

## HEART TO HEART

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton  
Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster and Deanery of St Alban

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year B - Psalter Week 3 - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish office is closed, with the Parish admin being managed remotely on a part time voluntary basis via the new Parish email address of [parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org)

**COVID RULES FOR SACRAMENTS:** Weddings can have up to 30 attendees and funerals up to the maximum possible with social distancing. Baptisms are by prior arrangement. Confessions are by individual appointment.

**MASSES:** Public Masses are indicated below in bold. Face covering (unless exempt), hand sanitising and social distancing apply. All other Masses are celebrated privately. There are no private prayer sessions. There will be a **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** this weekend for Catholic use of mass media.

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Patrick Joseph McGovern RIP	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Helen Dixon RIP Martin Vizard RIP	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Private	Murdina Norquay RIP	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Private		Pope St John I
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Private	Patrick (Paddy) Goldsboro RIP	St Dunstan
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Private	Berenice Goodman RIP	St Bernadine of Siena
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Private	Helen Dixon RIP	St Christopher Magallanes and comp.
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Patrick (Paddy) Goldsboro RIP	St Rita of Cascia

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Entrance Antiphon	<b>O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called you; of you my heart has spoken; seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.</b>
Psalm Response	<b>The Lord has set his sway in heaven.</b>
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!</b>
Communion Antiphon	<b>Father, I pray that they may be one as we are one, alleluia.</b>

**STEWARDS AND CLEANERS:** If you are under 70 years of age and not shielding, you can volunteer as a steward or cleaner for Masses and funerals by emailing [parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org)

**THY KINGDOM COME:** 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - pray with Christians across the world each day between Ascension and Pentecost. Pray for 5 people you know to come closer to the Lord. Pray for our families and for those who have lost contact with the Church. For downloadable resources and ideas including Catholic daily prayer, a novena, journey with Mary and a prayer journal go to <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

**LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP 2021:** The Summer Camp is a fab few days of fun, friendship, formation and lots more for 12 to 18 year olds. It will be at Alton Castle from 3.00pm Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July to 2.00pm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021. For more information and the booking page visit <https://nymo.org/summercamp/>

**CATHOLIC BASICS:** This engaging introduction to the Catholic faith is offered in four parts: God, The Church, The Moral Life, Prayer. Monday evening Zoom presentations from 7.00pm to 8:30pm on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2021. There is a £20 cost for the course pack of four texts. For more information and to book a place, contact Ann Collon at [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or call 01582 723312.

**NYMO EVENT:** On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 from 8.00pm to 9.00pm, the NYMO team have an online event for 11 to 18 year olds, with the usual mix of fun, worship, silliness and prayer plus the usual segments like Grill the Priest and NYMO's online Quiz. Go to NYMO's YouTube channel 'luxnymo'.

**HOLY HOUR:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 3.00pm to 4.00pm, St Margaret of Scotland Church, 22A Bolingbroke Road, Luton LU1 5JD to pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our own lives, the Church and the world.

**DIVINE RENOVATION:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, Diocesan summer webinar: Sacraments as opportunity, a fresh look at how our sacramental programme can reach people differently, with Fr Simon Penhalagan, to book see: [https://readalong\\_divine\\_renovation.eventbrite.co.uk](https://readalong_divine_renovation.eventbrite.co.uk). Also, 22<sup>nd</sup> May and 12<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am to Noon: workshop Entertaining Angels: becoming a truly welcoming church, with simple ideas for transforming parishes to make people feel welcome back. To book see: <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/entertaining-angels/>

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:** The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham originally scheduled for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June will not now take place. However, the Bishop will be presiding at the midday Mass in Walsingham 12<sup>th</sup> June and it can be viewed via <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

**CARDINAL NEWMAN VACANCIES:** Higher Level Teaching Assistant – Visual Impaired Provision – L6 £21 948 – 37 hours per week, term time only +5 days – for September 2021. Brailist – L6 £21 948 – 37 hours per week, term time only +5 days – for September 2021. Teaching Assistants – L2 £14 988 – 34 hours per week term time only +5 days – for September 2021. For full details about these vacancies please visit the **MyNewTerm** website.

**COVID-19 VACCINATION AND POPE FRANCIS:** Pope Francis has been vaccinated against COVID-19 and urges everyone to also do so to protect not only their own lives but those of others. 'I believe that ethically everyone should take the vaccine,' the Pope said in a TV interview. 'It is an ethical choice because you are gambling with your health, with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others.'

**COVID-19 VACCINATION WALK-IN FOR OVER 40s:** Anyone aged 40+ who hasn't already booked an appointment can walk into one of the vaccination centres listed below at the times specified without an appointment for first vaccinations. If you are eligible to be vaccinated for other reasons, you can walk-in too, just bring your NHS number, driving license, passport or utility bill with you. People with appointments at a vaccination centre, GP-led site or pharmacy should just attend their appointment. Further info at <https://www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

Site	Address	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
		13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd
Bedford Heights- Bedford		08.30-15.00hrs	08.30-15.00hrs	08.30-15.00hrs	08.30-15.00hrs					08.30-15.00hrs	08.30-15.00hrs	08.30-15.00hrs
Inspire- Luton		09.00-13.30hrs	09.00-13.30hrs			08.30-15.00hrs	08.30-15.00hrs	08.30-15.00hrs				
Redgrave - Luton		08.30-13.30hrs	08.30-13.30hrs	08.30-13.30hrs	08.30-13.30hrs	08.30-13.30hrs	08.30-13.30hrs			08.30-15.00hrs	08.30-15.00hrs	08.30-15.00hrs
Saxon Court- Milton Keynes							08.30-12.30hrs	08.30-12.30hrs	08.30-12.30hrs			

**FREE COVID HOME TESTING KITS:** Each household can order a free pack of 7, Covid-19 home test kits. These are able to produce a result in 20 to 30 minutes. Households can order one pack, once a week. Use the link below for more information and ordering <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> You can also order by phone free of charge on 119 between 7.00am and 11.00pm.

**CAFOD:** CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency (Caritas India) to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. You can donate at <https://cafod.org.uk/>. Please also keep praying for the people of India and all who have been affected by the pandemic.

**EUGENE BONNER RIP:** The funeral Mass at the church for Eugene Bonner RIP will be at 11.00am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May followed by burial at The Vale at 12.15pm. Covid protocols apply. The maximum number of church attendees is how many can be safely accommodated with social distancing. Please follow the Stewards' instructions.

**RIP:** Please keep Eugene Bonner RIP, Helen Dixon RIP, Paddy Goldsboro RIP and all other recently deceased Parishioners in your prayers at this difficult and sad time for their families and friends.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Porr 1998; Kathleen Nairn 2013; Clare Caldbeck 2016; William Merrick 1983; Alice McNelis 1990; Joseph McKenna 1996; Frank Gallagher 2014; Nora O'Neill 1979; Hannah Coyle 1985; Brenda Carroll 2006; Patrick Cain 1986; Julia Myers 2006; John Reynolds 1998; Thomas Dalton 1991; Margaret Rose Halligan 2016; Sarah (Sally) Ayres 2010; Kevin Conry 1969; Dennis Buckingham 2004; Fernand Ollieuz 1965; Martha Stevens 1981. ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**



## **NORES**

Supporting Catholic Education and Formation

7 May 2021

### **OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Dear Parishioners,

Over the course of the last twelve months it has been difficult for us to connect with one another through the traditional channels and to share the news about the development of our schools and the important part they play in the mission of the Church.

Catholic schools in England are part of the state system and are free to all Catholic families who wish to secure a Catholic education for their child. This system can be very different to that found in other parts of the world, where Catholic schools are often seen as 'private' or 'fee paying'. Some private Catholic schools exist, but most are state funded and free to access.

We have seven wonderful Catholic schools in Luton, Dunstable and Houghton Regis. Each of these schools play an important part in the formation of a child. Working in partnership with parishes, parents and carers, our schools provide a place where children grow closer to God, where their faith is explored and deepened and place where Religious Education is firmly rooted in our Catholic tradition.

Catholic schools also must be places of high academic standards too and we should be very proud of the fact that Catholic schools across England are very successful.

#### **We need your support:**

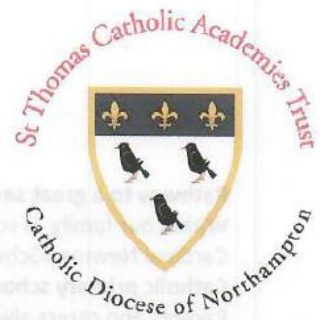
We need your support to get the message to families who may not be present at Mass. There are many Catholic families who may sincerely wish to secure a Catholic education for their child, but for complex reasons may not be present in their parish community. This is a community of people that needs to be accompanied and supported so that we can continue spreading the Good News.

Many parents and carers are unaware that they can apply for a place in a Catholic school and may be reluctant to do so if they are not regular members of a parish community. The invitation to those parents and carers is incredibly important, a great number hold a sincere and deep faith and would dearly wish for a Catholic education for their child but may be reluctant to apply. We really must reach out to families in this position, especially those who live with complex challenges and we are asking you to do so.

#### **Spaces in our Primary schools:**

Schools across the country currently have unfilled spaces because of rapid changes in the birth rate in recent years - and our schools are no exception.

If you have a child going into Reception this year (or you know someone else who does) it is not too late to secure a place in our Catholic schools where there are places available. To do so, please first contact the school in your local area to find out if there are places available.



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"The glory of God is  
a human being fully alive!"

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### Pathway to a great secondary school:

Within our family of schools in the we are also blessed to have an excellent Catholic secondary school, Cardinal Newman School. **It is important that parents and carers know that if their child attends a Catholic primary school, they have a greater chance of securing a place at Cardinal Newman School.** Parents and carers always want the best for their children and will know the importance of planning ahead to secure the best path. Cardinal Newman school is consistently over-subscribed, and parents and carers need to be aware of the admissions criteria for the school that prioritise children who have attended local Catholic primary schools.

Thank you for taking away this letter either for yourselves or for a friend or family member you know. There are three things we would like to happen now:

1. If you have a child due to go into Reception (age 4-5) this year, please contact the schools if you would like a Catholic school for your child – it is not too late even if you have applied somewhere else
2. If you do not have a child of Reception age, but may still want a Catholic education, please contact the school to see if there are spaces available
3. Please pray for our schools. They are part of our shared mission!

### Location and contact details of our Catholic schools:

School	Location	Contact
St Margaret of Scotland Primary School	Stockwood Park	<a href="mailto:admin@stmargarets.luton.sch.uk">admin@stmargarets.luton.sch.uk</a>
St Martin de Porres Primary School	Lewsey Farm	<a href="mailto:admin@smdpluton.co.uk">admin@smdpluton.co.uk</a>
St Vincent's Primary School	Houghton Regis	<a href="mailto:admin@stvincentshr.org">admin@stvincentshr.org</a>
St Mary's Primary School	Caddington (Dunstable)	<a href="mailto:admin@stmarysprimary.org.uk">admin@stmarysprimary.org.uk</a>
St Joseph's Primary School	Leagrave and Limbury	<a href="mailto:admin@stjosephs.primaryluton.co.uk">admin@stjosephs.primaryluton.co.uk</a>
Sacred Heart Primary School	Wigmore	<a href="mailto:admin@sacredheart.primaryluton.co.uk">admin@sacredheart.primaryluton.co.uk</a>
Cardinal Newman School	Warden Hill	<a href="mailto:admin@cardinalnewmanschool.net">admin@cardinalnewmanschool.net</a>

You may also be interested to know that most of our schools have a nursery provision and we are looking to open a new nursery in one of our schools in September. If you would be interested in pre-school nursery care for your children, our schools may be able to help there too.

Thank you for your support for our Catholic schools.

Yours sincerely

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(on behalf of all Catholic schools in Luton and surrounding areas)