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 18th May 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.**

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Saturday 17th May	 5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Pilgrimage to Northampton Cathedral Evening Prayer Confessions James Gibson RIP	
Sunday 18th May	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Eddie Travers Snr RIP **Bethany Mass**	**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Monday 19th May	9.30am		
Tuesday 20th May	9.30am	Healing 'Sadie' **Prayer Group**	**National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse**
Wednesday 21st May	9.30am	Pope Francis RIP – Month's Mind	**St Yves of Chartres, CRSA, Bishop**
Thursday 22nd May	9.30am **10-12Noon**	Frank Costello RIP **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 23rd May	9.30am	Josephine Votor RIP	
Saturday 24th May	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Jim Kelly RIP	
Sunday 25th May	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Eileen Howell RIP (Birthday)	**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

POPE LEO XIV: This Sunday, Pope Leo will celebrate the Mass of the inauguration of his pontificate.

PRAYER FOR THE SUPREME PONTIFF:
Let us pray for our Sovereign Pontiff Leo XIV
ALL: The Lord preserve him and give him life and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not to the will of his enemies. Amen.

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

FR JAMES: Thank you, Fr James, for presiding over the Masses last weekend.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Masses **this weekend 17th/18th May** for the **Diocesan Bishops' Fund** (formerly known as the Bishops' Maintenance Fund).

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

MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8.50am, **Thursday 8.40am**, followed by Rosary – all 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.

BETHANY MASS: The next Bethany Mass will take place at Sacred Heart this weekend on Sunday 18th May at 3.00pm. New families welcome. Refreshments in the Hall after Mass.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Pope Francis, Maria Magdalena De Lucia and Della Conroy. Please keep Pope Francis, Maria, Della; their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Maria Magdalena De Lucia RIP, Requiem 2.00pm, Tuesday 27th May at Sacred Heart.
Della Conroy RIP, Funeral Service 1.00pm, Wednesday 4th June at The Vale.

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.**

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: For working conditions
Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

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 and security are 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.**

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE: 20th May 2025 – Theme: *"The Empty Chair"*
This day recognises the absence of those who cannot return to Church due to abuse. They may be survivors, family members, or others deeply affected. "The Empty Chair" represents their pain and presence.

A MOMENT OF UNITY & PRAYER FOR PEACE: Tuesday 20th May 2025,12.00 pm (noon)
Location: Temple Church, Temple, London EC4Y 7BB. There will also be a livestream broadcast with the Co-Cathedral of the Most Holy name in Jerusalem. All are welcome to attend, please register at **www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/temple25** See Poster on the Noticeboard.

MARY'S MEALS: A speaker on behalf of Mary's Meals will be with us next weekend **24th/25th May**. The charity, based in Scotland, serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone for their foreign currency donations and also take away any leftover currency that has since accumulated. **(A basket will be available in the Foyer to place any foreign notes or coins you wish to donate. Thank you.)**

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**

DIVINE MERCY TALK: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Provincial Superior of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, will be visiting St. Joseph's Parish, Gerrards Cross on Tuesday, 3rd June at 7:30pm. He will speak on "The Significance of the Divine Mercy Devotion." The talk will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments. All are welcome. See Poster on the Noticeboard.

Luton LOUDfence – HOPE FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE – A JOURNEY TOWARDS HEALING: Saturday 7th June between 10.00am and 3.00pm at the Holy Family Church, in support of the National Day of Prayer for Survivors. The day includes a pilgrimage walk and service of hope with Bishop David and the Anglican Archdeacon of Bedford. Luton parishes are encouraged to create their own mini LOUDfences and join together as a pastoral event on the 7th June. Building a LOUDfence involves tying colourful ribbons and messages as a visible display of support and solidarity with those affected by abuse. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS JUNE 2025: Please note this year the children will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist during two dedicated 11.00am Masses – **8th June and 15th June**. Parishioners who usually attend 11.00am Mass are welcome to attend but please be aware seating will be limited to the outside aisles only.

JUBILEE TOUR: To Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 8th June 2025. Guest Speaker: Marion Carroll, who was cured at Knock. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Museum of Country Life. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email **knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.**

PENTECOST PRAISE- CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LUTON: Sunday 8th June, 7.00pm at Luton Christian Fellowship, 101 Castle Street LU1 3AL. Join for a powerful night of worship, unity, and the presence of God as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!
Visit **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtpnlzSp-1s&feature=youtu.beDIOCESAN**

JESUS OUR HOPE: As part of the 2025 Jubilee Year celebrations, you are warmly invited to an evening of celebration, inspiration, and hope. The evening will include prayer, reflection on God's Word, personal testimony, music, and time to socialise over refreshments. The event is free to attend, but to help us to cater, we kindly ask that you register in advance.
Event Date: Monday, 9th June – 7:00–9:00pm in Aylesbury
More information and registration details can be found at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/**

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 14th June. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at the Basilica in the Catholic Shrine at midday followed by lunch and at 3pm pilgrims process from the Shrine, on the holy mile to the Abbey Grounds for the final service. Parish groups are encouraged to bring parish banners with them for the procession. All are welcome.

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20th-22nd June **www.retrouvaille.org.uk** Tel: 0788 7296983

D-SUMMER: A summer residential event in July for everyone aged 11-18 (in School years 7-13). This year it will be from **Friday 11th** to **Sunday 13th July.** We can't wait to partner with the Sion Community again this year for this event. We had such a great time last year, and we can't wait to see what God's got in store for us this time round. More information and the booking link can be found on NYMO's webpage: **https://nymo.org/d-summer/**

WOMEN OF HOPE: A SPECIAL DIOCESAN EVENT: The Women in Ministry group in the Diocese of Northampton are running a special event on Saturday 19th July at St Mary's Woburn Sands from 11am-4pm. An opportunity for women across the Diocese to gather, share and celebrate the stories of ministries past and present. Avril Baigent will share her experiences of the Synod in Rome and lead all in a synodal listening process. Bishop David will also be joining for the day and the final liturgy.
All are welcome! Sign-up using the following link:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1600230 For more information, please contact Helen Burgess at **helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org**

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday 2nd August 2025. Led by Bishop John Keenan. Coaches leave St Mary's Dunstable at 7.20am, St Joseph's Luton at 7.40am (No parking – Vigil Mass that evening), Our Lady's Luton at 8.00am. Adults £26.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. **Seats reserved only with payment**. Bring a packed lunch and drinks. For more information go to **www.prolifepilgrimage.org** and to book **kevin.drew@btinternet.com** or 07802 525581.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 11th May 2025 Envelopes: £738.50; Loose cash: £510.41; Total: £1248.91 Thank you. As many already do, you can Gift Aid your donation, enabling us to claim from the government an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you. You can also donate by card via the DONA Machine located in the church.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BEDFORDSHIRE: This new book is now available from the Publishers, Boydell & Brewer, at a specially reduced price. It has a foreword by Bishop David and covers the growth of the Church across the county from 1700 to 1900. Published by Boydell & Brewer in April 2025 for The Bedfordshire Historical Record Society ISBN: 9780851550862 – Promotional price £20.00 until 31.10.25 + £4.75 p&p *use code BB074 or order online from boydellandbrewer.com
Leaflets available in the Foyer.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
William Merrick 1983; Alexandra Diengdoh Pavel 2021; Alice McNelis 1990; Joseph McKenna 1996; Frank Gallagher 2014; Nora O'Neill 1979; Hannah Coyle 1985; Brenda Carroll 2006; Patrick Cain 1986; Julia Myers 2006; Margaret Rose Coskun 2021; John Reynolds 1998; Thomas Dalton 1991; Margaret Rose Halligan 2016; Sarah (Sally) Ayres 2010; Kevin Conry 1969; Dennis Buckingham 2004; Fernand Ollieuz 1965; Martha Stevens 1981; Edward Travers 1997; Mary Perry 2003; Elizabeth Flynn 2007; Julia Mary Forde 2013; Pierre George Bou Mansour 2022 ✠ **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.