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 January 2025
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.**

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Saturday 25th January	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Thanksgiving to Parish on behalf of the family of Teresa Hurley RIP	**Conversion of St Paul the Apostle**
Sunday 26th January	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Tim Naughton RIP People of our Parish	**3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday of the Word of God**
Monday 27th January	9.30am	Holy Souls	
Tuesday 28th January	9.30am	Holy Souls	**St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the church**
Wednesday 29th January	9.30am	Healing (Private Intention)	
Thursday 30th January	9.30am	Frank Costello RIP	
Friday 31st January	9.30am	Bridget McDonnell RIP	**St John Bosco, Priest**
Saturday 1st February	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Jean Comerford RIP	**St Brigid of Kildare, Abbess**
Sunday 2nd February	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People Of Our Parish Frank Costello RIP	**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Candlemas**

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

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Geraldine Bonner and keep Geraldine, her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS: Geraldine Bonner RIP, Friday **14th February**, Funeral Service 11.00am at The Vale.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: To request the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact Fr Allan or the Parish Office. Extraordinary Ministers taking Communion to the sick speak to Deacon Jim before or after Mass please.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection this weekend **25th/26th January** for a retirement gift from the Parish to Fr James. The payee for any cheque donations should be 'Sacred Heart Parish'.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: Bishop David will lead a celebration in our Cathedral at 3.00pm on **26th January** devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. on this day. All those who proclaim or teach the scriptures are invited to be commissioned for their ministry by attending either in person or virtually.

READERS' ROTA: Copies of the new Readers' Rota commencing 1st February are available in the Foyer. If anyone is interested in reading at Mass, could they speak to Deacon Jim after any Mass please, or email the Parish.

CHRISTMAS CRIB: The crib (up until next weekend **2nd February**) collection will go to 'Embrace', tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. For more information go to **https://embraceme.org/**

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY: HMD 2025 marks 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and 30 years since the genocide in Bosnia. It is extra-special that HMD is bringing together the civic, faith and political leadership of the country, in this year's national observance of HMD, which BBC One will broadcast on **27th January at 7.00pm**. Please join together with everyone in watching this online event. For more info about a wide range of HMD programmes across TV, Radio and Online, please visit: **https://hmd.org.uk/news/holocaust-memorial-day-2025-ceremony-to-be-shown-on-the-bbc/**
As well as watching the UK HMD Ceremony, you can also join **Light the Darkness national moment at 8.00pm on 27th January** . Candles can be safely placed in your windows for the national moment to stand together against all prejudice and all hatred. **https://hmd.org.uk/lightthedarkness/**

DISCOVER RADIO MARIA - YOUR CATHOLIC VOICE ON AIR: A special broadcast on Radio Maria at 10.00am on Tuesday **28th January** features Fr Conor McDonough, O.P. from the Dominican House of Studies in Dublin who will explore the fascinating trend of young people rediscovering Christianity. You can listen via DAB+, the Radio Maria Play app, on the Alexa Smart Speaker or online at **www.radiomariaengland.uk**

A YEAR OF HOPE: INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR: How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching this inspirational event at **cafod.org.uk/jubilee**. Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

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. The dates for the Baptism Preparation Classes for 2025 are as follows: Thursday **6th February**, 7.00pm; Thursday **3rd July**, 7.00pm; Thursday **4th September**, 7.00pm; Thursday **6th November**, 7.00pm. Please speak to Deacon Jim or contact the Parish Office.

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

A JOURNEY OF HOPE: For the Jubilee Year this Lent, there is a retreat in daily life, on Mondays 7.30pm - 8.30pm Starting on **3rd March**. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. For more information and to sign up please go to **https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1506153**

WORD ON FIRE UK BIBLE CONFERENCE: Join Bishop Robert Barron from **Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February 2025** at the Excel Centre, East London for a conference entitled 'Evangelisation and Culture: The Bible' to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. For more information and to register, please visit: **wordonfire.org/the-bible-event**

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Week ending 19th January 2025 - Cash £423.32; Envelopes £557.90; Total £981.22. Thank you. If you Gift Aid donations, we can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Geoffrey O'Brien 1996; Patricia Marian MacDonald 2023; Dennis Danaher 1968; Kate Davies 1978; Agnes Blakey 1979; Elizabeth Tyson 1988; Reginald Flower 1989; Dermott MacDonald 2001; Paul Gerrard Hope 2001; Bridget Gallagher 2001; Arthur McGhee 2019; Jane McNalty 1971; Bridget Early 1975; Leo William Clarke 2017; James Devlin 1966; Cyril Perry 1982; Elizabeth Hannan 2002; Edward Hendley 2006; Brigid Collard 2007; Barbara Lobo 2009; Margaret Mary Geraghty 2016; Brenda Eileen Ryan 2014; Gladys Wilkins 1972; Edward Molloy 1995; Charles Dephley 1998; Philip (Phil) Cusack 2016; Michael Dolan 1986; Thomas (Tom) Richard Walker 2017; Joseph George Bennett 2014; Bridget McLoughlin 1971; Arthur Henry Wiggins 2015; Tim Naughton 2021; Meta Hatzel 1973; Charles Massey 1988; Edward Popham 1994; Timothy Coakley 2001; Norah McDonald 2008; William (Billy) Hannon 2014; Annetta Shane 1964; Lesley Henrik 1977; Peter Brown 1992; Dorothy Mulholland 1997; Bridget McDonnell 2012; Elizabeth Blythe 1981; Baby Lloyd Shaw 1999; Baby Christopher Rolleston 1982; Oliver Donaghy 1988; Patrick Gallagher 1998; Joseph Varga 2003; Peter Joseph Forde 2017; Kathleen Concepta Long 'Bunny'; Ken Bowes 2023; Bridget (Bridie) Ann Tobin 2021; Mary McCormick 1986; Kathleen Angela Gibbon 2012; Florence Barber 1986; Timothy Hayes 1990; Baby Elizabeth Foxen 1995. ✠ **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.