



Heart to Heart

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week 4 - Year C – Sunday 27th February 2022

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COVID-19 GUIDANCE: Face covering, hand sanitising and social distancing are optional to enable worshippers to feel safe. Anyone displaying Covid-19 type symptoms should not attend Mass. Pope Francis, Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Bishop David Oakley support and encourage Covid-19 vaccination.

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Morning Masses throughout the week will be at 9.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and there will be an additional Mass at 7.30pm. Please check the weekly Newsletter for the Mass Intentions.

NEXT WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION: Friday is CAFOD Lent Fast Day. **CAFOD LENT APPEAL 2022:** Have a simple meal this Lent and give what you save so more children can grow up big and strong. Visit: cafod.org.uk/lent for more details or pick up a leaflet in the Foyer.

Saturday 26 th February	11-11.30am 3.30pm 6.30pm	Confessions BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS Michael Gear RIP	Our Lady on Saturday
Sunday 27 th February	9.00am 11.00am BAPTISMS	Ojciec Ewaryst Tomala RIP Bridget (Bridie) Nee RIP William Paul O'Sullivan Keilahni Rayne Lansangan	EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Day of Prayer for the Unemployed
Monday 28 th February	NO MASS		
Tuesday 1 st March	9.30am	Patrick Carr RIP	St David
ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday 2 nd March	9.30am 7.30pm	DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE Irene & William Davey RIP Fr Oates RIP (Foundation Mass)	
Thursday 3 rd March	9.30am	Elizabeth Lake (ill)	
Friday 4 th March	8.15am 9.30am	Rosary by Parents/Children Patrick McNelis (Birthday Intention)	St Casimir
Saturday 5 th March First Saturday Devotions	11-11.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Confessions Rosary & Adoration followed by Mass Fay Howell RIP	Women's World Day of Prayer

Entrance Antiphon	The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.
Psalm Response	It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Most High.

CONFESSIONS: Every Saturday at 11.00-11.30am.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Entrance Antiphon	You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.
Psalm Response	Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Gospel Acclamation	R. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! A pure heart create for me, O God, and give me again the joy of your help. R. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Communion Antiphon	He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.

WELCOME: William Paul O'Sullivan and Keilahni Rayne Lansangan who are to be baptised into the community of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022: Please note all communication, questions, advice regarding homework, preparation for First Holy Communion etc should be emailed to: sacredheartlutonfhc@gmail.com and not the Parish Office. The Catechists will deal with any First Holy Communion correspondence. It has been recommended that Parents/Guardians of each child keep a Folder to contain all the wonderful homework being completed in preparation for First Holy Communion as a keepsake for each child to look back on. Marked homework will be available for collection next weekend 5th/6th March 2022.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2022: All children registered to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Parents should now have been notified of the Group their child has been placed in and the corresponding date on which the celebration of First Holy Communion will take place. If, for any reason, you have not been notified, please contact the Catechists by email: sacredheartlutonfhc@gmail.com

TEACHING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME: St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are offering an exciting paid teaching internship programme this summer. If you are an undergraduate studying Maths, Physics or Computer Science, please have a look at their website: www.stcat.co.uk/careers-and-training/internships. Closing date for applications is 13th May 2022. Further information can be obtained from Maxine Gilmartin (admin@stcat.co.uk).

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM: If you wish to have your child baptised in 2022 at Sacred Heart Church then please speak to Fr Mirek or Deacon Jim after Sunday Mass. A Baptism Preparation Class **must be undertaken** before Baptism can go ahead. Dates for Baptism Preparation Classes are advertised on the Noticeboard. All classes start promptly at 3.30pm. Please note the next Baptism Preparation Class takes place on Saturday 9th April 2022. Please speak to Deacon Jim to book your place.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – WARDEN & CLERK – ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT: Competitive Salary, pension and accommodation onsite in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden & Clerk to the Trustees for this alms-house charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. For details of the role and how to apply: www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy See Poster on Noticeboard for further information.

VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING REP REQUIRED FOR SACRED HEART PARISH: Please contact Fr Mirek or the Parish Office if you are interested in this role to discuss further.

MESSAGE OF THANKS: John Deighan, Chief Executive of SPUC (The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) has sent a letter of thanks to the Parish for their generosity to the recent White Flower Appeal. Please see the collection acknowledgement certificate on the Noticeboard.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 24th April 2022, 3.00pm-4.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Luton. The Novena begins on Friday 15th April. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This is a day of Mercy for the whole world.
See: <https://www.ourladyhelpofchristians.co.uk/divinemercysunday>
The Parish has been given a free gift of 30 copies of The Divine Mercy Message for All Mankind – please take a copy. (See Letter from the Chairman of the Divine Mercy Committee on the Noticeboard.)

DIFFICULTY WITH HEATING COSTS – SMALL GRANT: Supported by the Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation, Luton Irish Forum will be making small grants to people who are having difficulty with their heating costs or need other small essential items. Anyone who is interested should call 01582 720 447 or email info@lutonirishforum.org

LUTON FOODBANK: Food donations (non-perishable) can be placed in the boxes in the Foyer.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH DEVOTIONS: In Reparation to the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary - On the first Saturday of each month there will be Adoration and Confessions starting at 11am, Rosary at 11:30am and Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12 noon. Please attend and encourage relatives and friends to attend. The next Saturday devotion will take place on Saturday 5th March 2022. Website for further information <https://fatima.org/first-saturday-devotion/>

WALK WITH ME – A LENTEN JOURNEY OF PRAYER: Books and calendars with a message from Bishop David, priced at £1.00 each available from the Repository. Please see Judy after any weekend Mass.

THE CATHOLIC NETWORK: As Catholic writers, editors and publishers, the Catholic Network team know the importance of good, relevant communication. Please support The Catholic Network by subscribing to their free weekly newsletter at www.thecatholicnetwork.co.uk

LEGION OF MARY: Acies Programme, Saturday 26th March 2022 – Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium, at Sacred Heart Church. Opening Prayers and Rosary at 11.00am followed by Mass at 11.30am.

FRIDAY 4th MARCH AT 8:15AM - ROSARY BY PARENTS/CHILDREN: The Rosary will be prayed at 8.15am on Friday 4th March (First Friday of the Month) to pray especially for our children and parents. Parents and children are encouraged to attend, even if only for one decade, before going to school. Children/parents are welcome to lead a decade of the Rosary (please sit near the front pews of the church if you or your child/children would like to lead a decade). Your child/children are welcome to draw a picture for Jesus and write down/draw who they would like the Rosary offered for. This can be placed in the box just inside the church from Saturday 26th February until the Morning of Friday 4th March.

Parents and children are also welcome to attend the First Saturday of the Month Devotions (see Newsletter notice for details).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (FORMALLY KNOWN AS WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer, Annual Service which takes place on Friday 4th March 2022 at St Marys Church Luton at 11.00am. You are all welcome – men women and children. Please see the Poster on the Noticeboard for further details. This year the service has been written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland so it is hoped you will be able to attend and support our country.

NOAH: If you have any unwanted items in good condition, please consider donating them to either the Lewsey Farm NOAH or High Town NOAH shop. (High Town Shop Tel: 01582 736751 or the Lewsey Farm Shop Tel: 01582 6627737). **Please do not leave items in the blue bins at Sacred Heart Church.**

MARY'S MEALS: Urgently needs your help to serve nutritious meals in more schools in South Sudan where 2.2 million children are out of education – the highest rate in the world. Together, Mary's Meals are already feeding around 70,000 children in South Sudan every school day – but your support is urgently needed to reach more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. For more information please visit: info@marysmeals.org

SHARING MY TIME & TALENTS: MESSAGE TO ALL PARISHES ON BEHALF OF BRIAN EMMANUEL, GRANTS AND TRUSTS FUNDRAISER, NORTHAMPTON ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN TRUST:

"There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit.

There are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord.

There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody, it is the same God who is at work in them all" - I Corinthians 12, 4-6

Would you like to join a new and dynamic diocesan-wide volunteer fundraising team to share ideas, best practices and support?

Training and support are available for this role. If you would like to get involved or would like to discuss any queries, don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience. Please forward contact details: Name, email, telephone number by email: brian.emmanuel@northamptondiocese.org

Thank you for your generosity of heart.

Regards Brian Emmanuel, Grants and Trusts Fundraiser, Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust

SYNOD: Pope Francis has invited all within the church to engage with the preparation process for this gathering that he has called in 2023. To enable our participation, all parishioners are invited to come along to a time of group reflection on **Sunday 6th March** in the hall after the **11am Mass**.

These are the questions we are being asked to consider:

- 1. What does it mean to be Catholic today?**
- 2. What are some of your experiences of the Church doing something well?**
- 3. What are your experiences of when things have gone not so well?**
- 4. What are your hopes for The Church?**

(One can also fill in the online diocesan questionnaire at Synod Responses | Northampton Diocese

Visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/for-a-synodal-church/>

CAFOD: WALK AGAINST HUNGER: This Lent, challenge yourself to conquer 200k (that's 5k a day, every day, for 40 days. There are 200 million children around the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. By walking 200k this Lent you can give hunger its marching orders. To sign up visit: walk.cafod.org.uk
See Poster on the Noticeboard for further details and leaflets in the Foyer.

CITIZENS ADVICE LUTON: Volunteer Advisers and Receptionists required. To find out more and to apply please visit <https://www.citizensadvice Luton.org.uk/get-involved/>

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

Peter Joseph Farrell 2020; Laszlo Szaher 1984; Mary Moughan 2003; Alice Jones 2005;
Anna (Ann) Davern 2014; 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; Margaret Knight 1992;
Mary Jane Crow 1958; Elizabeth McLaughlin 1964; Angela Saggia 1982; Catherine Perry 2012;
Sarah Holton 1987; Rosina Bernes 2008; Edward Bernes 2020; Winifred Mooney 2010;
Margaret Rose Kelly 2012; Henry Adam 1994; Annie Murphy 1996; Brigid McNulty 1997;
Annie O'Riley 2005; Irene Davey 1989; Antonino Calvino 1991; Nan Pollard 2008; Paul Divney 2014;

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