



Heart to Heart

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Year C – Psalter Week 4 – 19th December 2021

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COVID MASK WEARING REQUIREMENT: The Government requirement is that the public, and staff in public facing areas, must wear face coverings (unless exempt) including in places of worship. Please bring a face covering with you when attending Mass. Please do not attend Church if you have any Covid19 symptoms.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish office is open Monday 20th December and Wednesday 22nd December 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and leave a contact number. The Office will be closed over the Christmas period and will reopen on Wednesday 29th December.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 9.30 am. Please check the weekly Newsletter for the Mass Intentions.

NEWSLETTERS: Newsletters are available this weekend. Please do not leave your copy in the Church.

Saturday 18 th	6.30pm	Michael Gear RIP (1 st Anniversary)	O Adonai
Sunday 19 th	9.00am	Alice Margey RIP	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	11.00am	Davide Nilletti RIP	O Root of Jesse
Monday 20 th	No Mass		Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers
Tuesday 21 st	9.30am	People of Our Parish	O Key
Wednesday 22 nd	9.30am	Maria Jones & Family (Intentions)	St Peter Canisius
Thursday 23 rd	9.30am	Hetty & Jack Hargrave RIP	O Rising Sun
			O King
			St John of Kanty
			O Emmanuel

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	God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
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.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for expectant Mothers especially on 19th December.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: We will be putting up the Christmas decorations and the Crib display on Monday 20th December between 10.00am and 12 Noon. Volunteers would be most welcome to help out, many hands make light work!

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2021 AT SACRED HEART CHURCH: Please note the times of Masses:

CHRISTMAS EVE Friday 24th Mass	6.00pm	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Carols Mass	7.30pm 8.00pm	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
CHRISTMAS DAY Saturday 25th	10.00am	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

RIP: Please remember Pat Brennan RIP who died recently. Please keep his wife Bridget and all the family in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult and sad time.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Display in the church foyer for each Sunday of Advent. Please come and have a look and check out some ideas on how we can talk with our children about welcoming Our Lord at "Christ-Mass".

MINCE PIES: Come along to the Parish Hall after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 19th December and enjoy a festive mince pie!

ONLINE RETREAT, Monday 20th December 7.30-8.30pm: Join Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent for an online retreat helping us to pause, reflect and encounter the Lord. The final session focuses on the lives of St Lucy and St Joseph. To join the online community on Monday night register here: https://lift_up_your_eyes.eventbrite.co.uk, or watch the previous sessions here <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/lift-up-your-eyes/>

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN FINANCE TEAM: As the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have decided to continue to offer a dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, we know that many people will not be returning to churches this Christmas. We also know that many people still wish to offer a gift to their priests for the sacrifices they make throughout the year. If you would like to offer a gift to your priest this Christmas, please call 01604 712065 between 9am-5pm from Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd and 9.00am-1pm on Friday 24th December. A member of the team would love to hear from you.

VACANCY – HEADTEACHER: A special opportunity to become a Headteacher in the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust. St Margaret of Scotland is a school that has been transformed in recent years and presents a fantastic opportunity for a leader who wishes to build on those successes and create a community that stretches beyond the school gates and into the hearts of families, parishes, as well as our neighbours and friends across Luton. Candidate pack available on www.stcat.co.uk/careers-and-training/trust-vacancies/ offers a detailed insight into the role, together with details as to how you can apply. You will be guided and supported through the application process by our partners at Academicis.

For more information about this exciting opportunity, including arranging visits to the school and discussions with our Strategic Executive Leader, Joe Richardson, please call our recruitment partner Tracy Laverack on 07554 118 997 or 01223 907 979 or via email tlaverack@academicis.co.uk. Closing date for application is noon on 31st January 2022.

LUTON FOODBANK: As Christmas approaches please remember those who are less fortunate and who struggle to provide for their families. Please place donations of food items (non-perishable) in the boxes in the Foyer. See the Noticeboard for a full list of items required.

NOAH WINTER APPEAL: NOAH Enterprise's services and support become even more crucial for vulnerable people who are homeless and sleeping rough throughout winter. This winter, with your help, NOAH hope to raise £10,000 to ensure that no one goes cold and hungry in Luton and Central Bedfordshire this year.

Visit: www.noahenterprise.org/winter-appeal-2021/ for more information and how to donate.

REFLECTING ON THE CHURCH POST COVID: An event for Christians in Luton marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place on Saturday 22nd January 2022 at Holy Ghost Catholic Parish Centre, Luton, 10.00am-12.30pm. Come and share your experiences and listen to others' wisdom. The Keynote Speaker will be Bishop David. Please see the Poster on the Noticeboard for more information.

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM: If you wish to have your child baptised in 2022 at Sacred Heart Church then please speak to Fr Mirek or Deacon Jim after Sunday Mass. A Baptism Preparation Course Class **must be undertaken** before Baptism can go ahead. The dates for Baptism Preparation Classes for 2022 are as follows:

Saturday 15th January 2022; Saturday 26th February 2022; Saturday 9th April 2022;
Saturday 21st May 2022; Saturday 2nd July 2022; Saturday 10th September 2022;
Saturday 22nd October; 2022; Saturday 3rd December 2022

All classes start promptly at 3.30pm. Please speak to Deacon Jim to book your place.

MARY'S MEALS – DONATIONS: Until January every gift given to Mary's Meals will be **DOUBLED** by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk. To send one of your loved ones a truly meaningful gift this Christmas, order online at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/gift-card-shop> or call 0800 698 1212.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022: If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, you must apply for a school place by 15th January 2022. Please see the Poster on the Noticeboard for more information or visit www.luton.gov.uk or telephone the Admissions Team on 01582 548016 email admissions@luton.gov.uk

CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY (SEPTEMBER 2023): St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust has updated the Cardinal Newman Catholic School Admission Policy (for admission in September 2023). The consultation period is now open until 31 December 2021. Details of the policy can be found on the Trust website (<https://www.stcat.co.uk/trust-governance/consultation/>). If you require a hard copy or have comments to make in regard to the proposed policy, please contact Maxine Gilmartin (consultation@stcat.co.uk, or by post to Maxine Gilmartin, St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, c/o St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School, Pastures Way, Luton, LU4 0PF).

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
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 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**