



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 LENT
Year A - Sunday 19th March 2023

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

Saturday 18 th March	5.45pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer People of Our Parish	
Sunday 19 th March	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Siobhan & Alan Stansfield RIP Bridget Tobin RIP	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Monday 20 th March	9.30am	Dalia Clifford Pantin RIP (3 rd Anniv)	ST JOSEPH
Tuesday 21 st March	9.30am	Joe Donnelly RIP	
Wednesday 22 nd March	9.30am	English & McNabola Families Deceased Members RIP	
Thursday 23 rd March	9.30am	John McLaughlin RIP	
Friday 24 th March	9.30am 7.00pm 9-10.30pm	Josephine 'Josie' Flatley RIP (100 th Birthday) Stations of the Cross Fatima Prayer Group Vigil	
Saturday 25 th March	5.45pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Patricia MacDonald RIP	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Sunday 26 th March	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Trish MacDonald RIP	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

RIP: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially John McLaughlin, Ken Bowes and Mary Shiels. Please keep John, Ken, Mary, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:

Mary Shiels, Received into Our Lady, Help of Christians Church at 5.00pm, Thursday 30th March with Requiem 12.45pm Friday 31st March.

MARY SHIELS, RIP: The Parish has been informed of the death of Mary Shiels. Mary was a devoted parishioner at Sacred Heart Church for many years. Mary was originally from Derry, Northern Ireland. Her funeral will take place at Our Lady's and all, who knew Mary are very welcome to attend. Please keep Mary's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to the children preparing for First Holy Communion who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Saturday 11th March. Please continue to keep all the children in your prayers.

MOTHER'S DAY: Wishing all Mothers a very Happy Mothering Sunday.

UNEMPLOYED? IMPROVE YOUR BASIC DIGITAL SKILLS: Face to face 12-week course. Contact Luton Irish Forum on 01582 817069 or visit www.lutonirishforum.org or email sue@lutonirishforum.org

FREE REDUNDANCY COACHING INFORMATION: Written by a parishioner to aid, inform and offer advice how to upskill and get back into work visit www.vitaeopus.co.uk

DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EVER LISTEN? Do you, or someone you know, not feel welcomed by or part of the Catholic Church? Pope Francis has invited the global church to a conversation about our future and he wants everyone's voice to count. The findings will be discussed at a Northampton Diocesan meeting later this year. Please pick up a leaflet in the Foyer and complete and return to Bishop's House, Northampton. This is very much a listening and learning exercise. Please feel free to pass a leaflet to anyone you know who may feel disconnected or not welcome by the Catholic Church in any way.

THE LEGION OF MARY: Thank you from the Parish to the Legion of Mary for funding the new Hymn Books, the beautiful Morning and Evening Prayer Books and a new keyboard. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

TABERNACLE: Unfortunately, due to ongoing issues and costly repairs arising with the present Tabernacle it has become necessary to purchase a new Tabernacle. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the new Tabernacle then please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Donation – Tabernacle'. Your donation can be posted through the Presbytery letterbox. All donations will be gratefully received.

FAITHFUL COMPANIONS – PRODUCTION BY RISE THEATRE: Friday 24th March 2023 at 7.30pm Our Lady's Parish Hall, LU1 3AG. "Faithful Companions" explores the inspirational true story of Marie Madeleine d'Houet, foundress of an International Society of Catholic Sisters called the Faithful Companions of Jesus. For tickets please contact Our Lady's Parish Office 01582 723254 or email parish.ourladyhelpofchristiansluton@northamptondiocese.org or visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre.com

MOSES COURSE: If you are a leader in any area of ministry, or interested in learning more about leadership please consider booking onto this course, places are limited: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/moses-beyond-the-desert-2023/> This course is subsidised. It is a residential course from 6.00pm on Friday 31st March to 7.00pm on Sunday 2nd April, Shallowford House in Stone.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday 3rd April 2023, 7.00pm (**revised venue**) Our Lady's, Castle Street, Luton.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2023/24: Will be distributed before or after each Mass on the following weekends: **Sunday 19th March, and Sunday 26th March.**

AD MULTOS ANNUS: As we approach the third anniversary of Bishop David Oakley's Episcopal Ordination on the Solemnity of St Joseph, you are all warmly invited to celebrate with him in Northampton Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated at 12pm on Monday 20th March followed by a reception in the Centre.

SIGHT CONCERN BEDFORDSHIRE: Monday 27th March – Olive Tree Church, 42-46 Blenheim Crescent, Luton LU3 1HT – 10.00am-2.00pm. Come along for information and advice from Sight Concern and find out about services and living aids for blind and partially sighted people. Sight Concern Bedfordshire is a local sight loss charity providing support, information and advice to people living with sight loss. Contact: 01234 311555 or email: office@sightconcern.org.uk Please see the Poster on the Noticeboard for further information.

DIVINE MERCY SERVICE: Sunday 16th April, 3.00-4.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy during the Holy Hour. Please join us and invite relatives and friends to attend. (The Divine Mercy novena starts on Good Friday 7th April 2023.)

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM 2023: 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 speak to Deacon Jim to book your place, or telephone or email the Parish Office. The next Baptism Preparation Class takes place on Saturday 22nd April at 3.30pm in the Church. A list of Baptism Preparation Classes for 2023 is on the Noticeboard.

FUNDRAISING MANAGER, 40 HOURS PER WEEK, START DATE: APRIL 2023: Northampton Diocese is recruiting for an experienced Fundraising Manager to lead the development and delivery of the diocesan fundraising plan with the principal aim of proactively securing growth of income from charitable trusts, foundations and grant giving bodies. Full information and an application form visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/job/fundraising-manager/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

DIOCESAN INFORMATION MANAGER: 3 days per week, Start date: May 2023
Full information for the position and an application form, <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org Closing date for applications will be Friday 31st March. Interview dates to be confirmed.

PASTORAL MINISTRY OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, 2 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT, 10 HOURS PER WEEK (Start date: To be confirmed): Vacancy for an administrator to provide communication events and administrative support for the Office for Synodality and the Pastoral Ministry Office on a temporary contract for 2 years. Full information for the position and an application form, visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/job/pastoral-ministry-office-administrator/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lindsay Mary McCormack 2013; Emily Dwyer 1990; Mary Webster 1991; Mary Balfe 2005; Norman Daniel Brown 2008; Kevin Breslin 1961; Mary Gill 2018; Patrick (Paddy) Christopher Goldsboro 2021; Alexander Gordon Robinson 2020; Sophia Snook 2002; Margaret Lewis 1966; Bridget Chandler 1992; Mary Little 2007; Bridget Robinson 2010; Alan Stansfield 2022; Alice McManus 1966; Ilona Tojan 1994; Sergio Mareschi 2018; Edward O'Shea 1988; John Duffy 2000; Agnes Walsh 2003; Noel Francis (Frank) Flynn 2017 ✕ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**