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 6th April 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.**

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Saturday 5th April **PARISH LOUNGE**	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm **After 6.30pm Mass**	Evening Prayer Confessions Joe McCabe RIP **LISTENING PROCESS**	
Sunday 6th April	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Helen Newman (Healing)	**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Monday 7th April	9.30am	Rose McGonigle RIP	
Tuesday 8th April	9.30am	Colin Cater RIP (1st Anniversary) **Prayer Group**	
Wednesday 9th April	**NO MASS** **11,30am**	**REQUIEM: SIMON WILLIAM COMERFORD RIP**	
Thursday 10th April	9.30am **10.00am-12 Noon**	Gemma LaFrenais RIP **Thursday Club**	
Friday 11th April	9.30am **7.00pm**	Private Intention - Healing **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**	
Saturday 12th April	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions John Farrell RIP	
Sunday 13th April	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Caldbeck & O'Brien families – Repose of Souls	**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

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 Helena Purcell, James O'Donoghue and Simon Comerford (son of the late Jean Comerford). Please keep Helena, James, Simon their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Simon William Comerford RIP, Requiem Wednesday 9th April, 11.30am at Sacred Heart.
James O'Donoghue RIP, Requiem Monday 14th April, 10.15am at Sacred Heart.

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.**

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

POPE FRANCIS: Please continue to pray for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing mercy of our loving Father.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For the use of the new technologies
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Throughout Lent there will be Stations of the Cross **every Friday at 7.00pm** led by Deacon Jim. All welcome to attend.

SECOND COLLECTION: At all Masses this weekend 5th/6th April for Easter flowers.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION: The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on 25th April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: **https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote**
A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available here:
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/
The Pastoral Letter from the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales will be read at all Masses this weekend 5th/6th April. (Assist us to live, not to die. Postcards available in the Foyer.)

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.** Ideas to raise money within the Parish? Please email the Parish Office.

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

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.

A SYNODAL CHURCH: LISTENING PROCESS: The next meeting will be held on Saturday 5th April after the 6.30pm Mass in the Parish Lounge. This is your Parish so please take time to be involved. All welcome!

LUTON COVID MEMORIAL SERVICE: Sunday 6th April, 3.00pm at Newland Church, Crawley Green Road, LU2 9TE. Share stories of our loved ones lost to Covid, over tea and cake.

TOWN PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday 14th April, 7.00pm at Our Lady's. All welcome to attend.

CHRISM MASS: Wednesday 16th April, 12 Noon at Northampton Cathedral. Parishioners are welcome to attend this joyful diocesan celebration.

INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO BE A TEACHER? St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are running a series of open mornings where you can find out what is involved in our training programme and progress your application for September 2025. To book your place, go to **www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/open-mornings/**

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 26th April 2025 from 10.00am to 4:30pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

SATURDAY 17th MAY 2025 - JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL:
Mass 11.00am. Presided over by Rt Rev. David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton.
Bring a packed lunch and drinks. Northampton Cathedral, Cathedral House, Primrose Hill, Northampton, NN2 6AG. Please let the Parish Office know by **12th April** if you wish to attend as there may be the possibility of organising a coach **if** enough parishioners are interested.

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**

NOAH: The NOAH Blue Bins are at Sacred Heart next weekend 12th/13th April. Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

ALTAR SERVERS: Bishop David Oakley invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Northampton Diocese Altar Servers Mass 2025 at the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury, Northampton – Saturday 28th June, 11.00am, followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre. Further information and booking please contact Deacon Peter Griffin **pfgriffin@hotmail.co.uk**

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**

VACANCY: INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY BOARD: An exciting opportunity will shortly arise in the diocese as the incumbent independent Chair is retiring at the end of 2025. The Diocese is looking for a suitable candidate to fulfil this critical role, which is voluntary, but the postholder will be reimbursed for travelling and out of pocket expenses. The tenure is 3 years and will be reviewable at the end of that period. A brief description and role specification is displayed on the Parish Noticeboard. If this role appeals to you then further information can be obtained by contacting Danielle Dixon, Safeguarding Coordinator on 01604 723514. Please submit application, consisting of a brief letter outlining why you consider yourself suitable for the role and a copy of your CV to **safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org**

ST THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMIES TRUST: Wish to share this video with parishioners, celebrating their Good News. **https://youtu.be/jckgEe-dPUU**

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Week ending **30th March 2025** Loose cash £318.86; Envelopes £637.23; Total £956.09 Thank you. If you Gift Aid donations, we can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you.

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.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Gaston Andre 1984; David Quinn 1984; Michael Fox 1991; Ivy Cruise 1968; Paul Andrew Clarke 2024; Eva Mooney 2000; Joseph McCabe 2001; John Ward 1973; Yolanda Prince 1993;
Baby Stephen Lloyd 1975; Patrick Sheddock 1982; David Corcoran 1984; Brendan Marcantonio 1986; John McCauley 1997; Norma Davis 1965; Hannah Murphy 2019; Maureen Rooney 2022;
Desmond McGrattan 2005; Daniel Friel 2006; Sarah (Sally) Egan 2018 ✠ **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.