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 23rd February 2025
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**The Lord is compassionate and gracious.**

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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**
Monday 24th February	9.30am	`John McKinstry (Birthday)	
Tuesday 25th February	9.30am	Holy Souls	
Wednesday 26th February	9.30am	Holy Souls	
Thursday 27th February	9.30am	John Hanrahan RIP	
Friday 28th February	9.30am	Geraldine Bonner RIP	
Saturday 1st March	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Alice Marie Flatley RIP	**ST DAVID**
Sunday 2nd March	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **BAPTISM**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Elizabeth Hannan RIP **Kiara Manzullo** **Kairo Theodosius Auguste**	**EIGHTH 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 Peter English. Please keep Peter, his family 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. **All 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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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.

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.

BETHANY GROUP MASS: Thank you to all who attended the Bethany Group Mass and to those who provided refreshments after the Mass.

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

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**

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.

JOIN CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK IN THE JUBILEE YEAR: You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. To sign up please visit: **https://walk.cafod.org.uk/**

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** and 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 **16th February 2025** Loose cash £465.73; Envelopes £531.30; Total £997.03 Thank you. If you Gift Aid donations, we can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you.

SEAN O'RIADA GAELIC SUNG MASS: Monday **17th March**. Our Lady Help of Christians, Castle St, Luton. 9.30am. Featuring the Luton Irish Forum Choir.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CLOSURE OF NOTRE DAME CONVENT SCHOOL: A Mass in recognition of the Sisters historic role in providing a Catholic education to Northampton school girls and the closure of the Convent School, is being held in Northampton Roman Catholic Cathedral on The Barrack Road NN2 6AG on Saturday July 19th at Noon. This will be followed by a reception in The St Thomas Centre in the Cathedral grounds, allowing former pupils to meet up and reminisce. If you were a Notre Dame pupil or know someone who was, please come or let them know about the Mass. Thank you.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
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; Lawrence Foley 1997; James Byrne 1997; Mary Shiels 2023; Peter Joseph Farrell 2020; Laszlo Szaher 1984; Mary Moughan 2003; Alice Jones 2005; Anna (Ann) Davern 2014; Elizabeth Bridget Blake 2022; Eugene Aloysius O'Hara 2018; Walter Ryan 1974; Frank Colley 1981; Thomas Farrell 1993; Bridget Nee 1996; Ivy Stockley 1998; Andrew Culbertson 2007; Margery Curtin 2007; Eunice Lloyd-Bernard Johnette 2013; Mary Margaret Fallon 2022
✠ **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.