



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 LENT
Year A - Sunday 12th March 2023

Responsorial Psalm

**O that today you would listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts.'**

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PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and leave a contact number.

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| Saturday 11 th March | 5.45pm 6.30pm | Evening Prayer Trish MacDonald RIP | |
| Sunday 12 th March | 8.15am 9.00am 11.00am | Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Lisa Doran RIP (10 th Anniversary) | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT |
| Monday 13 th March | 9.30am | Bridget Barber RIP | |
| Tuesday 14 th March | 9.30am | Mick & Monnie McCafferty RIP | |
| Wednesday 15 th March | 9.30am | Eileen Briers RIP | |
| Thursday 16 th March | 9.30am 10.30am | Michael McAree RIP REQUIEM: John McLaughlin | |
| Friday 17 th March | 9.30am 7.00pm | Reginald Blake RIP Stations of the Cross | ST PATRICK |
| Saturday 18 th March | 5.45pm 6.30pm | Evening Prayer People of Our Parish | |
| Sunday 19 th March | 8.15am 9.00am 11.00am | Morning Prayer Siobhan & Alan Stansfield RIP Bridget Tobin RIP | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT |

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

RIP: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially John McLaughlin, Ken Bowes and Mary Shiels. Please keep John, Ken, Mary, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:

John McLaughlin, Requiem 10.30am Thursday 16th March at Sacred Heart.

Ken Bowes, Wednesday 15th March, 11.00am at Our Lady Immaculate, New London Road, Chelmsford, CM2 0RG.

Mary Shiels, Received into Our Lady, Help of Christians Church at 5.00pm, Thursday 30th March with Requiem 12.45pm Friday 31st March.

KEN BOWES, RIP: The Parish has been informed of the sad news of the death of Ken Bowes. Ken, his wife Margaret and their family were former parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish. Ken Bowes died on 28th January 2023 in Chelmsford aged 88. Ken's funeral will be on Wednesday 15th March in Chelmsford. All are welcome and it will be available to watch live for anyone who is interested; details can be found on the funeral director's website: www.mluckingandsons.co.uk/donations

Unfortunately, Margaret is in very poor health and won't be well enough to attend the funeral herself so the family have asked for you to keep both Ken and Margaret in your prayers at this very difficult and sad time.

MARY SHIELS, RIP: The Parish has been informed of the death of Mary Shiels. Mary was a devoted parishioner at Sacred Heart Church for many years. Mary was originally from Derry, Northern Ireland. Her funeral will take place at Our Lady's and all, who knew Mary are very welcome to attend. Please keep Mary's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

CONFESSION: There will be no Confession at 11.00am on Saturday 11th March due to the children preparing for First Holy Communion who are to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation that morning. Please remember all the children in your prayers.

MASS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Mass for families of those with special needs will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians on Sunday March 12th at 3.00pm followed by refreshments. New families always welcome. Contact Sean on 07930305362 for further information.

ST PATRICK'S DAY: Wishing all a very Happy St Patrick's Day! Leaflets and flyers in the Foyer, supplied by Luton Irish Forum, advertising the various events throughout the week and Luton's 24th St Patrick's Festival and Parade. Come along and join in the celebrations! See Notice on the Noticeboard.

SEAN O'RIADA MASS: Friday 17th March St Patrick's Day - Sean O'Riada Mass. 9.30am Our Lady Help of Christians, Castle St. Gaelic sung mass with Luton Irish Forum Choir and Mac Monaghan. All welcome.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD: (2023 Pope Francis, "I encourage the faithful to draw near sincerely to the mercy of God in Confession.") See the Poster on the Noticeboard giving times for Confessions and Exposition in the town's Catholic Churches on Friday 17th March and Saturday 18th March.

UNEMPLOYED? IMPROVE YOUR BASIC DIGITAL SKILLS: Face to face 12-week course. Contact Luton Irish Forum on 01582 817069 or visit www.lutonirishforum.org or email sue@lutonirishforum.org

FREE REDUNDANCY COACHING INFORMATION: Written by a parishioner to aid, inform and offer advice on how to upskill and get back into work visit www.vitaeopus.co.uk

BIBLE STUDY: Talks on Confession Thursday 16th March; The Mass Explained, Thursday 30th March and then commencing Thursday 27th April and every other Thursday – The Letter of St James in the Parish Hall, Our Lady's, Luton, LU1 3AG 7.30-9.00pm. Everyone welcome.

MOSES COURSE: If you are a leader in any area of ministry, or interested in learning more about leadership please consider booking onto this course, places are limited: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/moses-beyond-the-desert-2023/> This course is subsidised. It is a residential course from 6.00pm on Friday 31st March to 7.00pm on Sunday 2nd April, Shallowford House in Stone.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday 3rd April 2023, 7.00pm (**revised venue**) Our Lady's, Castle Street, Luton.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2023/24: Will be distributed before or after each Mass on the following weekends: **Sunday 12th March, Sunday 19th March, and Sunday 26th March.**

PRO LIFE WITNESS AT L&D HOSPITAL: Saturday 18th March, 1-2.00pm Act of Prayer and Witness in support of life and against abortion outside the L&D Hospital. Please come to witness our faith, to pray for all involved and to give these innocent children a voice.

SAFEGUARDING: Thank you from the Parish to Jenny Dowsett, Oona Sugrue and Bernadette McKenzie who, following completion of training, have agreed to be Sacred Heart's Safeguarding Representatives. Those that need to be DBS checked will be contacted in due course by the Safeguarding Team.

RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY: St Thomas' Catholic Academies Trust are recruiting for a Headteacher (L18-L24) at St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School in Luton. For further information, please contact Kerri Wiseman kwiseman@academicis.co.uk or 07733 628155/01223 907979; or go to www.mynewterm.com/jobs/142264/EDV-2022-SMDPCPS-19513

FUNDRAISING MANAGER, 40 HOURS PER WEEK, START DATE: APRIL 2023: Northampton Diocese is recruiting for an experienced Fundraising Manager to lead the development and delivery of the diocesan fundraising plan with the principal aim of proactively securing growth of income from charitable trusts, foundations and grant giving bodies. Full information and an application form visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/job/fundraising-manager/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

DIOCESAN INFORMATION MANAGER: 3 days per week, Start date: May 2023
Full information for the position and an application form, <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org Closing date for applications will be Friday 31st March. Interview dates to be confirmed.

PASTORAL MINISTRY OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, 2 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT, 10 HOURS PER WEEK (Start date: To be confirmed): Vacancy for an administrator to provide communication events and administrative support for the Office for Synodality and the Pastoral Ministry Office on a temporary contract for 2 years. Full information for the position and an application form, visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/job/pastoral-ministry-office-administrator/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Pauline Mooney 1995; Baby Rebecca Mooney 1995; Lisa Marie Nora Doran 2013;
Gerard Crossin 2012; Patrick Cyril Carroll 1973; James Birtwistle 1991; James McCaffrey 1998;
Joseph Harbud 2000; Augustine Hynes 2007; Maralaine Cooper 2010;
Michael (Mick) McCafferty 2018; Richard Connell 1993; Richard McCleod 2014;
Baby Caroline Murphy 1965; Joseph Brewster 1972; Bridget Leonard 1981;
Gerard Shanahan 1998; Denis Harte 2000; Mamie McHugh 2002; Anne Dixon 1975;
Tydfil Meade 1991; John McIlroy 1993; Patrick Harte 1995; Thomas Anthony Kenny 2008;
Patrick Clifton 1973; Catherine Knox 1981; Elizabeth Simpkins 1983; Reginald Blake 1990;
Kevin Francis Callaghan 2012; Liam Galvin 2019 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**