



Heart to Heart

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalter Week 4 - Year A - Sunday 18th December 2022

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COVID-19 GUIDANCE: Anyone displaying Covid-19 type symptoms should not attend Mass.

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

Saturday 17 th December	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Deceased Members of the Gois Family	
Sunday 18 th December	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Pat Brennan RIP (1 st Anniversary) Davide Nilletti RIP	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers
Monday 19 th December	9.30am 1.00pm	Wendy Butler RIP REQUIEM: PETER LYONS RIP	
Tuesday 20 th December	9.30am	Private Intention	
Wednesday 21 st December	9.30am	Christie Barber RIP	
Thursday 22 nd December	9.30am	Bill Gear RIP & John Joe Wall RIP Confession	
Friday 23 rd December	9.30am	Mila Oseo (Healing) Confession	
Saturday 24 th December	11.00am 5.45pm 6.15pm 6.30pm 9.30pm 10.00pm	Confession Evening Prayer Carols Anthony Conroy RIP Carols & Readings Private Intention	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Evening Mass of the Vigil
Sunday 25 th December	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish John Lally RIP & Charles McNelis RIP	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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	Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.
Communion Antiphon	Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

MASS TIMES OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

Monday 26th December, St Stephen: 10.00am Mass

Tuesday 27th December, St John the Apostle: 10.00am Mass

SPECIAL INTENTION: On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we are asked to pray for Expectant Mothers.

TOWN PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR ADVENT: 19th December 2022, 7.00pm at Holy Ghost Church, Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD. (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT: Confessions will be available at Sacred Heart Church after the 9.30am Mass on Thursday 22nd December and after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 23rd December and also at 11.00am on Saturday 24th December.

RIP: Please pray for Peter Lyons who died recently. Please keep Peter, his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.
Requiem 1.00pm Monday 19th December at Sacred Heart.

PAT BRENNAN RIP: Please remember Pat's wife Bridget, family and friends as they gather together to honour the first anniversary of Pat RIP. Please continue to keep Bridget and her family in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE: Thank you to all who helped to dress the Christmas tree and prepare the Christmas Crib. Thank you to Maurice for organising this.

CAROLS IN SACRED HEART CHURCH CAR PARK: Thank you to all who braved the weather to join us to sing carols for our local community. Thank you especially to Wesley for preparing and providing the much needed hot refreshments afterwards.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SUNDAY: Come along to the 11.00am Mass on **Sunday 18th December** in your best Christmas jumper. After Mass there will be festive treats in the hall, and a Christmas jumper competition - only £1 to enter and the chance to win a cash prize!

CHRISTMAS EVE 6.15pm CAROLS – 6.30pm MASS: Children attending are very welcome to come dressed as Nativity Characters; shepherds, angels, etc if they wish to do so or indeed come along dressed in their festive Christmas jumpers.

READERS REQUIRED: Readers sought for the carols and readings before our Mass in the night on Saturday 24th December, (9.30pm Carols-10.00pm Mass) please sign up on the list in the Foyer and collect readings from the sacristy.

SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER 6.30PM MASS: There will be tea/coffee and mince pies in the Hall after the 6.30pm Mass. All very welcome to attend. Please note the Hall will be **closed** on Sunday 1st January 2023 so there will be no tea or coffee after the 11.00am Mass.

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS: As of 7th/8th January, we will reintroduce the procession of the gifts of bread and wine at our weekend Masses. The bread and wine will be brought up immediately after the bidding prayers.

WALKING BY STARLIGHT: ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT: Thursday 22nd December, 7.30pm or any time afterwards. Week 4: courage. Having explored attentiveness, wonder and trust, we now move to the final characteristic of the Magi – courage. Take time in the busiest week of the year to spend an hour of Advent reflection. Find all previous episodes and sign up by visiting: https://pastoralministryoffice.org/walking_by_starlight-2/

SVP ST LOUISE DE MARILLAC: Organised by Our Lady's Church, Luton. Are you or someone you know of in need of help? SVP can offer support call the Help Hotline: 07568 370501. (Home Visits, Care Home Visits, Practical Assistance, Advice, Friendship and much more.)

LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN 2022: Thank you to all who donated to the Love Christmas Campaign. Your gifts will be delivered to children, families and the elderly living in poverty or alone, as well as young carers and children from broken homes or in care this Christmas. Thank you for making a difference. Your generosity is much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: As Staff and Pupils at Sacred Heart School finish this week for their annual Christmas Holiday, we wish all a restful break, a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. For all Parishioners who are travelling to spend Christmas with their families we also wish you safe travels and an enjoyable Christmas.

NOAH: Homeless charity NOAH are expecting to see more people seeking their help this winter due to consequences of cost-of-living crisis and the aftermath of the pandemic. This winter, with your help, they are hoping to raise, £15,000 for people who have nowhere else to turn, across Luton and Central Bedfordshire. For more information and to donate, please visit: <http://www.noahenterprise.org/winter-appeal-2022> - **Our Crib Collection will go to NOAH.**

RESIDENTIAL FOR ALL IN YEAR 7-YEAR 13: NYMO are once again running their annual LUX weekend from 3rd -5th February. The weekend is packed full of fun activities, moving times of prayer and inspirational talks. Come and join around 100 other young people from all parts of the diocese for an unforgettable weekend! For more information and to book a place check out the website www.nymo.org/lux

ALTAR SERVERS: Just to remind altar servers you are very welcome to serve at any of the week day Masses during the Christmas holiday.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: The Christmas Collection is received as a gift for the clergy.

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