



Heart to Heart

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Year A - Sunday 19th February 2023

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is compassion and love.

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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 and leave a contact number.

ASH WEDNESDAY: On Wednesday 22nd February there will be Mass at 9.30am and an evening Mass at 7.30pm. It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence – those aged 14 years and above are to abstain from meat. For those in good health aged between 18 years and 60 years – Fasting. Fasting means consuming only one full meal a day; two smaller meals that don't together add up to a full meal also are allowed.

Saturday 18 th February	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer People of Our Parish	
Sunday 19 th February	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Tom Brown RIP Catherine Doherty RIP	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Day of Prayer for the Unemployed
Monday 20 th February	9.30am 11.30am	Margaret Galton RIP REQUIEM: John Hanrahan	
Tuesday 21 st February	9.30am	Michael & Jane Early RIP	
Wednesday 22 nd February SH Primary KS2 attending	9.30am 7.30pm	Kathleen Delaney RIP Paolo Traina RIP	ASH WEDNESDAY Day of Fasting and Abstinence
Thursday 23 rd February	9.30am	Mila Osea (Birthday Intention)	
Friday 24 th February	9.30am 7.00pm 9.00pm-10.30pm	Trish MacDonald RIP Stations of the Cross Fatima Prayer Group Vigil	
Saturday 25 th February	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Jim Purcell (Intention)	
Sunday 26 th February	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Elizabeth 'Betty' Blake RIP 1 st Anniversary	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: For Parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

RIP: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially John Hanrahan and Sheila Barber. Please keep John RIP and Sheila RIP, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.
Please also remember all those who have died in the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

FUNERAL DETAILS:

John Hanrahan, Requiem 11.30am Monday 20th February at Sacred Heart.

Sheila Barber, Requiem 12.00 Noon Monday 27th February at Sacred Heart.

CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY: Church Action on Poverty is a national ecumenical Christian social justice charity, committed to tackling poverty in the UK. They work in partnership with churches, and with people in poverty themselves, to tackle the root causes of poverty. To find out more, or to donate, please visit: <https://www.church-poverty.org.uk/> See Poster on the Noticeboard.

SEASON OF LENT: During Lent we are asked to pray especially on Sundays – Candidates for the Sacraments.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Throughout Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church.

LENT 2023: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: This Lent, join in Family Fast Day on Friday 3rd March 2023. Your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give using the envelopes (available in the Foyer) or donate at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK: Walk 200km in 40 days to fight Global poverty. Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! For more information visit: walk.cafod.org.uk See the Poster on the Noticeboard.

NOAH BINS: Thank you to all who donated their pre-loved goods so generously last weekend. NOAH Bins will be back at Sacred Heart on 11th/12th March and thereafter the **second** weekend of every month. Bric-a-brac is also welcome which can be sold in their shops e.g., books, toys, ornaments etc.

NOAH CRIB COLLECTION: Thank you to all those who contributed. The sum of £668.51 was raised and this money will aid NOAH to help so many people within our local community. NOAH has sent a letter of thanks to Sacred Heart Parish for their generosity. See Noticeboard.

CATALYST YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAMME: Congratulations to Dijon, a parishioner, on taking part in the recent Catalyst Youth Training Programme. Thank you for taking the time to represent Sacred Heart Parish.

PRO LIFE WITNESS IN CARDIFF ROAD: Friday 24th February 2023, 11.00am to 12 Noon - Prayer witness and support outside the Abortion Centre in Cardiff Road, Luton. Organised by Helpers of God's Precious Infants.

ST ALBAN'S FESTIVAL: Saturday 24th June 2023, Holy Ghost Parish Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD, 10.00am to 12.30pm. Mass at 12.30pm. Coffee from 10.00am for a 10.15am start. Volunteering workshop, briefings, sharing ideas, Market Place - Parishes and Catholic ministries are asked to arrange a stall or bring leaflets to share with others to showcase Catholic good news. Organised by Luton and Dunstable Pastoral Area Council www.lutonpastoralarea.org Everyone welcome – no booking needed. To reserve a space for a stall please email: paulaclonnan@gmail.com

MAYO ASSOCIATION BUFFET NIGHT: Saturday 25th February in St Joseph's Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Music on the night by John McGovern. Tickets must be booked in advance by calling Patrice on 07944309824.

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN E-NEWS: Signup for our diocesan e-newsletter. This is a valuable way for the Diocese to communicate what is happening and to keep all areas of our diocese up to date with the happenings from Bishops House, our Cathedral and all our diocesan agencies <https://northamptondiocese.org/news/>

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM 2023: 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 speak to Deacon Jim to book your place, or telephone or email the Parish Office. The next Baptism Preparation Class takes place on Saturday 22nd April at 3.30pm in the Church. A list of dates for Baptism Preparation Classes for 2023 is on the Noticeboard.

LUTON FOODBANK: Please place donations of food items (non-perishable) in the boxes in the Foyer. Please see the Noticeboard for a full list of items required. Luton Foodbank would like to thank Sacred Heart Parish for their continued support and generosity. It is always appreciated but especially during school holidays when demand greatly increases.

CATHOLIC BIBLE CONVENTION AND HEALING SERVICE: 11th March 2023, 8.00am-4.00pm at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, Birmingham B70 7JW. Leaflets available in the Foyer. Visit www.sehionuk.org

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: 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; Olivia-Grace Oizamisi Otim-Obaro 2020; John Hand 1994; Monica McIntyre 2018; Michael Foley 2007; Margaret Riley 1964; Sidney Jay 1981; Michael Early 1968; Mary Hancock 1994

✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**