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 30th March 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

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Saturday 29th March	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Teresa While RIP	
Sunday 30th March	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Eileen Howell RIP	**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Monday 31st March	9.30am	Mary Waite RIP (5th Anniversary)	
Tuesday 1st April	9.30am	Santana Dias – Thanksgiving **Prayer Group**	
Wednesday 2nd April	**NO MASS**		
Thursday 3rd April	9.30am **10.00am-12 Noon**	Santana Dias - Thanksgiving **Thursday Club**	
Friday 4th April	9.30am **7.00pm**	Michael O'Callaghan RIP **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**	
Saturday 5th April	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Joe McCabe RIP	
Sunday 6th April	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Helen Newman (Healing)	**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially James O'Donoghue and Simon Comerford (son of the late Jean Comerford). Please keep James, Simon their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Simon William Comerford RIP, Requiem Wednesday 9th April, 11.30am at Sacred Heart.
James O'Donoghue RIP, Requiem Monday 14th April, 10.15am at Sacred Heart.

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.**

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

POPE FRANCIS: Please continue to pray for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing mercy of our loving Father.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For the use of the new technologies
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

CLOCKS: Will go forward by an hour on Sunday 30th March at 01:00 GMT. This marks the end of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and the start of British Summer Time (BST) or Daylight Saving Time (DST).

MOTHERING SUNDAY: Traditionally marks the fourth Sunday of Lent, a time for visiting one's "mother church" and has evolved into a day to celebrate mothers and mother figures. Wishing all Mothers a joyful celebration day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Throughout Lent there will be Stations of the Cross **every Friday at 7.00pm** led by Deacon Jim. All welcome to attend.

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 is 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.** Ideas to raise money within the Parish? Please email the Parish Office.

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

VOLUNTEERS: If you can spare some time and are happy to volunteer to help this Parish flourish – please speak to Fr Allan after Mass or email the Parish Office. There are so many opportunities (reading, cleaning, DIY, grounds/gardening, Repository, Hall – teas/coffees etc.) in which you can offer to help within the Parish - a few minutes or even an hour, all help is appreciated. **Without volunteers our future looks bleak! This is your Parish, so please think about what you can do to help.**

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT FOR 2025: Every child coming out of a Catholic school should have a good grounding and knowledge of the Scriptures. As a Parish our Lenten Project will raise money for Bibles for Sacred Heart Primary School.

ENVELOPES 2025/26: Planned Giving Envelopes will be distributed before and after each Mass this weekend. The envelopes should not be used before the weekend of 6th April 2025. Please see poster on the Noticeboard for further information or contact Wesley Weekes, Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator (01582 738569).

A SYNODAL CHURCH: LISTENING PROCESS: Thank you to all Parishioners who attended the meeting last weekend. The next meeting will be held on Saturday 5th April after the 6.30pm Mass in the Parish Lounge. This is your Parish so please take time to be involved. All welcome!

LUTON COVID MEMORIAL SERVICE: Sunday 6th April, 3.00pm at Newland Church, Crawley Green Road, LU2 9TE. Share stories of our loved ones lost to Covid, over tea and cake.

CAFOD JUBILEE YEAR RETREAT: In this Year of Jubilee, Pope Francis calls on us to be tangible signs of hope to others. Fr John Udris will lead a retreat so come along and bring friends and family too.
Date – Saturday 5th April at St Anne's church Hall, Aylesbury Rd, Wendover, HP22 6JG
Time – 10am coffee/tea (for a 10:30am start) – 1pm (9:30am optional mass)
Please bring a packed lunch.

TOWN PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday 14th April, 7.00pm at Our Lady's. All welcome to attend.

CHRISM MASS: Wednesday 16th April, 12 Noon at Northampton Cathedral. Parishioners are welcome to attend this joyful diocesan celebration.

INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO BE A TEACHER? St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are running a series of open mornings where you can find out what is involved in our training programme and progress your application for September 2025. To book your place, go to **www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/open-mornings/**

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 26th April 2025 from 10.00am to 4:30pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

SATURDAY 17th MAY 2025 - JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL:
Mass 11.00am. Presided over by Rt Rev. David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton.
Bring a packed lunch and drinks. Northampton Cathedral, Cathedral House, Primrose Hill, Northampton, NN2 6AG. Please let the Parish Office know by **12th April** if you wish to attend as there may be the possibility of organising a coach **if** enough parishioners are interested.

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**

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE: The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) and CAFOD are collaborating to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The program will run from 22nd to 27th June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on 20th April. For any queries, please contact **KeziaH@svp.org.uk.** More details and the application form can be found here:
https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2025WEEKLY PLANNED GIVING

ALTAR SERVERS: Bishop David Oakley invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Northampton Diocese Altar Servers Mass 2025 at the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury, Northampton – Saturday 28th June, 11.00am, followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre. Further information and booking please contact Deacon Peter Griffin **pfgriffin@hotmail.co.uk**

VACANCY: INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY BOARD: An exciting opportunity will shortly arise in the diocese as the incumbent independent Chair is retiring at the end of 2025. The diocese is looking for a suitable candidate to fulfil this critical role, which is voluntary, but the postholder will be reimbursed for travelling or out of pocket expenses. The tenure is 3 years and will be reviewable at the end of that period. A brief description and role specification is displayed on the Parish Noticeboard. If this role appeals to you then further information can be obtained by contacting Danielle Dixon, Safeguarding Coordinator on 01604 723514. Please submit application, consisting of a brief letter outlining why you consider yourself suitable for the role and a copy of your CV to **safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org**

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Week ending **23rd March 2025** Loose cash £340.98; Envelopes £666.51; Total £1007.49 Thank you. If you Gift Aid donations, we can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you.

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.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
James McCafferty 1985; John Wilkinson 1990; John Peter Doherty 2020; George Burr 1991; Giuseppe Panepinto 2010; Baby David Elliott Smith 2012; Mary (Maureen) Purcell 2022; Mary Margaret Waite 2020; William Hackett 1983; Thomas Cregan 1992; Milagros Oseo 2024; Alice Ryan 2010; Michael Walsh 1963; Charles Matthews 1973; Matthew Early 1979; Giuseppe Coronella 2001; Elizabeth (Betty) Hanlon McClements 2019; Agnes Wilson 2022; Michael Brennan 1990; Alice Christina Botham 2014; Thomas Wilkins 1957; Robert Loughran 1961; Andrew Harrold 1972; Hugh McGurk 1973; Denise Stephen 1998; Colin John Flitton 2012; Maria Demeter 2024; John Egan 2019; William Patrick Clancy 2020; Michael O'Callaghan 2018
✠ **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.