

HEART TO HEART

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster and Deanery of St Alban

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B - 20th December 2020

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PARISH OFFICE: The Parish office is closed with Parish admin being managed remotely on a part time voluntary basis via the new email address parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org

MASSES: Our four weekly public Masses are Saturday (6.30pm), Sunday (9.00am and 11.00am) and Wednesday (9.30am). There are no private prayer sessions in the Church. The Christmas Masses are

Christmas Eve	Thursday 24 th	6.00pm and 8.00pm
Christmas Day	Friday 25 th	9.00am and 11.00am
The Holy Family	Sunday 27 th	9.00am and 11.00am

With six Masses available, hopefully everybody who would like to attend a Mass will be able to do so, notwithstanding the Covid capacity restrictions, especially if attendance is reasonably evenly spread out. If we reach the reduced capacity limit, the Stewards will not be able to let more attendees in.

The sacrament of confession will be available after this week's 9.30 am Wednesday (23rd) Mass. There will be a public Mass on New Year's Day (which falls on a Friday this year) at 9.30am. There will be a second collection this weekend (19th/20th) for Sea Sunday. There will be no Masses on Saturday 26th.

Covid rules apply to all Masses, including hand sanitising, social distancing and a face covering, unless exempt. For Mass intentions, email parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org or place an envelope in the Presbytery letterbox with the name of the person and/or nature of the intention.

Saturday 19 th	6.30pm	Hugh Byrne RIP	○ Root of Jesse
Sunday 20 th	9.00am 11.00am	Lisa Doran RIP Davide Nilletti RIP	○ Key Day of Prayer for expectant Mothers
Monday 21 st	Private	Judy and Wesley Weekes - Intentions	○ Rising Sun
Tuesday 22 nd	Private		○ King
Wednesday 23 rd	9.30am	People of our Parish Confessions after Mass up to 11.00am	○ Emmanuel St John of Kanty
Thursday 24 th	6.00pm 8.00pm	Richard Coady RIP	The Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ
Friday 25 th	9.00am 11.00am	Stefano Salvatore RIP	Mass of Christmas Day
Saturday 26 th	No Mass		St Stephen

Entrance Antiphon	Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.
Psalm Response	I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia. I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia.
Communion Antiphon	Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

SACRAMENTS: Weddings with up to 15 attendees and funerals with up to 30 attendees are permitted, with Covid rules applying. Baptisms are by necessity. Pastoral visits are available, but not if a household is self-isolating.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: Thank you to our volunteer cleaners and stewards who enable us to open the Church for Masses and to conduct funerals. If you would also like to volunteer, are under 70 years of age and not shielding, then please email parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org

CONFIRMATION 2021: Some of our Confirmation catechists are stepping down and we will need more catechists to run the 2021 Confirmation programme. Please consider if this could be a way for you to serve our church community by offering your gifts and talents as a catechist. If you would like to discuss this opportunity with a current catechist then please ring Bozena on 01582 708693.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT: A free online coaching programme www.vitaeopus.co.uk is available to Parishioners providing a wealth of job hunting and self employment information and advice for anybody seeking work. Please pass the web link on to anyone who might find it helpful.

SCHOOL PLACES IN LUTON: An application for a school place must be made by 15th January 2021 for any child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017. For an information pack or further information please email admissions@luton.gov.uk or call 01582 548016 or write to Admissions Team, Children, Families and Education Directorate, Luton Council, Town Hall, George Street, Luton, LU1 2BQ.

SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICIES: St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust has updated the Admission Policies (for September 2022 admissions) for Cardinal Newman Catholic School, St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary School and St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School. The consultation period is open until 31 December 2020. Go to www.stcat.co.uk/trust-governance/consultation-documents to view the policies. For hard copy or to make comments, contact Maxine Gilmartin at consultation@stcat.co.uk or by post at St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, c/o St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School, Pastures Way, Luton, LU4 0PF.

CITIZENS ADVICE: Citizens Advice are offering free support for people needing to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme, see the poster in the Church porch, or telephone 01582 544778, or email euadvice@lutoncab.org.uk

RIP: Please remember Francis Mcalliney RIP and Kathleen O'Callaghan RIP and all other recently deceased Parishioners. Please also keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Baby Michelle Coleman 1981; John MacGuire 1984; Charles Graham 1964; Colin Reynolds 1968; Catherine Higgins 1989; Frances Edmunds 1995; Mary Murray 2001; Margaret O'Riley 2002; Arthur Stuart James McNaughtan 2019; Emelia Ceresale 1975; John Morrissey 1983; Mary McCaffrey 1996; Barry Shakeshaft 1986; Patrick Joseph Sweeney 2015; Lilian Vinzon Kightley 2015; Nelson Weeden 1980; Pietro de Lucia 1984 Patrick Savage 1978; John O'Hara 1982; Stephen Leahy 1989; Antony Giugno 1998; Catherine McGhee 2014; Margaret Rose Ann Holyland 2019; Michael McIntyre 1974; Helena Richards 1978; Kathleen Simms 1980; Alicia Sconcia 2018; John Dowling 1970; Thomas Donovan 1970; Lavinia Collard 1973; John McNama 1988; Alicia McCafferty 1999; Davide Nilletti 2007; Noreen Wallace 2016; Isabel Hill 1963; Stanley McCaulsky 2004; Gertrude Rance 1970; Elizabeth Savage 1976; Mary Watson 1989; Ellen Earley 1995; Dennis Kenny 2002; Mary Fennelly 2007; Richard Coady 2019; Frederick Woods 1982; Dorothy O'Neill 2006; Marie Fox 2013; Baby Hannah Swendell 1980; Dominic Gallagher 1972; Mary Gallagher 1995; Theresa Adams 2010; James (Jim) McGeoghan 2013; Kevin Patrick Oates 2013; Edward (Ned) Myers 2013; Michael Anthony Cawley 2014. ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: The Prayer Group continues to gather virtually and would be pleased to pray for any intentions. Please email your intentions to parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org

PARISH GIVING: In addition to other options (see www.sacredheartluton.org) to make donations, you can call the Diocese each Tuesday between **10.00am** and **4.00pm**, a member of the Cathedral team will be available by phone on **01604 712065** for you to make a Parish donation.

HELPING OTHERS: Please do what you safely can for elderly or vulnerable people in the community, especially those living alone. Pastoral care is available by contacting the Parish Office. Please print and safely pass on a copy of this newsletter to Parishioners who do not have online access.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Thank you to the Parishioners who helped putting up the Christmas tree and decorations and also the lovely Crib, many hands make light work! We would like to wish everyone in the Parish

A very happy Christmas to one and all

from Fr Mirek, Deacon Jim and the Parish team, with special thanks to our fantastic group of Parish volunteers who have kept the Church functioning and available to Parishioners during this incredibly challenging and difficult past year. With the Grace of God, let us pray that 2021 will see the pandemic finally subsiding, so that we may begin enjoying whatever the 'new normal' is going to be.