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 25th October 2026
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**I love you, Lord, my strength.**

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Saturday 24th October	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm **6.30pm MASS**	Evening Prayer Confession Eamon & Mary McGovern RIP	
Sunday 25th October **PARISH HALL**	8.30am **9.00am MASS** **11.00am MASS** **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer Ciss Hill RIP People of Our Parish	**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Monday 26th October	**9.30am MASS**	Colin Boyd RIP	
Tuesday 27th October	**9.30am MASS**	Marie Forde RIP Prayer Group: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 28th October	**9.30am MASS**	David Barber RIP	**SS SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles**
Thursday 29th October **PARISH HALL**	**Funeral 10.00am** **10.00am-12Noon**	**Funeral Service: ROSSANNA ANGELI** **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 30th October	**9.30am MASS**	**James & Gertrude Carberry RIP**	
Saturday 31st October	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm **6.30pm MASS**	Evening Prayer Confession Rose Chukwuemeka Ewelike RIP	
Sunday 1st November **PARISH HALL** **PARISH HALL**	8.30am **9.00am MASS** **11.00am MASS** **Teas and Coffees** **3.00pm** **Refreshments**	Morning Prayer Maureen Clancy RIP Jonas Savimbi RIP **Bereavement Service**	**ALL SAINTS**

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

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: For mental health ministry
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

MORNING PRAYER: 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. All welcome.

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.

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 in your prayers:
Bernadette O'Brien (Mother of Leonard O'Brien and Bernadette Horsted), Rossanna Angeli and Stephanie 'Hastin' Dalling who died recently. Please keep Bernadette, Rosanna, Hastin, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Rossanna Angeli RIP, Funeral Service **Thursday 29th October,10.00am at Sacred Heart.**
Stephanie 'Hastin' Dalling RIP, Funeral Service **Friday 13th November, 10.30am at Sacred Heart**

RIP: The Parish has been advised of the recent death of Brendan McGrath. 'Please pray for Brendan McGrath RIP who died on 2nd October in Leicester. Funeral there on 28th October.
The McGrath family lived in Kynance Close in the parish for over 50 years. Brendan went to Sacred Heart and Cardinal Newman schools and many of Sacred Heart parishioners would remember him and the family.'

MONTHLY MASS AT LONDON LUTON AIRPORT: Landside Prayer Room. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Allan at 11.00am each month on the first Wednesday of the month. All are welcome. You will need to pay parking if you are neither staff nor travelling, there are ample buses to the airport.

BETHANY MASS: Thank you to all who attended the Bethany Mass last weekend. Thank you also to all who provided and served refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

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).

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

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 18.10.26 Envelopes £579.40; Loose Cash £354.94; Total £934.34 Thank you. Second Collection in aid World Mission Sunday £526.38 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/

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be open Monday and Friday mornings 10.00am-12 Noon. Please note emails will be answered remotely each Wednesday. Any telephone messages to the Parish Office – please state your name and state clearly twice a contact telephone number so that your query can be dealt with as quickly as possible.

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. The final Session in 2026 will take place on **Wednesday 11th November.** 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.**

CANDLELIT PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL: Saturday 31st October 2026 – at the junction of Stuart Street and Buxton Road, Luton (LU1 1SD), Luton (near the Police Station). **7.00pm to 8.00pm.**

LEGION OF MARY: Invite parishioners to gather to say the Rosary at the Vale Cemetery on 7th November at 1.30pm. All welcome!

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE: At Sacred Heart on 1st November at 3:00 pm. Please bring a photo of your loved one to place in front of the Altar at the beginning of the service. All are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments in the Hall after the service.

ST THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMIES TRUST (STCAT): Which is responsible for most of our Catholic schools in the southern half of the Diocese, is currently looking for a Chair and new Directors to join its Board. These are voluntary roles, and you don't need a background in education - just time and willingness to support our schools; professional experience from all disciplines is also welcome.
If you, or someone you know, might be interested, more details are available by scanning the QR code below or click on the link:
https://charisma.maglr.com/st-thomas-catholic-academies-trust

DIOCESAN MASS TO REMEMBER BABIES LOST DURING PREGNANCY OR IN INFANCY: A special Diocesan Mass for families and all those wishing to remember babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or in infancy. The Mass will be celebrated at **12 noon on Saturday 7th November at Northampton Cathedral,** with Canon Simon Penhalagan, Cathedral Dean, as the main celebrant.
This special celebration will offer an opportunity to remember these children, pray for their parents and families, and entrust them to God's loving care. At the end of the Mass, the children and their families will be entrusted to Our Lady. Those attending will also be invited to light a candle in memory of a child.
Everyone is welcome, whether personally affected by such a loss or wishing to stand alongside bereaved families in prayer and solidarity.
For further information, please contact Ann Comerford at the Cathedral office on 01604 714556. (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: As from January 2027 we would like a Rota to be set up with volunteers to make/serve teas/coffees after the Sunday 11.00am Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to gather after Sunday Mass but the facility is not being utilised as it should be. **Without more volunteers we cannot continue to offer this service**. So please email the Parish or speak to Wes if you are able to help out on a regular basis and are happy to have your name put forward to be added on a Rota. We need more volunteers throughout our Parish – counters, cleaners, general maintenance, gardening etc. If you can help, please put your name forward, email the Parish or speak to Fr Allan. Most volunteers are retired and the time and commitment offered is most appreciated during working hours, but we need more parishioners to offer their help – please suggest a time when maybe you are available to help and then if we get enough volunteers, we may be able to draw up a rota for hours outside of normal working hours! Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING: The Diocese of Northampton, through all its places of worship and activities, is committed to the highest standards of safeguarding. We recognise the God-given dignity and value of every person and are committed to ensuring that all people are valued, supported and protected from harm. We have a zero-tolerance approach to abuse and take all safeguarding concerns seriously. In line with the Catholic Church in England and Wales, allegations of abuse and situations where children or adults are at risk of harm are reported to the statutory authorities. The Diocese follows national safeguarding policies and guidance established by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. For more information, please visit our safeguarding pages on the Diocesan website

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Envelopes are available in the Foyer. Please place your list of deceased relatives, friends, loved ones in the envelope together with your offering. Please return as soon as possible to the Parish Office. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2027: Do you have a child due to start Reception or Year 7 in September 2027? Would you like to find out more about our Catholic Schools in this area? Use the QR code below to complete a short questionnaire and your preferred school will contact you with more information.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Caroline Garrand 1962; Joseph McKeown 1972; Orazia (Grace) Cacioppo 2021;
Sheila Butcher 2020; Brian Nunn 2025; Mary Sullivans 1964; Baby Peyton Riley Crump 2023;
William Burns 1976; Gregory Flaherty 1998; Alfonso Abella 2003; Maria Abella 2022;
Wanda Hall 2022; Margaret Young 1973; Thomas Earley 1974; Brian Tyson 1982; Sean Conroy 1989;
Murtha Morris 1974; Brenda Rees 1977; George Mangan 1983; Jeremiah McCarthy 1990;
Anthony Smith 1994; Christopher Lawlor 1999; Maurice Pettit 2001; Teddy Kieran 2001;
Cosimo Schirinzi 2006; Cis (Bridget) Hill 2017; Edward Duffy 1967; John Tarleton 1972;
Maurice Toomey 1983; John O'Callaghan 1993; Joyce Summers 1995; Denise Waters 2004;
Henrietta Mary Flitton 2023; John Croke 1972; Jaqueline Charles 1979; Antonia Vinent 1998;
Maire Palcic 2001; Kate 'Kitty' Kehoe 2023; Baby Anthony Ronan 1988; James McGuinness 2009;
Patrick Forde 2016; Mary McDade 1982; Robert Millar 1999; James Connorton 2024;
Annina (Nina) Allen 2016; 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 ✠ **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).