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 9th February 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.**

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Saturday 8th February	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Lisa Doran RIP	**Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking**
Sunday 9th February	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Jack & Hetty Hargrave RIP People Of Our Parish	**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Monday 10th February	9.30am	Gabriella Zorpas RIP	**St Scholastica**
Tuesday 11th February	9.30am	Santana Dias (Intentions)	**World Day for the Sick and their Carers**
Wednesday 12th February	9.30am	Holy Souls	
Thursday 13th February	9.30am	Holy Souls	
Friday 14th February **The Vale**	9.30am **11.00am**	Holy Souls **Funeral Service: Geraldine Bonner RIP**	**SS Cyril & Methodius** **Day of Prayer for Europe**
Saturday 15th February	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Frank Costello RIP	
Sunday 16th February	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **BAPTISM** **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish **Natalie Mary Bird** **Bethany Mass**	**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **RACIAL JUSTICE DAY**

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 Margarette Spring and Geraldine Bonner. Please keep Margarette and Geraldine, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS: Geraldine Bonner RIP, Friday 14th February, Funeral Service 11.00am at The Vale.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: To request the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact Fr Allan or the Parish Office. 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.

READERS' ROTA: Copies of the new Readers' Rota are available in the Foyer. If anyone is interested in reading at Mass, please speak to Deacon Jim after any Mass, or email the Parish.

NOAH BINS: At Sacred Heart this weekend 8th/9th February. Donations of good quality, clean pre-loved clothes, bric-a-brac, books and small items of furniture will be gratefully accepted.

VOLUNTEER CHURCH CLEANERS: Volunteers are needed to join our rota on Wednesday mornings after the 9.30am Mass to help clean the Church. If you can spare an hour, please, speak to Fr Allan or email the Parish Office. Thank you to those who already volunteer, your help and time given is greatly appreciated.

BETHANY GROUP MASS: 16th February, 3.00pm at Sacred Heart. Refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass. New families welcome.

FR JAMES CASSIDY: Thank you to all who donated to Fr James' retirement collection. Bishop David has thanked Fr James for his contribution to our diocese over many years, and wished him a joyful retirement.

WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK: The 33rd World Day of Prayer for the sick takes place Tuesday **11th February**.
Read Pope Francis' message for the day:
https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2025/01/27/0082/00161.html#inglVACANCY -YOUTH

MINISTRY ADMINISTRATOR: General office support and administration to the Youth Ministry Office. 22 hours per week, however, hours and working pattern open to flexibility. The primary location is Luton. Some travel may be required for events and similar activities. Should be able to drive or be willing to travel as needed. For more information and an application form visit: **https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs** to complete a Diocesan application form and email it to **hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org** The closing date for applications is 8th February. In interviews **5th** and **6th March**.

ONLINE WORKSHOPS: Join two online workshops on Thursday **20th** and **27th February 2025** from 7:30pm - 9.00pm that are seeking to enable us to become better listening communities. One of the outcomes of our Diocesan Assembly was the importance of listening deeply to one another and the Holy Spirit. To register, please visit:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1460062

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

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection at all **15th/16th February** masses next weekend will be in aid of Racial Justice Sunday, with the theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice' reflecting on our shared journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society. Bishop Paul McAleenan said "2025 is a very special year. It marks both a Year of Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday This year, we invite the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards racial justice - past, present and future by asking - how far have we come, where are we now and what remains to be achieved?"

FREE REDUNDANCY COACHING: With the forthcoming closure of Vauxhall's Luton factory recently confirmed and other local job insecurities in mind, the career website **http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk** offers free information and guidance on job hunting, self-employment and active retirement. Please pass it on to anyone who may find it helpful.

EXPLORING SAFEGUARDING: You are invited to a safeguarding event at Holy Ghost, Luton on Saturday **8th March** from 10.00am - 1.00pm provided by the Diocesan safeguarding team. To sign up please go to **https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1544289**

WORD ON FIRE UK BIBLE CONFERENCE: Join Bishop Robert Barron from Friday **21st February** - Saturday **22nd February 2025** at the Excel Centre, East London for a conference entitled 'Evangelisation and Culture: The Bible' to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. For more information and to register, please visit: **https://wordonfire.org/the-bible-event**

THE LENT ENCOUNTER 2025: This Lent we're taking the book of Exodus as our guide on a journey through the Red Sea and into the wilderness. Sign up to join The Lent Encounter, **https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-lent-encounter?source_code=NEW25013&utm** Your free daily devotionals delivered to your inbox will help you to read your Bible every day and make space for Jesus to shape your heart and life this Lent.

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.

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK: NEW ONLINE COURSE, CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Five one-hour Zoom sessions on Tuesdays, from 12noon to 1.00pm, on **4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March** and **1st April**. The course will focus on front line of poverty and exclusion, with inputs from member organisations. The course fee is £95, including a copy of Raymond Friel's book, Catholic Social Teaching: an introduction for schools, parishes and charities. Please let us have a postal address to send the book to before the course starts. To ensure you receive the book before the course starts, please register by 12 noon on Friday **14th February**: **https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catholic-social-teaching-an-introduction-tickets-1106401369279**

PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL: Saturday **17th May -** Holy Mass with Bishop David. 175th Anniversary of our Diocese. See poster on the noticeboard.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Week ending **2nd February 2025** Loose cash £445.09; Envelopes £ 734.94; Total £1180.03 Thank you. If you Gift Aid donations, we can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Arnold 1956; David Archer 1989; Grace Law 1993; Elizabeth McManus 1994; Joseph Griffiths 2005; Helen Kelly 1952; Baby Moira Doran 1961; Baby Jeanette Leach 1973; Liborio Catuara 1979; Evelia Beresford 1994; Kathleen Anne McGuirk 2015; Carlo Pontone 2016; Elizabeth Dunne 2000; John McLaughlin; Patrick Kelly 1969; Matthew Ennis 1983; Susanne Oates 2009; Anne Robinson 1960; Sarah Ryan 1976; Cecelia Smoker 2003; Anthony Gleeson 2005; Baby Gregory Philipps 1987; Julia Sullivan 1988; Oswald Laverty 1989; Alexander Macpherson 1992; Cyril Harrison 2001; Kathleen McCann 2020; Athea Martin 2014; Daniel Locke 1978; Filomena Russo 1993; Brian Foley 1994; Mary Fannin 2003; Leda La Vita 2019; Michael (Mitch) Bruce 2021; Rosalia Giugno 1986; Margaret Foley 1989; Lesley Snook 1992; Albino Pluta 1999; Mary Carrigan 2000.
✠ **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.