Heart to Heart

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

Year C – Sunday 11th May 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

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Saturday 10th May	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Martin Vizard RIP	
Sunday 11th May	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Helen Newman (Healing)	**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Monday 12th May	**NO MASS**		
Tuesday 13th May	9.30am	Mary Pryman RIP **Prayer Group**	
Wednesday 14th May	9.30am	Una Gepp RIP	**St MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**
Thursday 15th May	**NO MASS** **10-12Noon**	 **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 16th May	9.30am		
Saturday 17th May	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions James Gibson RIP	
Sunday 18th May	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Eddie Travers Snr RIP **Bethany Group Mass**	**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

PARISH HALL: Teas and coffees available after Sunday 11.00am Mass. All are welcome!

FR JAMES: Thank you, Fr James, for presiding over the Masses this weekend.

CONFESSION: Please note Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm every Saturday or by appointment.

HABEMUS PAPAM: Cardinal Prevost has been elected Pope Leo XIV. The Conclave has elected Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the 267th Bishop of Rome. We pray for Pope Leo and for his mission to greet the faithful and the world invoking peace and pledging to work for a united Church faithful to Jesus and to the Gospel.

ONLINE BOOK OF CONDOLENCE: As we continue to pray, as the Catholic community across our diocese, for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father, Francis, each of us will have a unique memory of his impact on us personally or our world. If you would like to leave a digital message on our diocesan book of condolence visit **https://northamptondiocese.org/book-of-condolence/**

MORNING PRAYER: (This week) Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8.50am, followed by Rosary – all welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass intentions moved for unforeseen reasons (e.g. funerals) will be honoured on another day. Please provide contact details when requesting intentions and check the weekly newsletters.

BETHANY GROUP MASS: The next Bethany Group Mass will take place at Sacred Heart next weekend on Sunday 18th May at 3.00pm. New families welcome. Refreshments in the Hall after Mass.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Pope Francis, Maria Magdalena De Lucia and Della Conroy. Please keep Pope Francis, Maria, Della; their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or to ask for a relative/friend then please contact Fr Allan or email the Parish Office. **All Extraordinary Ministers taking Communion to the sick speak to Deacon Jim before or after Mass please.**

In memory of Pope Francis: POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: For working conditions
Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

SECOND COLLECTION - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (4TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE): This weekend 10th/11th May there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of Priests Training – Diocesan Priests Training Fund. The future of our Church depends on the men who respond to God's call to the priesthood. Priests are vital to the mission of the Church - they bring us the Sacraments, and without them, we have no Mass, which is the source and summit of our faith. Every penny you give directly supports the discernment, formation, and training of current and future priests. It costs over £30,000 per year to train each seminarian. Our priests continue to grow throughout their ministry with ongoing formation, biblical, theological, canonical, and spiritual - along with regular retreats and opportunities for reflection.

Sadly, our diocese has never had enough home-grown priests to meet the needs of all our parishes. Bishop David longs to provide every parish with a resident priest, but this is not yet possible. As vocations decline, more parishes must prepare for life without a full-time priest. The Diocesan Vocations Team is working on a range of initiatives to inspire and support men considering the priesthood, but they can't do it without your help. Please continue to pray for and support this vital work.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Financial support to maintain our Church is desperately required to keep our Church, property and equipment in good condition, safe and presentable. The sound system and security are a major concern at the moment so any donations would be gratefully received to help upgrade the system. **Please consider to gift aid your donations.**

SAFEGUARDING: Bishop David Oakley is available to meet anyone affected by abuse. Contact via the safeguarding office 01604 723514 or by email **safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org**

Luton LOUDfence – HOPE FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE – A JOURNEY TOWARDS HEALING: Saturday 7th June between 10.00am and 3.00pm at the Holy Family Church, in support of the National Day of Prayer for Survivors. The day includes a pilgrimage walk and service of hope with Bishop David and the Anglican Archdeacon of Bedford. Luton parishes are encouraged to create their own mini LOUDfences and join together as a pastoral event on the 7th June. Building a LOUDfence involves tying colourful ribbons and messages as a visible display of support and solidarity with those affected by abuse. Everyone is welcome.

NOAH: The NOAH Blue Bins will be at Sacred Heart Church this weekend 10th/11th May. Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

WORLDWIDE ROSARY: Join Radio Maria for a Worldwide Rosary live from the Chapel of the Apparitions at the heart of the Fátima Shrine. Pray with our global family on Tuesday, 13th May at 4.00pm. Listen on DAB+, online at RadioMariaEngland.uk, on the free Radio Maria Play app, or on your smart speaker by saying, "Play Radio Maria England."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS JUNE 2025: Please note this year the children will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist during two dedicated 11.00am Masses – **8th June and 15th June**. Parishioners who usually attend 11.00am Mass are welcome to attend but please be aware seating will be limited to the outside aisles only.

JESUS OUR HOPE: As part of the 2025 Jubilee Year celebrations, you are warmly invited to an evening of celebration, inspiration, and hope. Each evening will include prayer, reflection on God's Word, personal testimony, music, and time to socialise over refreshments. The event is free to attend, but to help us to cater, we kindly ask that you register in advance. We look forward to celebrating with you!
Event Dates and Locations:
Sunday, 12th May – Online;
Tuesday, 14th May (cancelled);
Monday, 9th June – 7:00–9:00pm in Aylesbury
More information and registration details can be found at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/**

VACANCY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are seeking a visionary Director of Education to lead our schools to extraordinary success. With 17 schools already achieving outcomes well above national averages. For more information and to apply go to **www.mynewterm.com/jobs/987928861/EDV-2025-STCATL-74871**. Closing date for applications 15th May 2025.

A MOMENT OF UNITY & PRAYER FOR PEACE: Tuesday 20th May 2025,12.00 pm (noon)
Location: Temple Church, Temple, London EC4Y 7BB. There will also be a livestream broadcast with the Co-Cathedral of the Most Holy name in Jerusalem. All are welcome to attend, please register at **www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/temple25** See Poster on the Noticeboard.

DIACONATE OPEN DAY: Considering the Diaconate? Are you feeling called to serve in a deeper way? Come and learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese at an Information Morning on Saturday 31st May, from 10:00am-12 Noon at St. Mary's Parish, 82 West St., Dunstable. This is a great opportunity to explore the vocation of a deacon, ask questions, and discern if God is calling you to this ministry. For more information, contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710 or email **franthony.brennan@northamptondiocese.org**

DIVINE MERCY TALK: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Provincial Superior of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, will be visiting St. Joseph's Parish, Gerrards Cross on Tuesday, 3rd June at 7:30pm. He will speak on "The Significance of the Divine Mercy Devotion." The talk will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments. All are welcome. See Poster on the Noticeboard.

JUBILEE TOUR: To Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 8th June 2025. Guest Speaker: Marion Carroll, who was cured at Knock. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Museum of Country Life. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email **knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.**

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20th-22nd June **www.retrouvaille.org.uk** Tel: 0788 7296983

D-SUMMER: A summer residential event in July for everyone aged 11-18 (in School years 7-13). This year it will be from **Friday 11th** to **Sunday 13th July.** We can't wait to partner with the Sion Community again this year for this event. We had such a great time last year, and we can't wait to see what God's got in store for us this time round. More information and the booking link can be found on NYMO's webpage: **https://nymo.org/d-summer/**

WOMEN OF HOPE: A SPECIAL DIOCESAN EVENT: The Women in Ministry group in the Diocese of Northampton are running a special event on Saturday 19th July at St Mary's Woburn Sands from 11am-4pm. An opportunity for women across the Diocese to gather, share and celebrate the stories of ministries past and present. Avril Baigent will share her experiences of the Synod in Rome and lead all in a synodal listening process. Bishop David will also be joining for the day and the final liturgy.
All are welcome! Sign-up using the following link:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1600230 For more information, please contact Helen Burgess at **helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org**

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday 2nd August 2025. Led by Bishop John Keenan. Coaches leave St Mary's Dunstable at 7.20am, St Joseph's Luton at 7.40am (No parking – Vigil Mass that evening), Our Lady's Luton at 8.00am. Adults £26.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. **Seats reserved only with payment**. Bring a packed lunch and drinks. For more information go to **www.prolifepilgrimage.org** and to book **kevin.drew@btinternet.com** or 07802 525581.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 4th May 2025 Envelopes: £672.30; Loose cash: £442.69; Total: £1114.99 Thank you. As many already do, you can Gift Aid your donation, enabling us to claim from the government an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you. You can also donate by card via the DONA Machine located in the church.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: All major payment types accepted. Please do not forget to Gift Aid if eligible. Dona machine at the back of the Church. Please see Posters, displayed on the Noticeboards and on the Repository window.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BEDFORDSHIRE: This new book is now available from the Publishers, Boydell & Brewer, at a specially reduced price. It has a foreword by Bishop David and covers the growth of the Church across the county from 1700 to 1900. Published by Boydell & Brewer in April 2025 for The Bedfordshire Historical Record Society ISBN: 9780851550862 – Promotional price £20.00 until 31.10.25 + £4.75 p&p *use code BB074 or order online from boydellandbrewer.com
Leaflets available in the Foyer.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Amira Edmonds 1982; Alexander Stewart 1983; John Burke 1994; Maura Gordon 2000;
Joseph Zych 2000; Romeo Raffaele Romano 'Ronnie' 2022; Kenneth Drakeley 2019;
Daisy Burns 1998; Kathleen Hailey 2009; James McGee 1969; Jeanne Hetherington 2003;
George Joseph Gallagher 2019; Thomas Dickinson 1977; Rosemary McCormack 1998;
Michael Joseph Moughan 2009; Philomena Foster 2009; Baby Damien McGeoghan 1985;
Patrick McAuley 1997; Margaret Rose Gralton 2018; Margaret Murray 1979;
Ann Marie (Nancy) Galvin 2012; Bat Murphy 2005; Laurence (Laurie) Coyne 2018; Martin Vizard 2019;
John Porr 1998; Kathleen Nairn 2013; Clare Caldbeck 2016 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

PARISH REGISTRATION: To complete your parish registration, please use the QR code on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.