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 25th May 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

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Saturday 24th May	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Jim Kelly RIP	
Sunday 25th May	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Eileen Howell RIP (Birthday)	**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Monday 26th May	**10.00am**	Thanksgiving – Yogaratnam Family	**St Philip Neri, Priest**
Tuesday 27th May	**NO MASS** **2.00pm**	**REQUIEM: MARIA MAGDALENA DE LUCIA**	**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP**
Wednesday 28th May	9.30am		
Thursday 29th May	9.30am **10-12Noon** **7.30pm**	**People of Our Parish** **THURSDAY CLUB**	**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
Friday 30th May	9.30am	Renee Sutton – 80th Birthday	
Saturday 31st May	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Mary, John & James Fitzsimons RIP	**THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Sunday 1st June	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Rose & Tom Henry RIP	**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

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

MORNING PRAYER: This week: Monday 9.30am; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.50am, followed by Rosary – all welcome!

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Thursday 29th May is a Holy Day of Obligation – Mass at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

MARY'S MEALS: This weekend 24th/25th May, Sacred Heart welcomes a representative speaker from Mary's Meals. The charity, based in Scotland, serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone for their foreign currency donations and also take away any leftover currency that has since accumulated. **(A basket is available in the Foyer to place any foreign notes or coins you wish to donate. Thank you.)**

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.

BETHANY MASS: Thank you to all who attended the Bethany Mass and to those who provided refreshments in the Hall afterwards. This is always such a joyful celebration. New families welcome.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Kay Tunster, Maria Magdalena De Lucia and Della Conroy. Please keep Kay, Maria, Della; their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Maria Magdalena De Lucia RIP, Requiem 2.00pm, Tuesday 27th May at Sacred Heart.
Della Conroy RIP, Funeral Service 1.00pm, Wednesday 4th June at The Vale.

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.**

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: For working conditions
Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

THANK YOU: Mgr Kevin McGinnell and Bishop David would like to express their thanks to parishioners especially those who organised and took part to make the Holy Year Pilgrimage a success last weekend.

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.**

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

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**

BOLLYWOOD JUBILEE PARTY: Saturday 31st May, commencing 5.00pm at Holy Ghost Parish Centre, Luton 01582 722127. Tickets £15 per person – includes food and entertainment. See Noticeboard.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend 1st/2nd June there will be a second collection at all Masses for the Catholic Communications Network: World Communications Sunday.

DIVINE MERCY TALK: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Provincial Superior of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, will be visiting St. Joseph's Parish, Gerrards Cross on Tuesday, 3rd June at 7:30pm. He will speak on "The Significance of the Divine Mercy Devotion." The talk will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments. All are welcome. See Poster on the Noticeboard.

Luton LOUDfence – HOPE FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE – A JOURNEY TOWARDS HEALING: Saturday 7th June between 10.00am and 3.00pm at the Holy Family Church, in support of the National Day of Prayer for Survivors. The day includes a pilgrimage walk and service of hope with Bishop David and the Anglican Archdeacon of Bedford. Luton parishes are encouraged to create their own mini LOUDfences and join together as a pastoral event on the 7th June. Building a LOUDfence involves tying colourful ribbons and messages as a visible display of support and solidarity with those affected by abuse. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS JUNE 2025: Please note this year the children will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist during two dedicated 11.00am Masses – **8th June and 15th June**. Parishioners who usually attend 11.00am Mass are welcome to attend but please be aware seating will be limited to the outside aisles only. Please remember to keep in your prayers our young parishioners preparing for the Sacraments.

LUTON PASTORAL AREA: ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2026; SIGN UP SUNDAYS: Catholic Schools may ask for your priest to sign a form stating that you are a practising Catholic family. If you need this for any Catholic school within Luton or elsewhere in the diocese you must collect a SIGN UP CARD. Cards available in the Foyer. On given Sundays in the coming months your priest will sign this card if you are present at Mass with the child[ren] involved. **The responsibility for this lies with parents/guardians/carers alone.** Please pick up a Sign Up Card in the Foyer.

JUBILEE TOUR: To Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 8th June 2025. Guest Speaker: Marion Carroll, who was cured at Knock. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Museum of Country Life. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email **knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.**

PENTECOST PRAISE- CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LUTON: Sunday 8th June, 7.00pm at Luton Christian Fellowship, 101 Castle Street LU1 3AL. Join for a powerful night of worship, unity, and the presence of God as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!
Visit **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtpnlzSp-1s&feature=youtu.be**

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF HOLY GHOST CHURCH: Sunday 8th June, 11.00am. Followed by a shared lunch. Holy Ghost, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD

JESUS OUR HOPE: As part of the 2025 Jubilee Year celebrations, you are warmly invited to an evening of celebration, inspiration, and hope. The evening will include prayer, reflection on God's Word, personal testimony, music, and time to socialise over refreshments. The event is free to attend, but to help us to cater, we kindly ask that you register in advance.
Event Date: Monday, 9th June – 7:00–9:00pm in Aylesbury
More information and registration details can be found at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/**

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 14th June. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at the Basilica in the Catholic Shrine at midday followed by lunch and at 3pm pilgrims process from the Shrine, on the holy mile to the Abbey Grounds for the final service. Parish groups are encouraged to bring parish banners with them for the procession. All are welcome.

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20th-22nd June **www.retrouvaille.org.uk** Tel: 0788 7296983

CENTENARY OF THE PONTEVEDRA APPARITION: Saturday 21st June, 10.50am-8.00pm - Visitation of the Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the relics of Saints Jacinto and Francisco. Drinks available, bring a packed lunch. Northampton Cathedral, Cathedral House, Primrose Hill, Northampton, NN2 6AG

SILVER JUBILEE: Sunday 29th June 2025, 12.30pm. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Fr Ugo's Ordination followed by refreshments All welcome. St Margaret of Scotland Church, 22a Bolingbroke Road, Luton, LU1 5JD

D-SUMMER: A summer residential event in July for everyone aged 11-18 (in School years 7-13). This year it will be from **Friday 11th** to **Sunday 13th July.** We can't wait to partner with the Sion Community again this year for this event. We had such a great time last year, and we can't wait to see what God's got in store for us this time round. More information and the booking link can be found on NYMO's webpage: **https://nymo.org/d-summer/**

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**

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday 2nd August 2025. Led by Bishop John Keenan. Coaches leave St Mary's Dunstable at 7.20am, St Joseph's Luton at 7.40am (No parking – Vigil Mass that evening), Our Lady's Luton at 8.00am. Adults £26.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. **Seats reserved only with payment**. Bring a packed lunch and drinks. For more information go to **www.prolifepilgrimage.org** and to book **kevin.drew@btinternet.com** or 07802 525581.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 18th May 2025 Envelopes £673.39; Loose cash: £338.50; Total: £1011.89 Thank you. As many already do, you can Gift Aid your donation, enabling us to claim from the government an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you. You can also donate by card via the DONA Machine located in the church.

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.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BEDFORDSHIRE: This new book is now available from the Publishers, Boydell & Brewer, at a specially reduced price. It has a foreword by Bishop David and covers the growth of the Church across the county from 1700 to 1900. Published by Boydell & Brewer in April 2025 for The Bedfordshire Historical Record Society ISBN: 9780851550862 – Promotional price £20.00 until 31.10.25 + £4.75 p&p *use code BB074 or order online from boydellandbrewer.com
Leaflets available in the Foyer.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Christopher Mulligan 2004; Stephen Allen 2005; Kitty Dowling 2008; Baby Midas Morgan 2009; Winifred (Gwen) Pilling 2009; Irene (Renee) McGarry 2013; James Joseph Kelly 2015; Patricia Reader 2023; Margaret Baker 1972; Rosaline Henry 1976; Bartholomew Rodgers 1979; James White 1986; Matthew McHugh 1992; Liam Flaherty 2020; Thomas Shanley 1966; Donald Stewart 1974; Margaret Peters 1994; Sylvia Birtwistle 2007; Gilbert Dalgarno 1967; Zofia Vorobjevs 1984; Joseph McCole 1989; Catherine Cavallo 1967; John Sach 1977; Mary Kingston 1977; Angela Weeden 1980; Norah Richardson 1990; Winfred McCaskie 1993; Jozsef Bozser 1993; Angela Duffy 2022; Soccorro Roque Fernandes 2021; Elizabeth Ridley 2007; John Lally 2010; Mary Trafford 2014 ✠ **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.