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 1st June 2025
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Allan R. Jones, CRIC, M.A., MTh.
Parish Deacon: Rev James Bannan
Parish Secretary: Bernadette Horsted

Parish Info: www.sacredheartluton.org
Diocesan Info: www.northamptondiocese.org
Pastoral Area Info: www.lutonpastoralarea.org

Address: 148 Ashcroft Road, Stopsley, Luton, Beds., LU2 9AY
Parish Office: parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org
Parish Hall: hall.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org
Safeguarding: safeguarding.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org
Free Redundancy Coaching Info: www.vitaeopus.co.uk

Parish Office: 01582 723099
Sacred Heart Primary School: 01582 287480
Cardinal Newman School: 01582 597125
L&D Hospital Chaplain: 01582 663706
Hospice Chaplain: 01582 502400

Saturday 31st May	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Mary, John & James Fitzsimons RIP	
Sunday 1st June	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Rose & Tom Henry RIP	**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Monday 2nd June	9.30am		
Tuesday 3rd June	9.30am Y2-Y6 St Kizito		**St Charles Lwanga, St Kizito & Companions**
Wednesday 4th June	**NO MASS**		
Thursday 5th June	9.30am **10-12Noon**	Paddy Mahoney RIP **THURSDAY CLUB**	**St Boniface of Crediton**
Friday 6th June	9.30am		**St Norbert**
Saturday 7th June	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions John Bonner RIP (5th Anniversary)	
Sunday 8th June	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Kathleen & Patrick Costello RIP People of Our Parish **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS**	**PENTECOST**

PARISH HALL: Teas and coffees available after Sunday 11.00am Mass. All are welcome!

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

MORNING PRAYER: This week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8.50am, followed by Rosary – all welcome!

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend 1st/2nd June there will be a second collection at all Masses for the Catholic Communications Network: World Communications Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Antony Yogaratnam who recently received the Sacrament of the Eucharist, First Holy Communion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS JUNE 2025: Please note this year the children will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist during two dedicated 11.00am Masses – **8th June and 15th 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.

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: The next Bethany Mass will take place at Sacred heart on Sunday 15th June at 3.00pm. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards. New families welcome.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Peter Mendy, Elizabeth Ashuri, Joan Byrne, Kay Tunster and Della Conroy. Please keep Peter, Elizabeth, Joan, Kay, Della; their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Della Conroy RIP, Funeral Service 1.00pm, Wednesday 4th June at The Vale.
Peter Mendy RIP, Requiem 12 Noon, Tuesday 24th June at Sacred Heart.

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 email the Parish Office. **All Extraordinary Ministers taking Communion to the sick speak to Deacon Jim before or after Mass please.**

JERZY PASTUSZEK RIP: Please remember Jerzy Pastuszek RIP in your prayers and keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they gather this weekend to lovingly honour Jerzy on his first anniversary.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: That the world might grow in compassion
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Financial support to maintain our Church is desperately required to keep our Church, property and equipment in good condition, safe and presentable. The sound system and security are a major concern at the moment so any donations would be gratefully received to help upgrade the system. **Please consider to gift aid your donations.**

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

NOAH: Please note there will be no NOAH Blue Bins to accept donations at Sacred Heart during the months of June or July. Please do not leave any donations in the Foyer.

DIVINE MERCY TALK: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Provincial Superior of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, will be visiting St. Joseph's Parish, Gerrards Cross on Tuesday, 3rd June at 7:30pm. He will speak on "The Significance of the Divine Mercy Devotion." The talk will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments. All are welcome. See Poster on the Noticeboard.

Luton LOUDfence – HOPE FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE – A JOURNEY TOWARDS HEALING: Saturday 7th June between 10.00am and 3.00pm at the Holy Family Church, in support of the National Day of Prayer for Survivors. The day includes a pilgrimage walk and service of hope with Bishop David and the Anglican Archdeacon of Bedford. Luton parishes are encouraged to create their own mini LOUDfences and join together as a pastoral event on the 7th June. Building a LOUDfence involves tying colourful ribbons and messages as a visible display of support and solidarity with those affected by abuse. Everyone is welcome.

LUTON PASTORAL AREA: ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2026; SIGN UP SUNDAYS: 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 Luton or elsewhere in the diocese you must collect a SIGN UP CARD. Cards available in the Foyer. On given Sundays in the coming months your priest will sign this card if you are present at Mass with the child[ren] involved. **The responsibility for this lies with parents/guardians/carers alone.** Please pick up a Sign Up Card in the Foyer. **Families must be registered on CASPAR.**

PENTECOST PRAISE- CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LUTON: Sunday 8th June, 7.00pm at Luton Christian Fellowship, 101 Castle Street LU1 3AL. Join for a powerful night of worship, unity, and the presence of God as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!
Visit **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtpnlzSp-1s&feature=youtu.be**

DIAMOND JUBILEE 1965-2025 HOLY GHOST PARISH MISSION: 2nd-6th June at Holy Ghost Church, Luton; led by Fr Caspar Mukabva and Fr Elias Gweme CSSR. Commencing each night at 7.00pm. See Poster for further details.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF HOLY GHOST CHURCH: Sunday 8th June, 11.00am. Followed by a shared lunch. Holy Ghost, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD

JESUS OUR HOPE: As part of the 2025 Jubilee Year celebrations, you are warmly invited to an evening of celebration, inspiration, and hope. The evening will include prayer, reflection on God's Word, personal testimony, music, and time to socialise over refreshments. The event is free to attend, but to help us to cater, we kindly ask that you register in advance.
Event Date: Monday, 9th June – 7:00–9:00pm in Aylesbury
More information and registration details can be found at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/**

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 14th June. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at the Basilica in the Catholic Shrine at midday followed by lunch and at 3pm pilgrims process from the Shrine, on the holy mile to the Abbey Grounds for the final service. Parish groups are encouraged to bring parish banners with them for the procession. All are welcome.

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: On the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart Church will be hosting the annual Deanery Corpus Christi procession, **Sunday 22nd June at 3.00 pm**. Please make a note in your diary of this event, it would be lovely to have good representation of our parish. After the service there will be refreshments in the hall, so please if you can help contact Wesley and Judy. First Communion Children will be very welcome to wear their special outfits, and altar servers to serve.

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20th-22nd June **www.retrouvaille.org.uk** Tel: 0788 7296983

CENTENARY OF THE PONTEVEDRA APPARITION: Saturday 21st June, 10.50am-8.00pm - Visitation of the Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the relics of Saints Jacinto and Francisco. Drinks available, bring a packed lunch. Northampton Cathedral, Cathedral House, Primrose Hill, Northampton, NN2 6AG

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO NEXT? Called & Equipped is a one year programme, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation. For anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry
Starts with a residential foundations weekend 3rd-5th October 2025, and will have 24 weekly group sessions over the following year.
All materials are online, and small groups usually meet over zoom with one in-person event each term. Choice of small groups for participants running in different parts of the diocese, and on different days of the week. The cost of the course, £480 including the residential weekend, will be split three ways: £160 from the diocesan Together in Faith Fund, £160 from the parish, and £160 from the individual. There will be bursary places available for those unable to meet the individual payment.
Two introductory webinars for those interested to find out more about the course: Monday 23rd June and Thursday 10th July at 7.30pm visit https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/ or email Alexandra Shelton-Bourke for any inquiries Alexandra.shelton-bourke@northamptondiocese.org

SILVER JUBILEE: Sunday 29th June 2025, 12.30pm. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Fr Ugo's Ordination followed by refreshments All welcome. St Margaret of Scotland Church, 22a Bolingbroke Road, Luton, LU1 5JD

BECKET FESTIVAL AT NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL: Celebrating Saint Thomas Becket, patron of our diocese, and marking 175 years of the Diocese of Northampton.
175th Anniversary Mass: Saturday, 5th July at 12:00 noon. If you wish to attend, please confirm to the Parish Office as places are limited. You are welcome to bring a Parish banner or flag for the procession.
The Becket Lecture: 3:00pm, Fr Andrew Coy, secretary to the Apostolic Nuncio, will deliver the Becket Lecture on the theme "Becket: A Saint for Europe", followed by Vespers at 4:15pm.
Come and join this joyful diocesan celebration of faith, history, and community.

D-SUMMER: A summer residential event in July for everyone aged 11-18 (in School years 7-13). This year it will be from **Friday 11th** to **Sunday 13th July.** We can't wait to partner with the Sion Community again this year for this event. We had such a great time last year, and we can't wait to see what God's got in store for us this time round. More information and the booking link can be found on NYMO's webpage: **https://nymo.org/d-summer/**

WOMEN OF HOPE: A SPECIAL DIOCESAN EVENT: The Women in Ministry group in the Diocese of Northampton are running a special event on Saturday 19th July at St Mary's Woburn Sands from 11am-4pm. An opportunity for women across the Diocese to gather, share and celebrate the stories of ministries past and present. Avril Baigent will share her experiences of the Synod in Rome and lead all in a synodal listening process. Bishop David will also be joining for the day and the final liturgy.
All are welcome! Sign-up using the following link:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1600230 For more information, please contact Helen Burgess at **helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org**

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday 2nd August 2025. Led by Bishop John Keenan. Coaches leave St Mary's Dunstable at 7.20am, St Joseph's Luton at 7.40am (No parking – Vigil Mass that evening), Our Lady's Luton at 8.00am. Adults £26.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. **Seats reserved only with payment**. Bring a packed lunch and drinks. For more information go to **www.prolifepilgrimage.org** and to book **kevin.drew@btinternet.com** or 07802 525581.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 25th May 2025 Envelopes £765.60; Loose cash: £295.53; Total: £1061.13 Thank you. As many already do, you can Gift Aid your donation, enabling us to claim from the government an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you. You can also donate by card via the DONA Machine located in the church.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: All major payment types accepted. Please do not forget to Gift Aid if eligible. Dona machine at the back of the Church. Please see Posters, displayed on the Noticeboards and on the Repository window.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BEDFORDSHIRE: This new book is now available from the Publishers, Boydell & Brewer, at a specially reduced price. It has a foreword by Bishop David and covers the growth of the Church across the county from 1700 to 1900. Published by Boydell & Brewer in April 2025 for The Bedfordshire Historical Record Society ISBN: 9780851550862 – Promotional price £20.00 until 31.10.25 + £4.75 p&p *use code BB074 or order online from boydellandbrewer.com

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Caran Forde 1993; James Cronin 2007; Mary Hall 1963; Hilda West 1968; Patricia McEwan 1982; Mary Braun 1984; Robert Walker 1985; Michele Russo 1995; Charles McCann 1998; Martha Docherty 1983; Gary Dolan 2001; Stephen Donnachie 2003; Georgina Docherty 2012; Patrick Anthony (Tony) McGarry 2015; James Duffy 1975; Baby Andrew Foxen 1993; Ellen Smith 1996; Terry Tasker 2008; Joseph Rodger 1966; Mary Hyland 1967; Margurite Cockburn 1972; Bridget McLaughlin 1978; Baby Paul Hughes 1993; Conor Carmel Aloysius Gannon 2013; Lorna Pokora 1971; Margaret Loughran 1983; Peter Hope 1986; Michael Considine 2024; Elsie Donaghy 2009; John Caldbeck 1998; Mary Coakley 2001; Roger Lewis Barnard 2014
✠ **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.