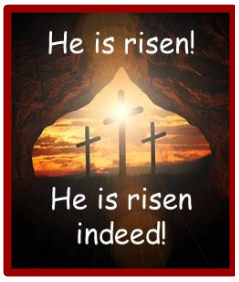

Heart to Heart

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

YEAR A – Sunday 26th April 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Psalter Week 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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Saturday 25th April	**6.00pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Confession Chic Tunn RIP (2nd Anniversary)	**ST MARK, EVANGELIST**
Sunday 26th April **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Janet Howell RIP	**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Monday 27th April	NO MASS		
Tuesday 28th April	9.30am **7.00pm**	Dominic Grealis RIP **Confirmation Group for Adults**	
Wednesday 29th April	9.30am	Maria Hamilton RIP	**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
Thursday 30th April	9.30am **10.00am-12 Noon**	Geoffrey O'Brien RIP **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 1st May	9.30am	Margaret O'Brien RIP	
Saturday 2nd May	**5.45pm** **6.00pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Gloria Keegan RIP	**St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Sunday 3rd May **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Margaret O'Brien RIP	**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

PARISH HALL: Open after Sunday 11.00am Mass for teas and coffees. All welcome!

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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 telephone/email the Parish Office.

EVENING PRAYER: Please note there will be no Evening Prayer on Saturday 25th April.

MORNING PRAYER: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend 25th/26th April there will be a second collection at all Masses on behalf of the **Diocesan Priests Training Fund**.

WELCOME: Rev Mgr Kevin McGinnell to Sacred Heart Church who will be presiding at Mass on Saturday evening. Thank you, Fr Kevin.

THURSDAY CLUB: Please contact anyone that you may feel would benefit from attending the Thursday Club and extend a warm welcome to come along to Sacred Heart's Parish Hall to have a chat and a cup of tea - **Thursday 10.00am-12 Noon**. All welcome!

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: If you are new to the Parish and/or wish to make your weekly donations using envelopes then please contact Wesley on 01582 738569. Thank you.

PARISHIONERS: There are many parishioners who are unwell at the moment, both at home and in hospital. The Church is not always notified. Please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of a parishioner who is unwell (name/address/telephone number or family contact details).

BIBLE STUDY: Commenced Thursday 23rd April 2026 and every other Thursday – The Acts of the Apostles, by Jeff Cavins in the Fr O'Connor Centre at Our Lady Help of Christians, 52 Castle Street, Luton, LU1 3AG. 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Everyone welcome.

CALLED TO LOVE: A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from **Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May**, with the option of staying Friday night. **https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/**

LEGION OF MARY – PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD PRIORY: Saturday 9th May 2026
Cost: Adult £20 Child £12 - Coach: Sacred Heart 8.45am Saturday 9th May 2026
(Alternative pick-up times and places – see Poster on the Noticeboard.)
All seats must be confirmed and payment received by Tuesday 28th April 2026. Payments to be forwarded to Judy Weekes. Contact Judy Weekes via Sacred Heart Parish Office 01582 723099 or via Wesley Weekes 01582 738569 or 07549 996123

DEANERY ADORATION AND CONFESSION: Posters on the Parish Noticeboard show all Adoration and Confession times available within the Deanery.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you wish to have your child baptised at Sacred Heart Church a Baptism Preparation Class must be undertaken before Baptism can go ahead. Please contact the Parish Office to discuss further and to book your place. The next Baptism Preparation Class will take place on Thursday 4th June at 7.00pm in the Church. Please register with the Parish through the CASPAR link.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS: If any adult (16 or over) would be interested in preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer, or being received into the Church, please email the Parish Office this week. Fr Allan is proposing a weekly course that will run on **Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm as of the 28th April.**

FURNITURE BANK: Caritas in the diocese of Northampton responds to local poverty and hardship through a number of initiatives like the Furniture Bank, ensuring that families in the diocese receive the dignity and care they deserve.
The Furniture Bank operating out of St John the Apostle Church, provides essential furniture and household items including beds, storage, chairs, bedding, flooring, and cooking utensils to families and individuals in real need.
Can you help? Donating furniture? Volunteering to help? Collecting and distributing items?
If yes or for more information please contact: Deacon Jim Hannigan 07756 685220
Email: deaconjimhannigan@northamptondiocese.org Website: northamptondiocese.org/caritas

BETHANY MASS: Thank you to all who attended the Bethany Mass last weekend and to those who provided refreshments in the Hall afterwards. The next Bethany Mass will take place at Sacred Heart on Sunday 17th May at 3.00pm. All welcome!

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 19.04.26: Envelopes £634.00; Loose Cash £507.83; Total £1141.83 Thank you. Thank you. Many parishioners give faithfully through the offertory collection each week. Did you know that if you are a UK taxpayer, your gift could be worth 25% more at no extra cost to you? Through Gift Aid, a donation of £10 becomes £12.50 — and we can even reclaim up to four years of past donations. Signing up is simple, confidential, and makes a big difference to parish life. Find out more at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/gift-aid/**

CSSA THEMATIC INSPECTION: SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has launched a public survey as part of its thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. Victims and survivors of abuse—whether recent or historic—are invited to share their experiences of contact with dioceses and Religious Life Groups.
In Northampton, we continue to walk alongside survivors through initiatives such as the Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral. Survivors are encouraged to participate in the survey, helping shape a safer Church for all. Visit:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tlVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzlLTEdTWkUySjhaTlU0QURaOU05SC4u

LITURGY OF THE WORD ZOOM SESSIONS FOR 2026: The God Who Speaks – Our Liturgy of the Word:
A series of online Zoom Sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year. Led by the Liturgical Formation Team.
Future sessions in 2026: Wednesday 8th July, Wednesday 9th September, Wednesday 11th November.
Each session runs from 7.30pm-8.30pm Cost: No charge but there will be the opportunity to make a donation. Please register in advance to secure a place by emailing
deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org **Full details on Poster displayed on the Noticeboard.**

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly. On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:
"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you; we will stand with you until peace is restored." Donate at **cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan**

CALLED & EQUIPPED 2026-27: Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? A year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry. Find out more
here: **https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/** or sign up to introductory webinars
on **https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese**

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Beatrice Lane 1968; Albeina Prosper 1980; John Furey 1989; Ron Billings 1989; Joyce McLaughlin 1993; Daniel Boyle 1998; Isobel Snook 1967; Elizabeth Meadows 1979; John Earnshaw 1986; Maude Tearle 1987; Patrick Dady 1991; Pasquale (Tony) Caruso 2009; John Hogan 2017; Ann South 1983; Margaret Sullivan 2004; June Brothers 2010; Elisa Vecchione Ditella 2023; Margaret Berry 1989; Elizabeth Forrest 2004; Maria Maddalena De Lucia 2025; James Shontall 1984; Elsie Money 1987; Vittorio Spiga 2008; Doreen Draper 2017; Joanne Susan Morrell 2023; Margaret Doherty 1972; Mary Wallman 1976; Harry Baily 1991; Waclaw Jacinski 1997; Valerie McGuigan 2013; Vincenzo Chiazza 2024; Bernadette Scott 2015; Charles Carr Tunn 2024; Dorothy Mote 1963; Elizabeth Penman 1968; James Keegan 1984; Helen Gregg 2022; Errol Henderson 2002 ✠ **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 at the top of the Newsletter on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.

If you do not have an email address then please pick up a form in the Foyer to give your authority for the Parish Office to register you. Please remember to include the following information on the back of the form: Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number (if applicable).