



# Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton  
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban

**Year B - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Racial Justice Sunday**

**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, time and a contact number.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of Racial Justice.

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer People of Our Parish	<b>Day of Prayer for Racial Justice</b>
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Victor Manley RIP (Birthday) Mary Ellen 'Nell' Callaghan RIP	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Paul Portelli RIP	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Margaret Mary Bowes RIP PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	9.30am	Andy McKenna RIP	<b>St John Bosco</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February <b>HALL</b>	9.30am <b>10-12Noon</b>	Margaret Mary Bowes RIP <b>THURSDAY CLUB</b>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	9.30am	Bernadette O'Donnell (Healing)  <b>Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life</b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer George Ivors RIP	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Thanksgiving to Parish on behalf of the family of Kitty Kehoe RIP	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>

**PARISH HALL:** Teas and Coffees available after Sunday 11.00am Mass. All welcome!

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: For the Gift of Diversity in the Church**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**RIP:** Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Benjamin James Daly. Please keep Benjamin, his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

**FUNERAL DETAILS:** Benjamin James Daly RIP, Service Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 11.00am at Luton Crematorium.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Racial Justice Sunday is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. This year's theme is: "Seeing one another in the life of the Church". It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race and background. For further information please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>

**PAX CHRISTI:** Volunteer required as a link-person on behalf of Sacred Heart Parish for Pax Christi. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

**SAFEGUARDING:** Bishop David Oakley is available to meet with anyone affected by abuse, as a victim, survivor, their families or supporters, where private discussions can take place in a safe and non-judgmental environment. Contact safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or email [safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

**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. Presentations by Fr Andrew Behrens, Liz Clark, Deacon Peter Collins, Fr Allan R Jones CRIC and Monsignor Kevin McGinnell. Commencing Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January: Preparing for Lent. Please register in advance to secure a place by emailing: [deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org) (Please see Poster on the Noticeboard for full details and dates of sessions.)

**LUX DIVE:** Our diocesan youth ministry office has announced the dates of the next residential weekend for young people. 'Lux.dive' will take place from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The weekend is open to all those in school years 7-13 and costs £125 pp. Visit <https://nymo.org/lux-dive/> If interested, please contact Fr Allan, we can provide some financial help to enable young people to attend.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Commencing Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February and every other Thursday, 7.30-9.00pm. **Finding Christ in the Old Testament** by Dr Scott Hahn in the parish centre of Our Lady's

**CRIB COLLECTION:** There is still time to donate to the Crib Collection for Friends of the Holy Land. The Crib will be taken down on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Your donations will help meet families' urgent needs in the West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem and Israel.

**LUTON FOODBANK:** Thank Parishioners at Sacred Heart Church for their continued support. If you come into contact with someone experiencing financial difficulties such as rent and/or council tax arrears, debts or rising bills, or if they need advice to overcome their circumstances then please contact Nicola on 07736 993225 (Mon-Wed) who will be able to give information or signpost people to the correct outside authorities for help.

### OUR SACRED HEART ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

This year is the 350th anniversary of the apparition of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The parish should celebrate this, with a special event. Come and visit the shrine of the Sacred Heart, and also visit Ars - the home of the Curé d'Ars, and Cluny, the ancient Benedictine Abbey. Coach travel is included. It will be led by Fr. James, and together we'll spend 5 days on pilgrimage, enjoying our celebrations.

The cost will be at most £950 per person for half-board (single person supplement: £200). It might be less. The minimum number is 20 people, if we can find 25 the cost will drop. {Yes, it is a bit expensive, but it is our special year.}

**Dates: 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October 2024** – Come and spend a few pleasant autumn days in the middle of France.

If you are interested in this please send an e-mail to the parish, and we'll keep you in the picture. **Numbers need to be confirmed by 21<sup>st</sup> February.**

**VACANCY: TEACHING ASSISTANT:** Sacred Heart Primary School, Luton, has a vacancy for an enthusiastic and hard-working person to join their successful team.

Visit <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/109640/EDV-2023-SHPS-76348> for full details and application forms. Closing date Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. Interviews to take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**VACANCY: PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT WORKER:** To help pastoral areas and parishes identify mission and community needs and to work with local groups to discern and implement their local vision. The role 37.5 hours per week on a three-year fixed term contract, involving weekend and evening work. Full information and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> Closing date for applications Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Interview dates to be confirmed. All candidates should complete an application form and email it to: [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

**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 next Baptism Preparation Class is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**RETROUVAILLE:** Do you need help in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille for more information about their 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Next programme commences with a Virtual weekend on 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February or there is a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) for further information.

**COLLECTION:** Figures for w/e 21.01.24 Envelopes: £716.00; Loose cash: £407.98; TOTAL £1123.98 Thank you.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Blythe 1981; Baby Lloyd Shaw 1999; Baby Christopher Rolleston 1982; Oliver Donaghy 1988; Patrick Gallagher 1998; Joseph Varga 2003; Peter Joseph Forde 2017; 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; John Harley 1960; Mary Garvey 1979; Anne Cashin 1991; John Yarker 1999 ✕ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**