



# Heart to Heart

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

**Year B - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Mothering Sunday**

**Responsorial Psalm: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

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**Registered Charity Number:** 234091

**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, time and a contact number.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March there will be a second collection at all Masses for Easter flowers.

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	11-11.30am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer People of Our Parish	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Fazilahmed Family Thanksgiving Lisa Doran RIP	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Mother's Day</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Dayle DeSouza (Birthday)	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Brennan Family (Intentions) PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Jose Pedro DaCosta RIP (Birthday)	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March <b>HALL</b>	9.30am <b>10-12Noon</b>	Margaret Lally RIP <b>THURSDAY CLUB</b>	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am <b>7.30pm</b>	Noel McKenna RIP <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	11-11.30am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Nancy & PJ Tinch RIP	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am <b>3.00pm</b>	Morning Prayer Reginald 'Reg' Blake RIP People of Our Parish <b>Bethany Mass</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>

**PARISH HALL:** Teas and Coffees available after Sunday 11.00am Mass. All welcome!

**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** Wishing all Mothers a very Happy Mother's Day.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: For the new martyrs:** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During Lent at Sacred Heart, Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

**LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:** Bishop David has written a letter to parishioners for the fourth Sunday of Lent. This week's reflection can be viewed here:

<https://youtu.be/OwuZ-ETQesw?si=s7Nnu1LZ72sEsKFp>

This week's reflection can be listened to here: <https://on.soundcloud.com/Bzcdy>

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2024/2025:** Please note Boxes of Envelopes for weekly planned giving may be collected before and after each Mass on the following weekends: **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.** If you are new to the Parish and require envelopes then please see Wesley Weekes after Mass or contact the Parish Office. (See Poster on the Noticeboard for further information.)

**NOAH BINS:** The NOAH Bins are at Sacred Heart this weekend 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March. Please donate your good quality pre-loved goods to help others.

**SEAN O'RIADA MASS:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am-10.30am, Our Lady Help of Christians, Luton. Further information – see Poster on the Noticeboard.

**BETHANY GROUP:** All are welcome to the next Mass for people with disabilities and their families which will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00pm at Sacred Heart. The Mass will be followed by refreshments. There is no Mass in April, the next Mass for the Bethany Group will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at Sacred Heart. (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

**VACANCY: PARISH SECRETARY:** To provide an efficient and effective secretarial, administrative and financial administrative support to the parish of St Margaret of Scotland. Experience in finance processes, such as account reconciliation, returns and balance sheets, is essential. The role will be for 9 hours per week, ideally worked Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs> All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org) The closing date for applications is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Interview dates to be confirmed.

**FEAST OF ST JOSEPH:** Mass will be celebrated at Northampton Cathedral at 11.00am on 19<sup>th</sup> March. It is also the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bishop David's Episcopal Ordination. All welcome to attend. Refreshments in the St Thomas Centre afterwards.

**ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL PARADE:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00am onwards – St Patrick's Festival Parade leaves Luton Irish Forum, 102 Hitchin Road, Luton, LU2 0ES at 11.00am at walking pace to St George's Square, Luton, LU1 2BQ.

**INVITATION TO PARISHIONERS:** Come along and watch the Easter Story as performed by SH Primary pupils. There will be two performances on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm and 6pm in the Church. All welcome.

**LENTEN STATION MASS:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.00pm at Holy Ghost Church, LU4 8JD, presided over by Rt Rev. David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton.

**NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL CHRISM MASS:** Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Chrism Mass 11.00am, refreshments to follow in the St Thomas Centre. All welcome.

**NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS – 16<sup>th</sup> April-May 21<sup>st</sup>:** Seminars will be held in-person at the Cathedral in Northampton but will be live streamed to selected hubs. Parishioners will gather in their local hubs to listen to the talks and participate in small groups discussions which will be facilitated by local hub coordinators and small group leaders. The Holy Spirit retreat day will however take place at the Cathedral on 18<sup>th</sup> May from 2-6.00pm for all participants including participants from the hubs who will join in person on that day.



**Dates and Programme** - Please see Poster on the Noticeboard.

**Information and Registration** - Information and the link to register can be found on the Diocese website at: <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2024/>

**INTERNSHIP:** Have any of your family members or friends, currently studying for a degree, expressed an interest in teaching in either a primary or secondary setting? STCAT family of schools is delighted to be offering the opportunity to undergraduates interested in teaching for a 3-week, school-based Internship placement between June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup> 2024. Further information and application details, visit: [STCAT Summer Internships 2024](#)

**CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Register your interest: [www.catholicassociation.co.uk](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk) Join Fr James at this Marian shrine.

**COLLECTION:** Figures for w/e 3.03.24: Envelopes £766.10; Loose cash £431.79; TOTAL £1197.89 Thank you.

	<p><b>Parish Registration</b></p> <p>We will soon be using a new computer system to help us manage our parish better. It starts with us making sure that we have up to date contact information for all of our parishioners and so we would be grateful if you could complete the registration form by clicking on this QR code or by typing the link into your browser.</p> <p><a href="http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040">www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040</a></p>	
<p>If you don't have an email address, please speak to the parish who can complete the form on your behalf.</p>		

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
Kathleen West 2002; Peter Albert McGarry 2008; Carmel Harte 2019; Juana Wyett 2021  
Robert McDermott 1974; Alice Jepp 1978; Joseph Keegan 2003; John James Doran 2015;  
Nelson Walter Gallyot 2016; Pauline Mooney 1995; Baby Rebecca Mooney 1995;  
Lisa Marie Nora Doran 2013; Gerard Crossin 2012; Patrick Cyril Carroll 1973;  
James Birtwistle 1991; James McCaffrey 1998; Joseph Harbud 2000; Augustine Hynes 2007;  
Maralaine Cooper 2010; Michael (Mick) McCafferty 2018; Richard Connell 1993;  
Richard McCleod 2014; Baby Caroline Murphy 1965; Joseph Brewster 1972;  
Bridget Leonard 1981; Gerard Shanahan 1998; Denis Harte 2000; Mamie McHugh 2002  
✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**