



# 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 EASTER**  
**Year A - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.</b>
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**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and leave a contact number.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend there will be a second collection at all Masses for World Communications Day.

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY:** Please note there will not be a 9.30am Mass this Friday. There will also not be a Prayer Group meeting.

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Serge Ayen RIP	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am <b>BAPTISM</b>	Morning Prayer Irene & William Davey RIP People of Our Parish Maia Emilia Obuchowicz	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> World Communications Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.30am	Eddie Travers RIP	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.30am	Josephine Votor RIP (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	James Kelly RIP & deceased members of the Kelly family	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	SMA Fathers – 'Africa Day'	<b>St Bede the Venerable</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>11.00am</b> 9-10.30pm	<b>Requiem: Elisa Ditella RIP</b> Fatima Prayer Group Vigil	<b>St Philip Neri</b>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Patricia MacDonald RIP	<b>ST AUGUSTINE, APOSTLE OF ENGLAND</b>
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am <b>BAPTISM</b>	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Alan Law RIP Elia Victoria Minut	<b>PENTECOST</b>

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: For church movements and groups:** We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

**RIP:** Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Elisa Ditella and Kathleen Bilbow. Please keep Elisa and Kathleen, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

**ASSEMBLY INSIGHT:** Week 5 – 21<sup>st</sup> May: This week our delegates begin their preparation for the Assembly. Please pray for them and our whole diocese that we may all be open to the Holy Spirit. “But the laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God... They live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life, from which the very web of their existence is woven. They are called there by God that they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven. In this way they may make Christ known to others.” Lumen Gentium 31

Sign up for our Pentecost Novena to receive 9 daily mini-video reflections

<http://eepurl.com/irhUeY>.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY (21<sup>st</sup> May 2023):** We take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication – through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. You will find information, resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website: [www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day)

**SIGN UP SUNDAYS 2023 FOR SECONDARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Admission to Catholic Schools for 2023. 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 or outside of the diocese **you must collect a SIGN-UP CARD**. This weekend is a Sign-Up Sunday. Please present the Sign-Up Card after Mass to be stamped. **The responsibility for this lies with parents/guardians/carers alone.**

**CAFOD: TACKLING POVERTY:** Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that “Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.” For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to [cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns](http://cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns)

**STRONGER TOGETHER:** Churches Together in Luton, A Pentecost Praise Celebration on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm at Stopsley Baptist Church LU2 7XP. You are invited to come and share with people from different churches across the town in celebrating Pentecost.

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20'S & 30'S) THEME: DISCERNING GOD'S CALL IN YOUR LIFE**

**DATES: 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023, LOCATION: LIVERPOOL:** The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj

at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com)

or visit website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**LUTON EMPLOYABILITY DAY 2023:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 10.30am-3.30pm at Chiltern Academy, Gipsy Lane, Luton LU1 3GF. The second Luton Employability Day is an opportunity for young people from Luton and Bedfordshire to interact with professionals from their community and a cohort of employers to discover and learn about pathways to success.

Primarily, but not exclusively, targeted at young Black people of African, Caribbean and Dual Heritage aged 10 -19 and their parents. Admission is via advance registration only - under 16s must attend with a responsible adult. Register now to ensure your child does not miss this FREE event:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/529290009667> (See Noticeboard.)

**PARISH SYNOD MEETING:** Bishop David is asking every Parish to get involved in the next phase of the Synod for our diocese. We will be having our Parish Meeting to discuss this on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June in the Parish Hall from 10.30am-12.30pm. All welcome!

**THURSDAY CLUB:** The Thursday Club will reopen on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 10.00am. All welcome! Before Covid the Thursday Club was a lifeline for many within the Parish and within the Stopsley community to have the opportunity to meet, chat and socialise. 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 on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. If you would like to volunteer with helping at the Thursday Club then please speak to Fr Allan or email the Parish Office. A bank of regular volunteers will enable the Thursday Club to hopefully flourish.

**SAFEGUARDING:** Thank you to all who have completed the requested safeguarding paperwork. The Safeguarding Team will be in touch to arrange mutually convenient individual appointments to meet and view supporting ID documentation, references and to process DBS applications.

**VACANCY: SCHOOL CHAPLAIN AT ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL:**

Online advert/application <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/139517/EDV-2023-STMCS-08194> Any queries please contact Angela Bamford [abamford@stm.beds.olicatschools.org](mailto:abamford@stm.beds.olicatschools.org)

**ST ALBAN'S FESTIVAL: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Stall provided by Goodnews Books. ([www.goodnewsbooks.co.uk](http://www.goodnewsbooks.co.uk)) 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](http://www.lutonpastoralarea.org)

Everyone welcome – no booking needed. To reserve a space for a stall please email: [paulacloonan@gmail.com](mailto:paulacloonan@gmail.com) See Poster on the Noticeboard.

**LIFE TEEN: SUMMER CAMP 2023:** Join the NYMO team as they journey to Alton Castle this Summer. Summer Camp is a week packed with dynamic talks, powerful times of prayer and adrenaline filled activities! Get your place booked today for a Summer you'll never forget! Summer Camp is for anyone aged 12-18 and prices start at £225 per person camping, £295 for dormitory, including food, transport, activities and day trip to Alton Towers. To book your place email [Fiona.murphy@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:Fiona.murphy@northamptondiocese.org) or visit website: [nymo.org/summercamp](http://nymo.org/summercamp) See Poster on the Noticeboard for further information.

**NOAH:** The rising trend in the numbers of people needing support is a concern to NOAH given the rising costs to the charity in meeting those needs. NOAH needs all the support it can get. NOAH is well known for its work and long-standing presence in the community and hopes it can continue to rely on the support of those who are able to do so. To support NOAH in its work please visit [www.noahenterprise.org](http://www.noahenterprise.org)

Visit NOAH shops in Wellington Street, Hightown or Lewsey Farm or contact Shannon:

[shannon.murphy@noahenterprise.org](mailto:shannon.murphy@noahenterprise.org)

£20 can feed a person for a whole week

£175 helps 20 people find accommodation and advice

£600 is the weekly cost of providing outreach support to 10 people sleeping rough

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Margaret Rose Coskun 2021; 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; Edward Travers 1997; Mary Perry 2003; Elizabeth Flynn 2007; Julia Mary Forde 2013; Pierre George Bou Mansour 2022; 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; Margaret Baker 1972; Rosaline Henry 1976; Bartholomew Rodgers 1979; James White 1986; Matthew McHugh 1992; Liam Flaherty 2020; Thomas Shanley 1966; Donald Stewart 1974 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**