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Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster & Deanery of St Alban

5th Sunday of Lent Year (A) - Psalter Week 1 - 29th March 2020

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Coronavirus

ALL PLACES OF WORSHIP, INCLUDING CATHOLIC CHURCHES, HAVE BEEN CLOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNOUNCED GOVERNMENT CORONAVIRUS REQUIREMENTS.

DO NOT COME TO THE CHURCH OR THE PARISH OFFICE AS THEY ARE BOTH CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, UNLESS YOU HAVE ARRANGED A PRE-AGREED APPOINTMENT WITH FR MIREK.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE MANAGED REMOTELY AND CAN ONLY BE CONTACTED AS EXPLAINED IN THE "USEFUL INFORMATION" SECTION ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.

In accordance with the Bishops' Conference and Diocesan guidance, until further notice, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays is **temporarily suspended** according to Church teaching.

All Masses will be celebrated by Fr Mirek privately without a congregation. Mass intentions already requested will be fulfilled and new Mass intentions can be requested by emailing the Parish office at sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk.

All gatherings are postponed until it is safe to permit them, including: First Holy Communion Masses, Confirmation Masses, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Penitential Services, the Thursday Club and all other Parish Hall activities.

Baptisms will be deferred until public health advice permits gathering safely. In the case of necessity, baptisms will be celebrated only if safe to do so, with minimal attendees and with all hygiene best practice precautions taken including social distancing, hand washing and "catch it, bin it, kill it".

Church weddings must be deferred until such time as gatherings are permitted.

Individual Confessions are available by telephone. There will be no face to face Confessions except by necessity and only if a pre-agreed appointment has been arranged with Fr Mirek.

Concerning anointing of the Sick, no pastoral home visits will be possible for the moment. However, we would be more than pleased to provide telephone support so, if you, or somebody you know, needs pastoral care then please let us know.

Funeral services will take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the relevant cemetery or crematorium authorities, which may require limitations on the number of attendees. A Mass to celebrate "in memoriam" can be arranged later, when congregations are allowed to gather.

You can watch a live streaming of all of the Masses from Northampton Cathedral on the link <https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>. Information on the Northampton Cathedral Mass times can be found at <http://northamptoncathedral.org/times/>.

Other live streaming and information sites have been uploaded on to the Parish website sacredheartluton.org in the **Useful Information** section.

We will be continuing to post weekly Parish Newsletters in the website **Newsletters** section, plus other helpful Parish information and Diocesan announcements concerning coronavirus in the **Useful Information** section, so please access them regularly and also please telephone others who may not have online access to keep in touch and keep them informed throughout this difficult time.

Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated, joining in spiritually in the celebration, following prayers at home, making an act of spiritual communion, this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day.

We also need to care for each other. There are so many ways in which we are able to do this: being attentive to the needs of our neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable; contributing to local food banks; volunteering for charitable initiatives and organisations; and by keeping in touch by all safe means.

During these disturbing and uncertain times, the rhythm of the prayer of the Church will continue. Please play your part in it. Daily acts of kindness and mutual support will, no doubt, continue and increase. Please do what you can to help others and, for your commitment to this, we thank you.

There are no Public Masses until further notice. The Church is now closed to the Public.

Below are the listed intentions for the next week which will be celebrated privately by Fr Mirek, without a congregation.

Saturday 28th	6.30pm	Ayen Family (Deceased)	First Mass of Sunday
Sunday 29th	9.00am	Bernie McGrath RIP Mila Oseo (Intentions)	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday 30th	9.30am	Rachel McAvan (Birthday Intention)	
Tuesday 31st	9.30am	Judy Weekes (Thanksgiving)	
Wednesday 1st April	9.15am 10.00am	Graveside Service: Baby Olivia-Grace Oizamisi Otim-Obaro Peter Farrell RIP	
Thursday 2nd	9.30am	People of our Parish	
Friday 3rd	9.30am	Jackie Lee RIP	
Saturday 4th	6.30pm	Wendy Butler RIP	

MASS INTENTIONS: Those who have Mass intentions please be assured that Fr Mirek will still be celebrating Mass privately and offering those Masses already booked in. New Mass intentions can be requested by emailing the Parish office at sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk or by telephoning the Office on 01582 723099.

BAPTISM COURSE: POSTPONED until further notice. **PRESENTATIONS & BAPTISMS: deferred** until Public Health advice permits gathering safely.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: POSTPONED until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: All future Confirmation Preparation classes have been cancelled until further notice. The celebration of Confirmation has been **POSTPONED** until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can resume public worship.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: No pastoral visits will be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends. However, phone support is available, please phone Fr Mirek on **01582 723099**.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers the family of Baby Olivia-Grace Oizamisi Otim-Obaro who died recently and whose graveside service takes place at the Vale on Wednesday 1st April.

MESSAGE OF THANKS: Judy Weekes would like to thank her family, friends and parishioners for their support, kindness and well wishes following her recent operation. A Mass in Thanksgiving to all as requested by Judy will be celebrated in a Private Mass by Fr Mirek on Tuesday 31st March. We continue to wish Judy well in her recovery.

AUTISM BEDFORDSHIRE: Development Officers have written a social story to explain about Coronavirus and the need to stay at home for the time being. You can download the story as a PDF here: <https://www.autismbedfordshire.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/AB-Social-story-Why-am-I-not-at-school.pdf> Please contact enquiries@autismbeds.org if you would like this social story adapted to suit an individual child's needs.

WORDFEST JUNE 2020: POSTPONED. NYMO are in talks with the National Scripture Tour for a date for Spring next year. All purchased tickets will be refunded.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING MODULES: The Diocesan Safeguarding Office are offering free online safeguarding training to any member of the Catholic community to access, whether to assist them in their role within/for the Church or for personal development to feel more empowered. Contact: safeguarding@northamptondiocese.com or telephone **01604723514**

PRAYERS: On the website sacredheartluton.org you will find Prayers for during a time of 'flu and illness produced by the Liturgy Office, 2020 Catholic Bishops' Conference.

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2020 - 12 NOON - REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS A DOWRY TO MARY: Join in the Rededication of England as a Dowry to Mary. The Coronavirus pandemic is an example of why, in this time of fear and uncertainty, it is of the greatest importance for us to place ourselves under the protection and guidance of Christ through Mary, Our Mother. Join a live link to the Mass at Walsingham at 12 noon <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> or pray the Act of Entrustment Prayer in your own time on Sunday 29th March (See Entrustment Prayer on Parish website.)

CLOCKS: Just a reminder that the clocks go forward one hour this weekend.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Beryl Breslin 2007, James McCaffery 1985, John Wilkinson 1990, George Burr 1991, Giuseppe Panepinto 2010, Baby David Elliott Smith 2012, William Hackett 1983, Thomas Cregan 1992, Alice Ryan 2010, Michael Walsh 1963, Charles Matthews 1973, Matthew Early 1979, Giuseppe Coronella 2001, Elizabeth Hanlon McClements (Betty) 2019, 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, John Egan 2019* ✕ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**