



# Heart to Heart

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

**Year B - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Responsorial Psalm: You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

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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.

**CONFESSION:** Please note due to First Holy Communion Preparation there will be no Confession on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	11-11.30am 3.30pm 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Baptism Preparation Class Evening Prayer Lisa Doran RIP (Birthday)	<b>St Scholastica</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Dominic Rocha RIP People of Our Parish <b>Day of Prayer for the Unemployed</b> <b>Day of Prayer for the Sick and their Carers</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Tom O'Boyle RIP	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Patrick Flaherty RIP PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb SH Primary attending	9.30am <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Dhanya Thomas RIP Mitch Bruce RIP	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February <b>HALL</b>	9.30am <b>10-12Noon</b> <b>12.15pm</b>	<b>THURSDAY CLUB</b> <b>REQUIEM: Kathleen Concepta Long</b>	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Patricia & Albert Loughnane Sons and Grandchildren's Intentions	
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February (First Holy Communion Preparation)	10.00am 12 Noon 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Group 1 Confession Group 2 Evening Prayer Billy Purcell RIP	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February <b>BETHANY GROUP</b>	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am <b>3.00pm</b>	Morning Prayer Jack & Hetty Hargrave RIP <b>People of Our Parish</b> <b>Mass for People with Disabilities and their Families</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>

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

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: For the terminally ill**

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**BETHANY GROUP:** Mass for people with disabilities and their families: the next Mass will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm at Sacred Heart Church. Do encourage people to come. The Mass will be followed by refreshments.

**RIP:** Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Margaret Lally, Olivia Freitas and Kathleen Concepta Long. Please keep Margaret, Olivia, Kathleen; their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

**FUNERAL DETAILS:** Kathleen Concepta Long RIP, Requiem Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 12.15pm at Sacred Heart.

Margaret Lally RIP, Requiem Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2.00pm at Sacred Heart.

**PAX CHRISTI:** Volunteer required as a link-person on behalf of Sacred Heart Parish for Pax Christi. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

**RADIO MARIA:** Listen to Radio Maria as students from St Joseph's Primary School share reflections on a chosen piece of artwork. This short show can inspire parents with questions to inspire their children to reflect on their faith. The show is broadcast at 5pm on 9<sup>th</sup> February and again at 8pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Radio Maria England is a Catholic voice by your side bringing listeners opportunities to pray with others on-air, opportunities to learn about catholic events in the country and learning from speakers who will support you to grow in your faith. Listen on DAB+ London, at [www.RadioMariaEngland.uk](http://www.RadioMariaEngland.uk) or download the FREE mobile app, "Radio Maria Play"

**OUR SACRED HEART ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE**

This year is the 350th anniversary of the apparition of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The parish should celebrate this, with a special event. Come and visit the shrine of the Sacred Heart, and also visit Ars - the home of the Curé d'Ars, and Cluny, the ancient Benedictine Abbey. Coach travel is included. It will be led by Fr. James, and together we'll spend 5 days on pilgrimage, enjoying our celebrations.

The cost will be at most £950 per person for half-board (single person supplement: £200). It might be less. The minimum number is 20 people, if we can find 25 the cost will drop. {Yes, it is a bit expensive, but it is our special year.}

**Dates: 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October 2024** – Come and spend a few pleasant autumn days in the middle of France. If you are interested in this please send an e-mail to the parish, and we'll keep you in the picture.

**Numbers need to be confirmed by 21<sup>st</sup> February. Leaflets available in the Foyer.**

**NOAH BINS:** The NOAH Blue Bins will be at Sacred Heart this weekend 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February for donations of good quality, pre-loved clean clothes, bric-a-brac etc.

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO SOMETHING TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WOMEN OF THE BIBLE?**

This Lent the Diocesan Women in Ministry group is offering to send you a Biblical woman's name and a Bible reference each morning and a short evening shared prayer on Zoom at 6.45 to 7pm on weekdays from 19<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> March, weeks 1-4 of Lent. No need to commit to every day - just join us when you can. Interested? Contact Joanna at [Joanna.hale@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:Joanna.hale@northamptondiocese.org)

**DUNS SCOTUS TRUST:** Bishop David is seeking experienced Directors/School Governors to represent his wishes on the Duns Scotus Trust – the diocesan body that has ultimate oversight of all diocesan schools and reports back to the Trustee. Do you know anyone who has experience in business, finance or education? Would they have time to commit to three meetings per year? For an information pack or to discuss this volunteer position, please ask them to contact Debbie Main on 01634 953369 email [debbie.main@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:debbie.main@northamptondiocese.org)

**THANK YOU:** The Parish would like to thank Maurice, Frank and John for painting the Sacristy. Thank you for your time and commitment to helping the Parish.

**ROSARY:** The Legion of Mary invite you to join them in praying the Rosary at the Vale Cemetery at 1.00pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Meet at the Shelter. All welcome!

**MAYO ASSOCIATION LUTON BUFFET NIGHT:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February in St Joseph's Parish Centre, Gardenia Avenue, 7.00pm sharp. Music by Johnny McGovern. Tickets are £10. Please contact: Patrice Doran 079 44 30 9824

**LIGHT UP LENT 29<sup>TH</sup> FEB – 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Light Up Lent is our diocesan Week of Accompanied Prayer, a retreat in everyday life. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. With one-to-one support each day for a week, via Zoom, from an experienced prayer guide. Find out more and sign up here <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/lightuplent/>

**BOOKING OF SACRED HEART HALL:** If you wish to book the Parish Hall for a function, please email: [hall.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hall.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org) to check availability and cost.

**CARITAS: SJOG HOSPITALLER SERVICES:** Caritas, is working in partnership with one of their member charities, St John of God Hospitaller Services, to coordinate a Homes for Ukraine programme, which provides temporary housing and support for Ukrainian displaced individuals as they adjust to life in the UK. If you are able to support their mission or would like more information, please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk> (Prayer cards in Foyer.)

**COLLECTION:** Figures for w/e 4.02.24 Envelopes: £750.50; Loose cash: £365.46  
TOTAL £1115.96 Thank you.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
Patrick Kelly 1969; Matthew Ennis 1983; Susanne Oates 2009; Anne Robinson 1960;  
Sarah Ryan 1976; Cecelia Smoker 2003; Anthony Gleeson 2005; Baby Gregory Philipps 1987;  
Julia Sullivan 1988; Oswald Laherty 1989; Alexander Macpherson 1992; Cyril Harrison 2001;  
Kathleen McCann 2020; Athea Martin 2014; Daniel Locke 1978; Filomena Russo 1993;  
Brian Foley 1994; Mary Fannin 2003; Leda La Vita 2019; Michael (Mitch) Bruce 2021;  
Rosalia Giugno 1986; Margaret Foley 1989; Lesley Snook 1992; Albino Pluda 1999;  
Mary Carrigan 2000; Josephine Coady 1992; Kay Webb 1998; Patrick (Paddy) Walsh 2008;  
John Money 1970; Anne Shiels 2004 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**