



Heart to Heart

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

Year B - Sunday 24th December 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

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Registered Charity Number: 234091

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is closed until Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Saturday 23 rd December	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer People of Our Parish	
Sunday 24 th December	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Bill MacManus RIP Pat Brennan RIP Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers Liam & Lisa Doran RIP Marie Fox RIP (10 th Anniversary)	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 
CHILDREN'S VIGIL MASS 'MIDNIGHT MASS' CAROLS MASS	6.30pm 9.30pm 10.00pm		
Monday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Sinead O'Sullivan RIP (1 st Anniversary)	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST
Tuesday 26 th December	10.00am	Christie Barber RIP	ST STEPHEN
Wednesday 27 th December	9.30am	Joe & John Whelan RIP	ST JOHN
Thursday 28 th December	9.30am	John McKenna RIP	THE HOLY INNOCENTS
Friday 29 th December	9.30am	Mary McGovern RIP St Thomas of Canterbury Patron of the Diocese	ST THOMAS BECKET
Saturday 30 th December	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Barry Smith (Get Well Healing Prayers)	
Sunday 31 st December	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Prudence Sorahan (nee Caldbeck) RIP	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
2024 Monday 1st January	10.00am	Thanksgiving to the Parish on behalf of the family of Bill MacManus RIP	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

THURSDAY CLUB: The Thursday Club is closed and will reopen on 4th January 2024. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year.

RIP: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Concetta Bruno. Please keep Concetta, her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult and sad time.

SINEAD O'SULLIVAN RIP: Please keep Sinead in your prayers as her family gather this weekend to lovingly remember and honour Sinead on the first anniversary of her death. Please keep all her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

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

PRAYER GROUP: Please note the Prayer Group will not meet on Tuesday 26th December.

CRIB COLLECTION 2023: Our Crib Collection this year will be for Friends of the Holy Land. Friends of the Holy Land is uniquely placed as a registered charity in the Holy Land and can quickly meet families' urgent needs in the West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem and Israel.

VACANCY: St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are looking to recruit a Chief Finance and Operations Officer working across all the schools in the Trust, Luton, Bucks and Slough. Further information visit <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/320797/EDV-2023-STCAT-45441>. Closing date for applications is Midday on 29th January 2024.

ALTAR SERVERS: Please remember if you are free during the Christmas break then please know that you are welcome to come along and serve at any of the week day Masses.

COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 17.12.2023 Envelopes £641.85; Loose Cash £337.03
TOTAL £978.88 Thank you.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
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;
Olive Smith 1966; Thomas Aitken 1972; Mary Heyhoe 1999; Guiseppe Abella 2003;
Margaret Theresa Gallagher 2016; Thomas Foster 1956; John Murtagh 1976;
Geoffrey Bowdidge 1982; Jerzy Swietochowski 1999; David Kenny 2004;
Elizabeth Mary Judge 2012; Frederick McNamara 1968; Joan Egan 1973;
Isabella Shepherd 1974; Norah Dempsey 2010; Isabella Tait 1973; Francis Hughes 1993;
Ann Broderick 1998; Richard Dooley 2004; Jane Conlen 1993; Stephen Burke 1998;
Patricia Ann Guigno 2014 Michael Brennan 1966; Gwendoline McShee 1975;
Baby Rose Anguo 2005 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

We would like to wish everyone
a happy and holy Christmas with every blessing
for the New Year



from Fr Allan, Fr James,
Deacon Jim
& Bernadette