



Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton – Registered Charity Number 234091
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Year A - Sunday 26th March 2023

Responsorial Psalm

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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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 and leave a contact number.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME: Just a reminder, the clocks go forward one hour at 1.00am on Sunday 26th March!

Saturday 25 th March	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Patricia MacDonald RIP	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Sunday 26 th March	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Trish MacDonald RIP	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Monday 27 th March	9.30am	Mary & John Walsh RIP	
Tuesday 28 th March	9.30am	Bradley Family (Healing)	
Wednesday 29 th March	9.30am	Carmel & Patsy Harte RIP	
Thursday 30 th March	9.30am	Maureen Purcell RIP (1 st Anniversary)	
Friday 31 st March	9.30am 7.00pm	Mary Waite RIP (3 rd Anniversary) Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 1 st April	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Joe McCabe RIP	
Sunday 2 nd April	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Anthony & Neville Davey RIP People of Our Parish	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
Parish Hall	3.00pm	Legion of Mary: Meeting	

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

RIP: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Mary Shiels and Perpetual Solomon. Please keep Mary, Perpetual, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:

Mary Shiels, Received into Our Lady's, Luton, at 5.00pm, Thursday 30th March with Requiem 12.45pm Friday 31st March.

EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES & MASS TIMES OVER THE EASTER PERIOD:

Thursday 6th April, 7.30pm - MAUNDY THURSDAY, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Friday 7th April, 3.00pm - GOOD FRIDAY, SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
7.00pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday 8th April, 10.00am – Swieconka – Blessing of Food – Service in English

8.30pm – HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Sunday 9th April, 9.00am & 11.00am – EASTER SUNDAY

Monday 10th April, 10.00am – EASTER MONDAY

DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EVER LISTEN? Do you, or someone you know, not feel welcomed by or part of the Catholic Church? Pope Francis has invited the global church to a conversation about our future and he wants everyone's voice to count. The findings will be discussed at a Northampton Diocesan meeting later this year. Please pick up a leaflet in the Foyer and complete and return to Bishop's House, Northampton. This is very much a listening and learning exercise. Please feel free to pass a leaflet to anyone you know who may feel disconnected or not welcome by the Catholic Church in any way.

TABERNACLE: Unfortunately, due to ongoing issues and costly repairs arising with the present Tabernacle it has become necessary to purchase a new Tabernacle. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the new Tabernacle then please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Donation – Tabernacle'. Your donation can be posted through the Presbytery letterbox. All donations will be gratefully received.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2023/24: Will be distributed before or after Mass the weekend of **Sunday 26th March**. If you are new to the Parish and wish to give your weekly contribution in through this system then please speak to Wesley Weekes. The huge advantage to the Church of the envelopes is that if you are a UK tax payer, then by simply signing a form, we can recover a substantial percentage of the amount of money you have contributed to the Parish from the Government, at absolutely no cost to yourself. This is known as Gift Aid.

SIGHT CONCERN BEDFORDSHIRE: Monday 27th March – Olive Tree Church, 42-46 Blenheim Crescent, Luton LU3 1HT – 10.00am-2.00pm. Come along for information and advice from Sight Concern and find out about services and living aids for blind and partially sighted people. Sight Concern Bedfordshire is a local sight loss charity providing support, information and advice to people living with sight loss. Contact: 01234 311555 or email: office@sightconcern.org.uk Poster on the Noticeboard for further information.

MAUREEN PURCELL RIP: Please remember Maureen RIP and keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they gather together to honour Maureen's first anniversary.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH DEVOTION: Our Lady's, Luton, Saturday 1st April 9.00am Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (during this time 15 mins silent reflection on the mysteries of the Rosary) and Confessions. 9:30am Mass followed by Rosary.
Visit: <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion-explained/>

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday 3rd April 2023, 7.00pm, Our Lady's, Castle Street, Luton.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: Friday 7th April - Ecumenical walk of witness. The route commences at St Christopher's at 9.30am, arriving at Sacred Heart 10.25am and concludes at St Francis' (10.55am). (Visiting St Thomas' and Ramridge Baptist Church along the route - timings are approximate.) All welcome.

CLOTHING REQUIRED URGENTLY: Trousers, coats, etc urgently needed for asylum seekers. We currently have over 1000 Asylum seekers in Luton. As some are moved out others come in and the demand for basic clothing is very high from those who arrive with next to nothing. If you are fortunate enough to have any of the items of **MALE** clothing below in good condition that you no longer need, would you please consider donating them for Asylum seekers living in our town?

Trousers size 30-34; Sweatshirts, hoodies – all sizes; Waterproof coats and jackets – all sizes; Fleece – all sizes.

Clothing can be dropped off at All Saints Church, Shaftesbury Rd LU4 8AH between 11am-1.00pm Thursdays and Saturdays. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING MANAGER, 40 HOURS PER WEEK, START DATE: APRIL 2023: Northampton Diocese is recruiting for an experienced Fundraising Manager to lead the development and delivery of the diocesan fundraising plan with the principal aim of proactively securing growth of income from charitable trusts, foundations and grant giving bodies. Full information and an application form visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/job/fundraising-manager/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

DIOCESAN INFORMATION MANAGER: 3 days per week, Start date: May 2023

Full information for the position and an application form, <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org Closing date for applications will be Friday 31st March. Interview dates to be confirmed.

PASTORAL MINISTRY OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, 2 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT, 10 HOURS PER WEEK (Start date: To be confirmed): Vacancy for an administrator to provide communication events and administrative support for the Office for Synodality and the Pastoral Ministry Office on a temporary contract for 2 years. Full information for the position and an application form, visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/job/pastoral-ministry-office-administrator/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

PARENT ZONE: A social enterprise working to improve outcomes for children by helping parents feel more confident, safer and in control online. Parent Zone Local is a free service of media literacy support in Luton, offering virtual parent broadcasts, support for professionals, and an extensive library of resources – including information, activities, guides, games, and more. Find out more about the Parent Zone Local programme at <https://parentzone.org.uk/pzlocal/luton> See Noticeboard for further information.

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO DUBLIN, THE SOUTH EAST AND KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND, 4TH JUNE 2023: £949.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 6 nights Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment & excursions. Visiting Dublin, Glendalough, Kilkenny, National Stud, Japanese Gardens, Carlow Cathedral, St Brigid's Town of Kildare, Clonmacnoise, Knock Shrine. Single supplement extra. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com See Noticeboard for further information.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brian Aspell 1983; Patrick Smyth 1999; Teresa Abbott 2006; Brian Richards 1994; Eileen Howell 2009; Valerie Irene Drakeley 2022; Beryl Breslin 2007; 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; Alice Ryan 2010 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**