREAVEMENT SERVICE:** There will be a Bereavement Service at Sacred Heart on **Sunday 2nd November at 3.00pm.** Please bring a photo of your loved one to place in front of the Altar at the beginning of the service. All welcome to attend. Refreshments in the Hall after the service.

**75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART CHURCH:** To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church there will be Vespers and Benediction at **4.00pm** followed by a plate to share lunch on **Sunday 23rd November** in the Parish Hall. All welcome. Lists nearer the time will be available in the Foyer to sign up to volunteer help and to offer/provide finger foods (cakes, sandwiches, sausage rolls etc). There will also be a raffle. If you are happy to donate a raffle prize then please hand in to the Parish Office to Bernadette **17th, 19th, 21st November** (during office hours Mon, Weds, Fri 10am-12Noon). A box in the Foyer will also be available in which raffle prizes can be donated over the weekend of **15th/16th November**. Thank you.

**PRO LIFE CANDLELIT PRAYER VIGIL: Friday 31st October 2025 –** Pro Life Candlelit Prayer Vigil at the junction of Stuart Street and Buxton Road, Luton (LU1 1SD), Luton (near the Police Station) **7.00pm to 8.00pm.**

**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 – **next session Wednesday 15th January 2026** – Ordinary Time up to Ash Wednesday.
**Future sessions in 2026: Wednesday 11th February, Wednesday 8th April, 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 the Poster displayed on the Noticeboard.**

**PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION:** Figures for w/e 19th October 2025 Loose cash £307.67; Envelopes £622.61; Total: £930.28. Thank you. 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/**

**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – NOVEMBER DEAD LIST:** November dead list envelopes are available in the Church Foyer.
Please place in the envelope the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November.
Once completed, please return envelope to the Church or post envelope through the Presbytery letter box.
Your donation may also be placed in the envelope. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER 2025:** Mary Maybury would like to invite those on their own or unable to prepare a full Christmas Dinner to a 4 course Christmas Dinner at:

**St John's RC Church Hall LU3 3AL on Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December, 1.30pm-5.00pm.**
**Cost: Donations only.**
Transport will be provided if there are enough volunteers who can provide transport.

**Please contact Mary on 07866 989254 to book your place. (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)**

**JOIN OUR DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE – EXPERIENCE FRANCE FROM HOME:** Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to France is happening now, and you're warmly invited to journey with us from wherever you are. Travel in spirit with Canon John Udris and Fr Simon Penhalagan as they lead our diocesan family through sacred places such as the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Paray-le-Monial, Ars, Taizé, Cluny, and Sept-Fons.

Each day, share in the blessings of the pilgrimage through our daily e-newsletter, featuring on-location videos, audio homilies, prayers, blogs, and beautiful photographs. Walk with St Margaret Mary, St Bernadette, and St John Vianney, and let their witness renew your faith this week.

It's not too late to join us! Sign up now to become a *virtual pilgrim* and experience the journey at **https://northamptondiocese.org/sacred-heart-pilgrim/**

**SING THE SEASON – ADVENT 2025:** All cantors, choir leaders, singers, and musicians are warmly invited to "Sing the Season – Advent 2025," part of a new series of uplifting events from the Diocesan Music Liturgy Team. Join us on **Saturday 22nd November, 11am–4pm** (optional Parish Mass at 10am) at Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence Church, Olney (MK46 5HH) for a day of seasonal music, new psalm settings, and fresh ideas to enrich Advent liturgies. Bring your instruments, voices, and a packed lunch — tea and coffee will be provided. The event is free of charge, though a £5 donation is welcome to support future gatherings.

**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY – CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF YOUNG PEOPLE:** On Sunday 23rd November, we celebrate National Youth Sunday 2025, a special moment in the Church's year to recognise and give thanks for the vital contribution young people make to the life and mission of our communities. Resources to help parishes and schools mark the day are available on the CYMFed website, offering prayers, reflections, and activities to inspire participation. In our own diocese, NYMO will host a World Youth Day Concert at Northampton Cathedral on **Sunday 30th November at 3.00pm**, bringing together young people and parish communities for an afternoon of faith, music, and celebration. Resources: **https://cymfed.org.uk/wys/**

**RIP ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
William Baxter 1987; Rose Wallsworth 1999; John Temporal 2002; John Rankin 2004; Ron Gepp 2010; Vincenzo Messina 2017; Doris Godfrey 1972; William Southern 1979; Francesco Tome 2015; Bernadette Mary Flanagan 2017; Frances Hardiman 1999; William Griffin 2006; Keith John Woods 2016; Clifford Webb 1963; James Boyle 1993; Fred Wallace 2011; Kathleen Duncan 2008; Patricia McCann 2010; Ronnie Dunne 2011; Kevin Joseph O'Connor 2017; Walter Nudds 1982; Wilfred Toman 1987; Gertrude Seibert 2006; Eleanor Gearey 1963; Liam McBride 1992; Mary Self 2005; Noreen Christine Galvin 2014 ✠ **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.

**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)**