



Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban

Year B - Sunday 17th March 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Responsorial Psalm: A pure heart create for me, O God.

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Registered Charity Number: 234091

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, time and a contact number.

Saturday 16 th March	11-11.30am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Nancy & PJ Tinch RIP	
Sunday 17 th March	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Morning Prayer Reginald 'Reg' Blake RIP People of Our Parish Bethany Mass	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Monday 18 th March	9.30am	Carmel Sullivan RIP	
Tuesday 19 th March	9.30am	Mary & John Walsh RIP PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Wednesday 20 th March CHURCH: SH PRIMARY – Year 5	9.30am 2.30pm 6.00pm	Dalia Clifford-Pantin RIP EASTER STORY EASTER STORY	
Thursday 21 st March HALL	9.30am 10-12Noon	Private Intention (Healing) THURSDAY CLUB	
Friday 22 nd March Holy Ghost Church Sacred Heart Church	9.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Delia Egan RIP Lenten Station Mass Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 23 rd March	11-11.30am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Patrick Hanley RIP	
Sunday 24 th March	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Eileen Howell RIP (Anniversary)	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent at Sacred Heart, Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

SAFEGUARDING: Bishop David Oakley is available to meet with anyone affected by abuse, as a victim, survivor, their families or supporters, where private discussions can take place in a safe and non-judgmental environment. Contact safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or email safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org

LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: Bishop David has written a letter to parishioners for the fifth Sunday of Lent. This week's reflection can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/OwuZ-ETQesw?si=s7Nnu1LZ72sEsKFp> Or can be listened to here: <https://on.soundcloud.com/Bzcdy>

MARGARET LALLY RIP: The family of Margaret Lally RIP, would like to thank all parishioners who sent Mass cards, offered words of comfort, attended Margaret's Requiem, or who donated in memory of Margaret to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). Mass will be offered in thanksgiving, on behalf of Margaret's family, to the Parish on Monday 25th March at 9.30am.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2024/2025: Boxes of Envelopes for weekly planned giving may be collected before and after each Mass on the following weekends:

Sunday 17th March and Sunday 31st March 2024. If you are new to the Parish and require envelopes then please see Wesley Weekes after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

ST PATRICK'S DAY: Wishing all our Parishioners celebrating St Patrick's Day this weekend every blessing!

ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL PARADE: Sunday 17th March, 11.00am onwards – St Patrick's Festival Parade leaves Luton Irish Forum, 102 Hitchin Road, Luton, LU2 0ES at 11.00am at walking pace to St George's Square, Luton, LU1 2BQ.

BETHANY GROUP: Mass for people with disabilities and their families this Sunday 17th March at 3.00pm at Sacred Heart. All welcome. The Mass will be followed by refreshments. There is no Mass in April, the next Mass for the Bethany Group will be on Sunday 19th May.

PILGRIMAGES: Bookings for our two diocesan pilgrimages to Northern France in 2024 and Rome/Assisi in 2025 open this Monday, 18th March. For more information visit www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgimage

VACANCY: PARISH SECRETARY: To provide an efficient and effective secretarial, administrative and financial administrative support to the parish of St Margaret of Scotland. Experience in finance processes, such as account reconciliation, returns and balance sheets, is essential. The role will be for 9 hours per week, ideally worked Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs> for full information and an application form. All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org The closing date for applications is Tuesday 19th March 2024. Interview dates to be confirmed.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH: Mass celebrated at Northampton Cathedral at 11.00am on 19th March. It is also the 4th anniversary of Bishop David's Episcopal Ordination. All welcome to attend. Refreshments in the St Thomas Centre afterwards.

INVITATION TO PARISHIONERS: Come along and watch the Easter Story as performed by SH Primary pupils. There will be two performances on Wednesday 20th March at 2.30pm and 6pm in the Church. All welcome.

LENTEN STATION MASS: Friday 22nd March, 7.00pm at Holy Ghost Church, LU4 8JD, presided over by Rt Rev. David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton.

PALM SUNDAY, 24th MARCH: Mass and blessing of Palms: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 11.00am. Sunday Mass 9.00am (No blessing of Palms) but palms will be available which have been blessed at the Saturday 6.30pm Mass.

LENTEN DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday 25th March 2024, 7.00pm, St Joseph's, Gardenia Avenue, Luton LU3 2NS.



NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL CHRISM MASS: Maundy Thursday 28th March 2024, Chrism Mass 11.00am, refreshments to follow in the St Thomas Centre. All welcome.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Any adults, who have not yet been confirmed and would like to be confirmed, are very welcome to contact Deacon Jim or the Parish Office to discuss the Sacrament of Confirmation further.

INTERNSHIP: Have any of your family members or friends, currently studying for a degree, expressed an interest in teaching in either a primary or secondary setting? STCAT family of schools is delighted to be offering the opportunity to undergraduates interested in teaching for a 3-week, school-based Internship placement between June 24th and July 12th 2024. Further information and application details, visit: [STCAT Summer Internships 2024](#)

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Friday 23rd August to Friday 30th August 2024. Register your interest: www.catholicassociation.co.uk Join Fr James at this Marian shrine.

COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 10.03.24: Envelopes £722.10; Loose cash £342.49; TOTAL £1064.59 Thank you.

	<p>Parish Registration</p> <p>We will soon be using a new computer system to help us manage our parish better. It starts with us making sure that we have up to date contact information for all of our parishioners and so we would be grateful if you could complete the registration form by clicking on this QR code or by typing the link into your browser.</p> <p>www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040</p>	
<p>If you don't have an email address, please speak to the parish who can complete the form on your behalf.</p>		

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Anne Dixon 1975; Tydfil Meade 1991; John McIlroy 1993; Patrick Harte 1995;
Thomas Anthony Kenny 2008; Patrick Clifton 1973; Catherine Knox 1981;
Elizabeth Simpkins 1983; Reginald Blake 1990; Kevin Francis Callaghan 2012; Liam Galvin 2019;
Mabel Smith 1991; Lindsay Mary McCormack 2013; Emily Dwyer 1990; Mary Webster 1991;
Mary Balfe 2005; Norman Daniel Brown 2008; Kevin Breslin 1961; Mary Gill 2018;
Patrick (Paddy) Christopher Goldsboro 2021; Alexander Gordon Robinson 2020;
Sophia Snook 2002; Margaret Lewis 1966; Bridget Chandler 1992; Mary Little 2007;
Bridget Robinson 2010; Alan Stansfield 2022; Alice McManus 1966; Ilona Tojan 1994;
Sergio Mareschi 2018 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**