



Heart to Heart

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Year A - Sunday 23rd April 2023

Responsorial Psalm	Show us Lord, the path of life.
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PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and leave a contact number.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend 29th/30th April there will be a second collection for Priests' Training Fund at all Masses.

Saturday 22 nd April	11.00am 3.30pm 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Baptism Preparation Class Evening Prayer Mel McNabola RIP	
Sunday 23 rd April	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am BAPTISM	Morning Prayer Sandra Dias (Birthday Intention) People of Our Parish Miriam Izabela Ghergut	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Monday 24 th April	9.30am	Helen Delaney (Intentions)	ST GEORGE
Tuesday 25 th April	9.30am	Perpetual Solomon RIP	ST MARK
Wednesday 26 th April	9.30am	Fr Eugene Connolly, SMA, RIP	
Thursday 27 th April	9.30am	Kathleen Keegan RIP	
Friday 28 th April	9.30am 9-10.30pm	Jim Purcell (Intentions) Fatima Prayer Group - Vigil	
Saturday 29 th April	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Pedro Tacadena Saculles RIP	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
Sunday 30 th April	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Martina Durugbo RIP People of Our Parish	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For a culture of peace and non-violence:
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

WELCOME: To Miriam Izabela Ghergut who is to be baptised into the community of Sacred Heart Parish this weekend.

ST GEORGE'S FEAST DAY MASS: Monday 24th April, 7.00pm Mass followed by refreshments at Our Lady's Luton. All welcome.

RIP: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Evelyn Patricia Bradley, Kathleen Walsh, Sean Dowd and Margaret Brogan (Mother of Maria Ryan – former SENCO at Sacred Heart Primary). Please keep Evelyn, Kathleen, Sean, Margaret, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND: This weekend 22nd/23rd April 2023, we welcome the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy Land (Bethlehem), which is based in Nottingham. Parishioners will have the opportunity to purchase wood carvings. The Good Shepherd Company's goal is to support and help the Christian families in the Holy Land to stay at work as olive wood carvers. Olive wood carving is one of the most important sources of income for them as 90% of the Christians rely on the sale of these items. By selling carvings here on their behalf, this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities. As a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem there are only forty-one thousand Christians left in the area. Please support this worthy cause.

MARIA BARBATO RIP: Please remember Maria RIP and keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they gather together this weekend to lovingly honour Maria's memory on her first anniversary.

UK EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM: A new UK Government service that will warn you if there's a life-threatening emergency nearby. The test alert which will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday 23rd April, will see people receive a message on the home screen of their mobile phone, along with a sound and vibration for up to 10 seconds. **This is a test you do not need to take any action.** For more information visit gov.uk/alerts

PRAYER FOR OUR NEEDS, THOSE OF THE PARISH AND BEYOND: All are invited to meet for prayer on Fridays after 9.30 Mass at Sacred Heart.

VACANCY: Housekeeper (Permanent role). Location: Sacred Heart, Luton
Part Time: 25 hours per week, Monday-Friday, ideally 9.30am – 2.30pm. Start date: ASAP
We are currently recruiting for a Housekeeper to manage and carry out the housekeeping duties for the presbytery, including all cooking/catering needs for the resident Priest/s. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

VACANCY: Diocesan Information Manager; 3 days per week, Start date: ASAP
We are currently recruiting for an Information Manager to join our Diocese. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org The closing date for applications will be Friday 5th May. Interview dates to be confirmed.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Thank you to all who recently attended the Parish Council Meeting. New members are very welcome to join the Parish Council, if interested, please speak to Fr Allan.

ASSEMBLY INSIGHT: Week 1 – 23rd April: The purpose of the Synod...is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to be nourished, inspire trust, bind up wounds...and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands." Preparatory Document for the Synod. Prayer of the Faithful: We pray for the Holy Spirit to come in power for the renewal of our Diocese through an encounter with the Lord Jesus through the Synod process and Assembly. (Prayer cards available in the Foyer.)

BIBLE STUDY – Commencing Thurs 27th April and every other Thursday – The Letter of St James in the Parish Hall of Our Lady's LU1 3AG. 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Everyone welcome.

MULTI-FAITH CORONATION CELEBRATION SERVICE: Service for all faiths to celebrate the upcoming Coronation of King Charles III on 2nd May at 6pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury. The service will be led by Bishop David.

CORONATION TRAIL: From Friday 28th April to 9th May 2023 there will be a fun Coronation trail for children in the healing gardens at the Cathedral Centre. The trail is free and papers can be picked up from the St Thomas Centre reception area.

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL, REUNION FOR CLASS OF 1976: On Saturday 3rd June 2023, 7.00pm - 12pm, at St Margaret's of Scotland Social Club, 20a Bolingbroke Road, Luton, LU1 5JD. Further details please contact Mary Cleary on 07882 397167 or John Kelly via johnkellyCNS@gmail.com

SEMINARY TRAINING: Did you know that we have two men in seminary training to be priests for our diocese at present? Next weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. This is a day across England and Wales when we remember and pray for our Shepherds, Bishop David and our priests. Prayer cards are available this weekend containing our diocesan prayer for priestly vocations. Please pray this prayer, individually, as a family and in prayer groups. The second collection next weekend will go towards priestly formation, seminarian formation and promoting vocations. Please prayerfully consider a gift to support this vital ministry. Without priests, we do not have the Church.

ALPHA COURSE: Coming to Luton – Tuesday 2nd May 2023 and following Tuesdays at Our Lady's Luton, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Every Catholic is called to Mission – to share the good news of Jesus to others. Three ways to help: 1) Pray for this initiative to be fruitful. 2) Invite your non-Catholic family and friends to join the course. 3) From Monday 17th April to go out in pairs to homes near Our Lady's to invite people to join the Alpha Course; if they are out to deliver the invitation. If you can help, please ring Eva on 07886 346047

LET'S JOURNEY TOGETHER – 11th-17th MAY: A week of Online Guided prayer for all who have been affected by Clerical Abuse in the Catholic Church. Find out more and book your place: journeytogetherij@gmail.com (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 10th June – 12 Noon-5.00pm. Join Bishop David as he leads our Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Visit www.northamptondiocese.org

MISSIO: Thank you to Sacred Heart Parishioners for their generosity in raising £1,515.79 through red boxes and individual donations. The Parish would like to thank Pete and Theresa Crawley for all their time and work involved in organising Missio collections.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John McLaughlin 1972; Baby Christopher Phillips 1988; Ruth Caulfield 1990; Anne Ryan 2003; Mary Lyjack 2007; Martin Dempsey 2013; Paul Blakey 2022; Frank Barbato 2014; Winifred Quinn 1965; Maria Barbato 2022; Albert Marcantonio 2005; Catherine Baxter 2006; Teresa O'Brien 2011; Beatrice Lane 1968; Albeina Prosper 1980; John Furey 1989; Ron Billings 1989; Joyce McLaughlin 1993; Daniel Boyle 1998; Isobel Snook 1967; Elizabeth Meadows 1979; John Earnshaw 1986; Maude Tearle 1987; Patrick Dady 1991; Pasquale (Tony) Caruso 2009; John Hogan 2017; Ann South 1983; Margaret Sullivan 2004; June Brothers 2010; Margaret Berry 1989; **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**