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## HEART TO HEART

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster & Deanery of St Alban

**4th Sunday of Lent Year (A) - Psalter Week 4 - 22nd March 2020**

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**Coronavirus:** In accordance with the Bishop's Conference and Diocesan guidance, until further notice, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is temporarily suspended according to Church teaching for the serious reason of the pandemic.

As a result, with great sadness, all Masses are being celebrated by the priest privately in the Church without a congregation and with the Church doors closed. At each of the Mass times listed below and on the parish website [www.sacredheartluton.org/newsletters](http://www.sacredheartluton.org/newsletters) please do not enter the Church as collective worship is not permitted.

**All Catholic Churches will remain open, they are not closed.** Our Church will be open when Masses are not being conducted for personal prayer and reflection. In doing so, please observe hygiene best practice in relation to social distancing, hand washing and "catch it, bin it, kill it".

Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated, joining in spiritually in the celebration, following prayers at home, making an act of spiritual communion, this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day.

You will also be able to watch a live streaming of all of the Masses from Northampton Cathedral on the link <https://northamptondiocese.org/live/> or via the Parish website [www.sacredheartluton.org](http://www.sacredheartluton.org) Information on the times of the Northampton Cathedral Mass time can be found at <http://northamptoncathedral.org/times/>

We will be posting the usual weekly Newsletter plus other useful Parish and Diocesan announcements and other helpful information on the Parish website [www.sacredheartluton.org](http://www.sacredheartluton.org), so please access it regularly and also help others to access who may not be quite so technology savvy.

The Parish Office will respond to telephone calls and voicemail messages (**01582 723099**) and also emails ([sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk)), however, we would respectfully ask you not to come to the Parish Office in person to avoid the danger of spreading the Coronavirus and also because there will be times when the office is being administered remotely.

You can watch a live streaming of all of the Masses from Northampton Cathedral on the link <https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>. Information on the Northampton Cathedral Mass times can be found at <http://northamptoncathedral.org/times/>.

In these difficult and stressful times, when family health and family finances come first, if you feel able to continue financially supporting the running costs of our Church, there are a couple of easy ways to continue making your Mass offering:

- Set up a Standing Order by printing off and filling in the "Gift Aid Form" available on the Church website [www.sacredheartluton.org](http://www.sacredheartluton.org) in the **Useful Information** section and send it to: The Finance Office, Bishop's House, Marriott Street, Northampton NN2 6AW
- Donate online, via the Diocesan website <https://northamptondiocese.org/>. Scroll down to find the "Donate" button and follow the instructions including putting "Sacred Heart Parish Luton" in the notes section of the donate page

We also need to care for each other. There are so many ways in which we are to do this: being attentive to the needs of our neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable; contributing to our local food banks; volunteering for charitable initiatives and organisations; simply keeping in touch by all the means open to us safely.

During these disturbing and threatening times, the rhythm of the prayer of the Church will continue. Please play your part in it. The effort of daily kindness and mutual support for all will continue and increase. Please play your part in this too. For your commitment to this, thank you.

**There are no Public Masses until further notice.**

Below are the listed intentions for the next week which will be conducted by Fr Mirek, without a congregation, during each private Mass (times as given). At each of the Mass times listed below and for the duration of the Mass please do not enter the Church as collective worship is not permitted under the Guidelines.

Saturday 21st	6.30pm	Tom Walker RIP	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>
Sunday 22nd	9.00am	Our Lady's Intentions Zbigniew Kaminski RIP <b>Due to Diocesan Coronavirus Guidelines – NO RECEPTION for Peter Farrell RIP</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
Monday 23rd	9.30am  12.15pm	Mary Mace RIP <b>Due to Diocesan Coronavirus Guidelines – NO REQUIEM MASS for Peter Farrell RIP Graveside Service at The Vale Cemetery, Butterfield Green Rd, Luton LU2 8DD</b>	<b>St Thuribius of Mongrovejo</b>
Tuesday 24th	9.30am	Judy Weekes (Get Well)	
Wednesday 25th	9.30am	Daphne West RIP	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
Thursday 26th	9.30am	Eileen Howell RIP	
Friday 27th	9.30am	Bridie & Norman Whitman RIP	
Saturday 28th	6.30pm	Ayen Family Deceased	

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Those who have Mass intentions please be assured that Fr Mirek will still be celebrating Mass privately and offering those Masses already booked in. New Mass intentions can be requested by emailing the Parish office at [sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk).

**MOTHER'S DAY – SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH:** Wishing all Mothers in the Parish a Happy Mother's Day.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** All children preparing for First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church please note First Confessions have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: POSTPONED until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our church.**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** All future Confirmation Preparation classes have been cancelled until further notice. The celebration of Confirmation has been **POSTPONED** until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can resume public worship.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** No pastoral visits will be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends. However, phone support is available, please phone Fr Mirek on **01582 723099**.

**LENTEN & EASTER GARDEN: St Clare's Convent, Luton LU3 1ND.** The Lenten Symbol Garden is in place during the weeks of Lent. It is an ideal oasis for Prayer – with an opportunity to make the Stations of the Cross. At the end of Holy Week, the Lenten Garden is transformed into an Easter Garden with a 'Path of Hope'. You are welcome to bring or send a small outdoor plant pot anytime during Holy Week and Easter to be placed along the Path of Hope in memory of your departed loved ones.

**MESSAGE OF THANKS:** Judy Weekes would like to thank her family, friends and parishioners for their support, kindness and well wishes following her recent operation. A Mass will be offered in Thanksgiving.

**PAX CHRISTI:** Thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart for their generous contribution to the recent second collection in aid of Pax Christi. This generous donation will support and enable the peace work of Pax Christi to continue. Please see Certificate of Acknowledgement on the Noticeboard. Their website [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk) offers news, seasonal prayer resources and activities for peace and non-violence.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING MODULES:** The Diocesan Safeguarding Office are offering free online safeguarding training to any member of the Catholic community to access, whether to assist them in their role within/for the Church or for personal development to feel more empowered. Contact: [safeguarding@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.com) or telephone **01604723514**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Margaret Lewis 1966, Bridget Chandler 1992, Mary Little 2007, Bridget Robinson 2010, Alice McManus 1966, Ilona Tojan 1994, Sergio Mareschi 2018, Edward O'Shea 1988, John Duffy 2000, Agnes Walsh 2003, Noel Francis Lynn (Frank) 2017, Brian Aspell 1983, Patrick Smyth 1999, Anna (Ann) Davern 2014, Teresa Abbott 2006, Brian Richards 1994, Eileen Howell 2009* ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

On the website [sacredheartluton.org](http://sacredheartluton.org) you will find Prayers for during a time of 'flu and illness produced by the Liturgy Office, 2020 Catholic Bishops' Conference. Hard copies are also available in the Church Porch.