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 16th February 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.**

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Saturday 15th February	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Frank Costello RIP	
Sunday 16th February	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **BAPTISM** **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Holy Souls **Natalie Mary Bird** **Bethany Mass**	**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **RACIAL JUSTICE DAY**
Monday 17th February	9.30am	Margarette Spring RIP	
Tuesday 18th February	9.30am	Siobhan Phyllis Smith RIP	
Wednesday 19th February	9.30am	Brian McDonagh RIP (5th Anniversary)	
Thursday 20th February	9.30am	Santana Dias (Intentions)	
Friday 21st February	9.30am	World Peace	
Saturday 22nd February	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Thanksgiving to Parish on behalf of Derek Coleman	**THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE**
Sunday 23rd February	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Monica McIntyre RIP	**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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 Mary Marshall and Margarette Spring. Please keep Mary and Margarette, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: To request the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact Fr Allan or the Parish Office. 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.

READERS: If anyone is interested in reading at Mass, please speak to Deacon Jim after any Mass, or email the Parish.

VOLUNTEER CHURCH CLEANERS: Volunteers are needed to join our rota on Wednesday mornings after the 9.30am Mass to help clean the Church. If you can spare an hour, please, speak to Fr Allan or email the Parish Office. Thank you to those who already volunteer, your help and time given is greatly appreciated.

BETHANY GROUP MASS: 16th February, 3.00pm at Sacred Heart. Refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass. New families welcome.

ONLINE WORKSHOPS: Join two online workshops on Thursday **20th February** and **27th February 2025** from 7:30pm - 9.00pm that are seeking to enable us to become better listening communities. One of the outcomes of our Diocesan Assembly was the importance of listening deeply to one another and the Holy Spirit. To register, please visit:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1460062

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

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection at all **15th/16th February** masses this weekend will be in aid of Racial Justice Sunday, with the theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice' reflecting on our shared journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society. Bishop Paul McAleenan said "2025 is a very special year. It marks both a Year of Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday This year, we invite the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards racial justice - past, present and future by asking - how far have we come, where are we now and what remains to be achieved?"

FREE REDUNDANCY COACHING: With the forthcoming closure of Vauxhall's Luton factory recently confirmed and other local job insecurities in mind, the career website **http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk** offers free information and guidance on job hunting, self-employment and active retirement. Please pass it on to anyone who may find it helpful**.**

THANK YOU: To Jerome Yogaratnam, Cristhiano da Silva, Maurice Buckley and Frank Duffy for their time, knowledge and expertise, dedication and hard work in organising and setting up Wi-Fi in the Hall, Church and Presbytery.

VOLUNTEERS: We need more volunteers! If you can spare some time and are happy to volunteer to help this Parish flourish – please do so. Please speak to Fr Allan after Mass or email the Parish Office. There are so many opportunities in which you can offer to help within the Parish - a few minutes or even an hour, all help is appreciated. Without volunteers our future looks bleak!

EXPLORING SAFEGUARDING: You are invited to a safeguarding event at Holy Ghost, Luton on Saturday **8th March** from 10.00am – 1.00pm provided by the Diocesan safeguarding team. To sign up please go to **https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1544289**

WORD ON FIRE UK BIBLE CONFERENCE: Join Bishop Robert Barron from Friday **21st February** - Saturday **22nd February 2025** at the Excel Centre, East London for a conference entitled 'Evangelisation and Culture: The Bible' to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. For more information and to register, please visit: **https://wordonfire.org/the-bible-event**

THE LENT ENCOUNTER 2025: This Lent we're taking the book of Exodus as our guide on a journey through the Red Sea and into the wilderness. Sign up to join The Lent Encounter**, https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-lent-encounter?source_code=NEW25013&utm** Your free daily devotionals delivered to your inbox will help you to read your Bible every day and make space for Jesus to shape your heart and life this Lent.

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.

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK: NEW ONLINE COURSE, CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Five one-hour Zoom sessions on Tuesdays, from 12noon to 1.00pm, on **4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March** and **1st April**. The course will focus on front line of poverty and exclusion, with inputs from member organisations. The course fee is £95, including a copy of Raymond Friel's book, Catholic Social Teaching: an introduction for schools, parishes and charities. Please let us have a postal address to send the book to before the course starts. To ensure you receive the book before the course starts, please register by 12 noon on Friday **14th February**: **https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catholic-social-teaching-an-introduction-tickets-1106401369279**

PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL: Saturday **17th May -** Holy Mass with Bishop David. 175th Anniversary of our Diocese. See poster on the noticeboard.

WEEKLY PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2025/26: Boxes of Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes for 2025/26 will be distributed before and after each Mass on the following dates:
Weekend of Sunday **9th March 2025**
Weekend of Sunday **16th March 2025**
Weekend of Sunday **23rd March 2025**
Weekend of Sunday **30th March 2025**
The envelopes should not be used before the weekend of **6th April 2025**. Please see poster on the Noticeboard for further information or contact Wesley Weekes, Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator (01582 738569).

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Week ending **9th February 2025** Loose cash £358.63; Envelopes £579.36; Total £937.99. Thank you. If you Gift Aid donations, we can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Josephine Coady 1992; Kay Webb 1998; Patrick (Paddy) Walsh 2008; John Money 1970; Anne Shiels 2004; Edward Kaflowski 1987; Mary Nally 2015; Clara Olabisi Ogunde 2011; Alfonso Siggia 1983; Annie McLandey 1981; Maureen Ann Smith 2014; Patrick Cyril Carroll 2014; Benjamin Wallsworth 1993; Carole Ann King 2018; Denis Batchelor 1969; Bernard (Benny) Langan 2009; Christine Mary Kearns 2016; Presita Isidro Lanuza 'Precy' 2022; Frank Garlick 2006; Frank Robinson 2008 ✠ **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.