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 16th November 2025
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 1
World Day for the Poor

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.**

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Saturday 15th November	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions People of Our Parish	
Sunday 16th November **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees** **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer Kathleen O'Callaghan RIP Alice Margey RIP **Bethany Mass**	**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Monday 17th November	9.30am	Paddy Dolan RIP	
Tuesday 18th November	9.30am	Holy Souls PRAYER GROUP:	
Wednesday 19th November	NO MASS		
Thursday 20th November	NO MASS **10.00am-12Noon**	**THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 21st November	NO MASS		**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
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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.

MORNING PRAYER: Please note Morning Prayer this week Monday and Tuesday 8.50am followed by Rosary – All welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: For the prevention of suicide.
Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

APOLOGIES THERE ARE NO PRINTED NEWSLETTERS THIS WEEKEND DUE TO AN ONGOING POWERCUT SINCE WEDNESDAY RESULTING IN NO ELECTRICITY WITHIN THE PRESBYTERY/OFFICE. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JEROME, MAURICE AND FRANK FOR ALL THEIR HELP THIS WEEK IN HELPING THE ENGINEERS TO LOCATE THE NECESSARY DAMAGED UNDERGROUND CABLES.

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 Roque Anthonio DeSouza Anthony Tydeman. Please remember Roque Anthonio and Anthony and keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

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.

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!

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: The next Bethany Mass will take place at Sacred Heart this weekend on **Sunday 16th November at 3.00pm**. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards. All welcome!

VACANCY PARISH SECRETARY: Parish Secretary to provide administration support to the parish of St Margaret of Scotland, Luton. The role will be for 7 hours per week, ideally worked Tuesday and Friday. Flexible working pattern to be agreed.
Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting
https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs
All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to:
hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org
This vacancy remains open until the position is filled.

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

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.

LUTON FOODBANK: Would like to thank Sacred Heart Parishioners for their continued support and generosity. The Foodbank has seen a big increase in the number of people needing their support. One way in which you can help is to join the Reverse Advent Calendar. Details in Foodbank Newsletter **https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/luton-foodbank-newsletter-october-2025/**
Please view a copy of the Reverse Advent Calendar on the Noticeboard.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART CHURCH: To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church there will be Vespers at **4.00pm** followed by a plate to share on **Sunday 23rd November** in the Parish Hall. All welcome. Lists are 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 this week to Bernadette **17th and/or 19th November** (during office hours 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.

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 9th November 2025 Loose cash £363.09; Envelopes £722.67; Total: £1085.76. 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.)

DOUBLE YOUR LOVE FOR MARY'S MEALS THIS CHRISTMAS!
From 10th November, donations made to Mary's Meals will be **doubled** by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.1 million! This means your kindness will go even further and Mary's Meals can reach even more hungry children with a life-changing school meal. Millions of children are still waiting for Mary's Meals, unable to go to school because of poverty and hunger. Those that do attend are often too hungry to learn. With your support, more and more children will wake each morning knowing they will eat a good meal today – and have hope for a brighter tomorrow. It costs just £19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Double The Love, a donation of **£19.15** will feed **two children**.

Together, through Double The Love, we can turn hunger into hope for many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. Visit: **https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/double-the-love**

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/**

FOR ASPIRING TEACHERS: St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust is hosting a Train to Teach Open Morning being held at St Martin De Porres Catholic Primary School, Luton, LU4 OPF. It is being held on the 17th November 2025 at 11:30am.

To sign up to attend please visit: **www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/**

VACANCY – EXAM INVIGILATOR - CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Exam Invigilators are required to supplement an experienced and committed team of public examination invigilators. This team invigilate public examinations at GCSE and GCE (Advanced) Level and are required to be available primarily during May and June but also at other examination periods throughout the year. Working hours are flexible. Morning sessions begin at 08:30am and afternoon sessions may not end until 5.00pm. For more information and to apply, please see our My New Term webpage **https://mynewterm.com/jobs/142310/EDV-2025-CNCSSSC-91753**

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: As from January 2026 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!**

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Susan Palmer 1985; Antonio Guingo 1992; Eileen Jacinski 1999; Catherine Mary Arthur 2019;
Patricia Dolan 2022; Pearl McKearney 1999; Kathleen (Kate) O'Callaghan 2020;
Jose Pedro Vincente Da Costa 2020: James Kelly 1974; Josephine McGuire 1989;
Daniel Nigel Comerford 2016; Philip Calvino 1974; Eileen Brown 1991; Patrick Killeen 2007;
Mary McCrudden 1992; Kathleen Hennessy 2004; Joan Killeen 2011; Linda Roache 1990;
Douglas Long 2004; Baby Ethan Joshua Murphy 2006; Filomena Luongo 2007;
Thomas (Tom) Purcell 2018; Eleonora Panepinto 2019; Iris Mowatt 2004
✠ **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)