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 4th May 2025
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.**

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Saturday 3rd May	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Angela Joseph RIP	**SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**
Sunday 4th May	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Charles Tunn RIP (1st Anniversary)	**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Monday 5th May	**9.30am** **10.00am**	Morning Prayer Marie Duffy RIP (Birthday)	
Tuesday 6th May	9.30am	Margaret Berry (80th Birthday) **Prayer Group**	
Wednesday 7th May	9.30am	Private Intention	
Thursday 8th May	9.30am **10-12Noon**	Alana Russell-Gear RIP (1st Anniversary) **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 9th May	**NO MASS**		
Saturday 10th May	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Martin Vizard RIP	
Sunday 11th May	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Helen Newman (Healing)	**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

FR JAMES: Welcome Fr James. Good to have you back visiting Luton!

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

PRAYERS UPON THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS: Prayer Booklets prepared by the Liturgy Office for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are available in the Foyer. We continue to keep Pope Francis in our prayers and pray for the successor of Pope Francis. On the 7th May the Conclave will begin. We pray for the Sacred College of Cardinals as they meet to elect our new Pope.

ONLINE BOOK OF CONDOLENCE: As we unite as the Catholic community across our diocese in prayer for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father, Francis, each of us will have a unique memory of his impact on us personally or our world. If you would like to leave a digital message on our diocesan book of condolence visit **https://northamptondiocese.org/book-of-condolence/**

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 Pope Francis, Maria Magdalena De Lucia and Barry Hood. Please keep Pope Francis, Maria, Barry; their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

MORNING PRAYER: Monday 9.30am, Tuesday to Friday 8.50am, followed by Rosary – 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 email the Parish Office. **All Extraordinary Ministers taking Communion to the sick speak to Deacon Jim before or after Mass please.**

In memory of Pope Francis: POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: For working conditions
Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

CHARLES TUNN RIP: Please remember Charles RIP in your prayers as his family and friends gather this weekend at Sacred Heart to lovingly remember and honour Charles on his first anniversary. Please keep Margaret, his wife, and all Charles' family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult and sad time.

ALANA RUSSELL-GEAR RIP: Please remember Alana RIP as her family and friends gather this week to lovingly honour Alana on the first anniversary of her death. Please keep Alana's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Financial support to maintain our Church is desperately required to keep our Church, property and equipment in good condition, safe and presentable. The sound system and security are a major concern at the moment so any donations would be gratefully received to help upgrade the system. **Please consider to gift aid your donations.**

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

INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO BE A TEACHER? St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are running a series of open mornings where you can find out what is involved in our training programme and progress your application for September 2025. To book your place, go to **www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/open-mornings/**

NOAH: The NOAH Blue Bins will be at Sacred Heart Church next weekend 10th/11th May. Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

JESUS OUR HOPE: As part of our celebrations for the 2025 Jubilee Year, you are warmly invited to an evening of celebration, inspiration, and hope. Each evening will include prayer, reflection on God's Word, personal testimony, music, and time to socialise over refreshments.
The event is free to attend, but to help us prepare refreshments, we kindly ask that you register in advance. We look forward to celebrating with you!
Event Dates and Locations:

- Sunday, 12th May – Online
- Tuesday, 14th May – 7:00–9:00pm in Olney
- Monday, 9th June – 7:00–9:00pm in Aylesbury

More information and registration details can be found at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/**

PHASES OF THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS: Leaflets available in the Foyer. Bishop David is asking everyone to reflect on our community life and mission into the future. Your voice and experience are essential to this process. You are invited to join the conversation.

A MOMENT OF UNITY & PRAYER FOR PEACE: Tuesday 20th May 2025,12.00 pm (noon)
Location: Temple Church, Temple, London EC4Y 7BB. There will also be a livestream broadcast with the Co-Cathedral of the Most Holy name in Jerusalem. All are welcome to attend, please register at **www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/temple25** See Poster on the Noticeboard.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 27th April 2025 - Envelopes: £588.20; Loose cash: £377.75; Total: £965.95 Thank you. As many already do, you can Gift Aid your donation, enabling us to claim from the government an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you. You can also donate by card via the DONA Machine located in the church.

DIACONATE OPEN DAY: Considering the Diaconate? Are you feeling called to serve in a deeper way? Come and learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese at an Information Morning on Saturday 31st May, from 10:00am-12 Noon at St. Mary's Parish, 82 West St., Dunstable. This is a great opportunity to explore the vocation of a deacon, ask questions, and discern if God is calling you to this ministry. For more information, contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710 or email **franthony.brennan@northamptondiocese.org**

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend 10th/11th May there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of Priests Training – Diocesan Priests Training Fund

JUBILEE TOUR: To Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 8th June 2025. Guest Speaker: Marion Carroll, who was cured at Knock. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Museum of Country Life. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email **knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.**

MARIA HAMILTON RIP: Maria was a devout parishioner at Sacred Heart for over fifty years and will be remembered by many before illness prevented her from attending. Maria Hamilton's (nee Mary Malone) funeral took place in Ireland and she was buried in Dublin with her late husband Don and her beloved son Christopher. Mass will be offered for Maria at 5.00pm Sunday 15th June at Our Lady's Church, Castle Street.

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20th-22nd June **www.retrouvaille.org.uk** Tel: 0788 7296983

COULD YOU BE THE NEXT INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF OUR SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY BOARD?: The Diocese of Northampton is seeking a committed and experienced safeguarding professional to take on the voluntary role of Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Advisory Board. This vital position involves leading quarterly meetings, offering expert advice on safeguarding matters, and supporting our diocesan safeguarding team. Applicant should be someone with senior-level safeguarding experience, ideally from the statutory sector, who also has a good understanding of the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know might be interested in this rewarding opportunity to help ensure the safety and well-being of all within our Church community, please contact Danielle Dixon, Safeguarding Coordinator, on 01604 723514 or email **safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org** for more information. Applications are now open, the new Chair due to take up the role in December 2025.

D-SUMMER: A summer residential event in July for everyone aged 11-18 (in School years 7-13). This year it will be from **Friday 11th** to **Sunday 13th July.** We can't wait to partner with the Sion Community again this year for this event. We had such a great time last year, and we can't wait to see what God's got in store for us this time round. More information and the booking link can be found on NYMO's webpage: **https://nymo.org/d-summer/**

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: All major payment types accepted. Please do not forget to Gift Aid if eligible. Dona machine at the back of the Church. Please see Posters, displayed on the Noticeboards and on the Repository window.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Irene Mary Meek 2014; Paul Failla 2014; Lawrence Kent 1968; William Ring 1983; Catherine Lowe 1957; Ellen Foster 1972; Margaret McAuliffe 1977; Robert Murray 1979; Mary Barnes 1982; Kevin Campbell 2005; Mary Catherine Kieran 2005; David Robinson 2009; Lena Chrabkowski 2011; Teresa Mary 'Tess' Davitt 2022; Charles Tunn 2024; Mabel Money 1960; James Fox 1993; Lorraine Taylor 1996; Margaret O'Donoghue 2002; Josephine McStravick 1991; Joan Sweeney 1995; Rosalia Abella 2023; Eugene Bonner 2021; John McEvoy 1968; George Alderson 1975; James Cullinane 1978; Maria Schirinzi 2007; Stefano Mini 1999; Eilish Ann Young 2008; James Gibson 2010
✠ **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.