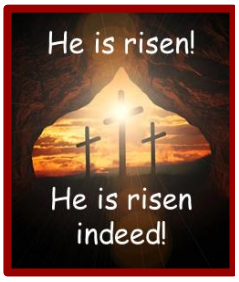

Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban
Registered Charity Number: 234091

YEAR A – Sunday 10th May 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Psalter Week 2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

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Saturday 9th May	**5.45pm** **6.00pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Alana Russell-Gear RIP (2nd Anniversary)	
Sunday 10th May **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer Mary, John & James Fitzsimons RIP People of Our Parish	**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Monday 11th May	9.30am	Private Intention (Healing)	
Tuesday 12th May	9.30am **7.00pm**	Private Intention (Healing) **Prayer Group:** Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond **Confirmation Group for Adults**	
Wednesday 13th May	9.30am	Isabel Daley (Get Well)	**Our Lady of Fatima**
Thursday 14th May	9.30am KS2 SH Primary attending **10.00am-12 Noon** **7.30pm**	People of Our Parish **THURSDAY CLUB** Jim Gibson RIP (16th Anniversary)	**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
Friday 15th May	9.30am	Andrew Ronan RIP	
Saturday 16th May	**5.45pm** **6.00pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Private Intention (Healing)	
Sunday 17th May **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees** **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Eileen Howell RIP (Birthday) **Bethany Mass**	**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

PARISH HALL: Open after Sunday 11.00am Mass for teas and coffees. All welcome!

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: That everyone might have food.
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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 telephone/email the Parish Office.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Is a Holy day of Obligation (Thursday 14th May) – Mass at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.50am followed by Rosary.

EVENING PRAYER: Saturday 5.45pm and Thursday 7.00pm (The Ascension of the Lord) – all 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.

BETHANY MASS: Next weekend 17th May at Sacred Heart at 3.00pm. All welcome! Tea will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass.

RIP: Please remember Bridget Green and Kathleen Doyle who died recently. Please keep Bridget and Kathleen in your prayers and keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Bridget Green RIP; Requiem Thursday 28th May at 2.00pm at Sacred Heart.
Kathleen Doyle RIP, Requiem Friday 29th May at 11.00am at Sacred Heart.

THURSDAY CLUB: Please contact anyone that you may feel would benefit from attending the Thursday Club and extend a warm welcome to come along to Sacred Heart's Parish Hall to have a chat and a cup of tea - **Thursday 10.00am-12 Noon**. All welcome!

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: If you are new to the Parish and/or wish to make your weekly donations using envelopes then please contact Wesley on 01582 738569. Thank you.

PARISHIONERS: There are many parishioners who are unwell at the moment, both at home and in hospital. The Church is not always notified. Please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of a parishioner who is unwell (name/address/telephone number or family contact details).

DEANERY ADORATION AND CONFESSION: Posters on the Parish Noticeboard show all Adoration and Confession times available within the Deanery.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you wish to have your child baptised at Sacred Heart Church a Baptism Preparation Class must be undertaken before Baptism can go ahead. Please contact the Parish Office to discuss further and to book your place. The next Baptism Preparation Class will take place on Thursday 4th June at 7.00pm in the Church. Please register with the Parish through the CASPAR link.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS: If any adult (16 or over) would be interested in preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer, or being received into the Church, please email the Parish Office this week. Fr Allan is proposing a weekly course that will run on **Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm. (The Confirmation Group for Adults commenced on the 5th May. If you are interested there is still time to join - Next Group Meeting Tuesday 12th May.)**

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 2.05.26 Envelopes £679.75; Loose Cash £330.57; Total £1010.32 Thank you. Thank you. Second Collection: Diocesan Priests Training Fund £693.20. Thank you. Many parishioners give faithfully through the offertory collection each week. Did you know that if you are a UK taxpayer, your gift could be worth 25% more at no extra cost to you? Through Gift Aid, a donation of £10 becomes £12.50 — and we can even reclaim up to four years of past donations. Signing up is simple, confidential, and makes a big difference to parish life. Find out more at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/gift-aid/**

NOAH BLUE BINS: Available to accept donations at Sacred Heart this weekend **9th/10th May.** Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

CALLED & EQUIPPED 2026-27: Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? A year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community.
This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry.
Find out more here: **https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/**
or sign up to introductory webinars on **https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese**

CSSA THEMATIC INSPECTION: SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has launched a public survey as part of its thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. Victims and survivors of abuse—whether recent or historic—are invited to share their experiences of contact with dioceses and Religious Life Groups.
In Northampton, we continue to walk alongside survivors through initiatives such as the Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral. Survivors are encouraged to participate in the survey, helping shape a safer Church for all. Visit:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tlVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzlLTEdTWkUySjhaTlU0QURaOU05SC4u

LIVING WELL EVENT: At St John's, Sundon Park on Saturday 16th May, 10.00am–3pm, with free breakfast (10-12) or lunch (1-3), short talks and local health, wellbeing and support stalls throughout the day aimed at the overs 60's.
Book your free place via Luton Irish Forum on 01582 720447.

ACT OF PRAYER AND WITNESS: Saturday 16th May 2026, 11.00am to 12 Noon Act of Prayer and Witness at the junction of Pastures Way and Leagrave High Street, Luton (LU4 0PT) 150 metres from the Luton and Dunstable Hospital.

LITURGY OF THE WORD ZOOM SESSIONS FOR 2026: The God Who Speaks – Our Liturgy of the Word:
A series of online Zoom Sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year. Led by the Liturgical Formation Team.
Future sessions in 2026:
Wednesday 8th July,
Wednesday 9th September,
Wednesday 11th November.
Each session runs from 7.30pm-8.30pm Cost: No charge but there will be the opportunity to make a donation. Please register in advance to secure a place by emailing
deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org **Full details on Poster displayed on the Noticeboard.**

MISSIO – RED BOX THANK YOU AND APPEAL: There will be a Red Box Appeal at Sacred Heart over the weekend of **23rd/24th May.** Sacred Heart Parish look forward to welcoming Rev Fr Gerry Hastie who will preside over all Masses and make the appeal on behalf of Missio.
Missio is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the World where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit.
Many thanks on behalf of the parish to Pete and Theresa Crawley for giving their time in being the local Missio Secretaries representing Sacred Heart Parish.

LUTON FOODBANK: The latest Luton Foodbank Newsletter shares updates on the ongoing support being provided to individuals and families experiencing food poverty across the local area, along with recent community activity and partnerships working to address local need.
It includes:

- An overview of current demand and support being delivered
- Community projects and partnerships across the area
- Involvement from schools and organisations in fundraising and food support initiatives
- Opportunities for local engagement and participation

You can read the full Newsletter here:
https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/luton-foodbank-newsletter-april-2026/

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly.
On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:
"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you; we will stand with you until peace is restored."
Donate at **cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan**

MEN'S SHED – SUNDON PARK: Following a really successful "Come and See" event, Sundon Park Men's Shed will be opening weekly from Thursday 14th May, 10:30am–12:30pm, at St John's Parish Centre, Sundon Park Road, Luton, LU3 3AL. Men's Sheds are friendly, informal places for men 55+ to meet people, enjoy a cuppa, share skills, learn something practical, and spend time in good company—whether you're handy with tools or just fancy a chat. The Shed is about connection and wellbeing as much as making and mending, and you can be as involved as you like: turn up, have a look around, suggest ideas, or help shape what the Shed becomes. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend. For more information, contact Joe on 07939 190424 or Deacon Jim Hannigan 07756 685220

FURNITURE BANK AT ST JOHN'S - We have had a request from a young family in very small accommodation for a bunk bed. If you have a bunk bed in good condition that you no longer use and would be happy to donate to a family in need, please contact Deacon Jim 07756 685220

ADVANCE NOTICE: FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AT SACRED HEART, JUNE 2026: Please note this year the children will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist during two dedicated **11.00am Sunday Masses – 7th June and 14th 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. The centre aisles will be reserved for first holy communicants and their families. Please pray for our young parishioners preparing for the Sacraments.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Stefano Mini 1999; Eilish Ann Young 2008; James Gibson 2010; Amira Edmonds 1982
Alexander Stewart 1983; John Burke 1994; Maura Gordon 2000; Joseph Zych 2000;
Romeo Raffaele Romano 'Ronnie' 2022; Kenneth Drakeley 2019; Daisy Burns 1998;
Kathleen Hailey 2009; James McGee 1969; Jeanne Hetherington 2003;
George Joseph Gallagher 2019; Thomas Dickinson 1977; Rosemary McCormack 1998;
Michael Joseph Moughan 2009; Philomena Foster 2009; Baby Damien McGeoghan 1985;
Patrick McAuley 1997; Margaret Rose Gralton 2018; Margaret Murray 1979;
Ann Marie (Nancy) Galvin 2012; Bat Murphy 2005; Laurence (Laurie) Coyne 2018;
Martin Vizard 2019 ✠ **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 at the top of the Newsletter on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.

If you do not have an email address then please pick up a form in the Foyer to give your authority for the Parish Office to register you. Please remember to include the following information on the back of the form: Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number (if applicable).