Heart to Heart

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

YEAR A – Sunday 1st November 2026
ALL SAINTS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.**

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Saturday 31st October	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm **6.30pm MASS**	Evening Prayer Confession Rose Chukwuemeka Ewelike RIP	
Sunday 1st November **PARISH HALL** **PARISH HALL**	8.30am **9.00am MASS** **11.00am MASS** **Teas and Coffees** **3.00pm** **Refreshments**	Morning Prayer Maureen Clancy RIP Jonas Savimbi RIP **Bereavement Service**	**ALL SAINTS**
Monday 2nd November	**9.30am MASS** **7.30pm MASS**	People of Our Parish George Doherty RIP	**COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ALL SOULS' DAY**
Tuesday 3rd November	**9.30am MASS**	Juzy Sebastiao RIP Prayer Group: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 4th November **AIRPORT – LANDSIDE PRAYER ROOM**	**NO MASS** **11.00am MASS**	Holy Souls	**St Charles Borromeo, Bishop**
Thursday 5th November **PARISH HALL**	**9.30am MASS** **10.00am-12Noon**	Holy Souls **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 6th November	**9.30am MASS** **Sacred Heart Primary School KS2 attending**	Special Intention	
Saturday 7th November	**THE VALE 1.30pm** 5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm **6.30pm MASS**	**Legion of Mary - Rosary** Evening Prayer Confession Margaret Manley RIP (Birthday)	
Sunday 8th November **PARISH HALL**	8.30am **9.00am MASS** **11.00am MASS** **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer **Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary** **People Of Our Parish**	**THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **Remembrance Sunday**

PARISH HALL: The Parish Hall is open this Sunday after the 11.00am Mass for teas and coffees. All welcome!

CONFESSION: Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm on Saturday, or by appointment.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

MORNING PRAYER: 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. All welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend at all Masses Saturday 31st October/Sunday 1st November for Sick and Retired Diocesan Priests' Fund.

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 telephone/email the Parish Office.

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 in your prayers: Bernadette O'Brien (Mother of Leonard O'Brien and Bernadette Horsted), Stuart Urbanowicz (Husband of Betty), Stephanie 'Hastin' Dalling and Margaret Eames who died recently. Please keep Bernadette, Stuart, Hastin, Margaret their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Stephanie 'Hastin' Dalling RIP, Funeral Service **Friday 13th November, 10.30am at Sacred Heart**
Margaret Eames RIP, Requiem, **Monday 23rd November, 10.00am at Sacred Heart.**
Bernadette O'Brien RIP, Requiem **Monday 23rd November 1.00pm at Sacred Heart.**

THANK YOU: To Fr Giacomo Gelardi MSC who presided over all Masses at Sacred Heart last weekend.

MONTHLY MASS AT LONDON LUTON AIRPORT: Landside Prayer Room, Mass will be celebrated by Fr Allan at 11.00am Wednesday 4th November. All are welcome. You will need to pay parking if you are neither staff nor travelling, there are ample buses to the airport.

WELCOME BACK: Deacon Jim Bannan after his sabbatical. Deacon Jim will be celebrating Mass each Saturday evening alongside Fr Allan.

NEW WINESKINS DISCERNMENT PROCESS: Over the past few months, the New Wineskins discernment process in Luton and Dunstable has focussed on how communities can work together more, sharing resources, priestly provision, volunteers, buildings and ideas. Working mostly in pairs of parishes, plans are starting to emerge to ensure that the Catholic community can be mission focused and resilient, standing proud in this area into the future. We will be ready to share more detail in the New Year, when there will be the opportunity for everyone to engage with the recommendations.

PARISHIONERS: There are many parishioners who are unwell at the moment, both at home and in hospital. The Church is not always notified. Please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of a parishioner who is unwell (name/address/telephone number or family contact details).

THURSDAY CLUB: Thursday 10.00am-12 Noon. 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. All welcome!

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 25.10.26 Envelopes £581.55; Loose Cash £381.36; Total £962.91 Thank you. Many parishioners give faithfully through the offertory collection each week. Did you know that if you are a UK taxpayer, your gift could be worth 25% more at no extra cost to you? Through Gift Aid, a donation of £10 becomes £12.50 — and we can even reclaim up to four years of past donations. Signing up is simple, confidential, and makes a big difference to parish life. Find out more at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/gift-aid/**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office is open Monday and Friday mornings 10.00am-12 Noon. Any telephone messages to the Parish Office – please state your name and state clearly **twice** a contact telephone number so that your query can be dealt with as quickly as possible.

CANDLELIT PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL: Saturday 31st October 2026 – at the junction of Stuart Street and Buxton Road, Luton (LU1 1SD), Luton (near the Police Station). **7.00pm to 8.00pm.**

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Envelopes are available in the Foyer. Please place your list of deceased relatives, friends, loved ones in the envelope together with your offering. Please return as soon as possible to the Parish Office. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE: At Sacred Heart this weekend on Sunday 1st November at 3:00 pm. Please bring a photo of your loved one to place in front of the Altar at the beginning of the service. All are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments in the Hall after the service.

LEGION OF MARY: Invite parishioners to gather to say the Rosary at the Vale Cemetery on 7th November at 1.30pm. All welcome!

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: Dr. Mark Agius will be leading an exploration of Pope Leo XIV's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas, which focusses on 'safeguarding the human person in the age of artificial intelligence.' on **Saturday 14th November at 9.00am in Holy Ghost parish centre.** Email parish.holyghost@northamptondiocese.org to register interest or find out more. (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

BETHANY MASS: A reminder of the next **Bethany Mass which is on Sunday 15th November at 3.00pm. The Mass will be held at St Joseph's Gardenia Avenue.** There will be tea served in the church hall after mass. All are warmly invited.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Mary Maybury would like to invite those of you who will be on their own or unable to prepare a full Christmas Dinner to come and celebrate and enjoy a 4 Course Christmas Dinner with others **at St John's Church Hall, Sundon Park on Christmas Day 1.30pm-5pm. Cost: Donation Only. Please contact Mary 07866 989254 to book a place or volunteer.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD ZOOM SESSIONS FOR 2026: The God Who Speaks – Our Liturgy of the Word:
A series of online Zoom Sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year. Led by the Liturgical Formation Team. The final Session in 2026 will take place on **Wednesday 11th November.** Session runs from 7.30pm-8.30pm Cost: No charge but there will be the opportunity to make a donation. Please register in advance to secure a place by emailing deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org **Full details on Poster displayed on the Noticeboard.**

ST THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMIES TRUST (STCAT): Which is responsible for most of our Catholic schools in the southern half of the Diocese, is currently looking for a Chair and new Directors to join its Board. These are voluntary roles, and you don't need a background in education - just time and willingness to support our schools; professional experience from all disciplines is also welcome.
If you, or someone you know, might be interested, more details are available by scanning the QR code below or click on the link: **https://charisma.maglr.com/st-thomas-catholic-academies-trust**

DIOCESAN MASS TO REMEMBER BABIES LOST DURING PREGNANCY OR IN INFANCY: A special Diocesan Mass for families and all those wishing to remember babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or in infancy. The Mass will be celebrated at **12 noon on Saturday 7th November at Northampton Cathedral,** with Canon Simon Penhalagan, Cathedral Dean, as the main celebrant.
This special celebration will offer an opportunity to remember these children, pray for their parents and families, and entrust them to God's loving care. At the end of the Mass, the children and their families will be entrusted to Our Lady. Those attending will also be invited to light a candle in memory of a child. Everyone is welcome, whether personally affected by such a loss or wishing to stand alongside bereaved families in prayer and solidarity. **For further information, please contact Ann Comerford at the Cathedral office on 01604 714556. (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)**

TABLE TOP SALE: Saturday 14th November from **10:00am to 2:00pm** at **St John's Hall** to raise funds for parish initiatives supporting those in need. Come and sell your unwanted items or grab a bargain! Tea, coffee, mulled wine, and mince pies will be available. Everyone is welcome. To book a table (£10 for sellers), please call **07939 190424 or scan QR code**

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY: 22nd November 2026 for teens & young adults aged 11–35 - Cathedral and St Thomas' Centre, Northampton, Youth Mass & World Youth Sunday PARTY!
There will be a Youth Mass at Northampton Cathedral 3pm, bringing young people from across the Diocese together to celebrate Mass as one diocesan community. Following Mass, there will be a concert showcasing the talents of young people from across the Diocese. This will be an opportunity for young people to share their gifts and creativity with others and celebrate the many talents within our young Catholic community. If you would like to perform at our concert, please write to **nymo.admin@northamptondiocese.org** **Find out more and register: nymo.org/world-youth-sunday** **Please register in advance for catering purposes! (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)**

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: As from January 2027 we would like a Rota to be set up with volunteers to make/serve teas/coffees after the Sunday 11.00am Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to gather after Sunday Mass but the facility is not being utilised as it should be. **Without more volunteers we cannot continue to offer this service**. So please email the Parish or speak to Wes if you are able to help out on a regular basis and are happy to have your name put forward to be added on a Rota. We need more volunteers throughout our Parish – counters, cleaners, general maintenance, gardening etc. If you can help, please put your name forward, email the Parish or speak to Fr Allan. Most volunteers are retired and the time and commitment offered is most appreciated during working hours, but we need more parishioners to offer their help – please suggest a time when maybe you are available to help and then if we get enough volunteers, we may be able to draw up a rota for hours outside of normal working hours! Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING: The Diocese of Northampton, through all its places of worship and activities, is committed to the highest standards of safeguarding. We recognise the God-given dignity and value of every person and are committed to ensuring that all people are valued, supported and protected from harm. We have a zero-tolerance approach to abuse and take all safeguarding concerns seriously. In line with the Catholic Church in England and Wales, allegations of abuse and situations where children or adults are at risk of harm are reported to the statutory authorities. The Diocese follows national safeguarding policies and guidance established by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. For more information, please visit our safeguarding pages on the Diocesan website

PARISH REGISTRATION AND THE SACRAMENTS: In order to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation), to marry within the parish, to have a form or letter endorsed by the parish priest, including certificates of Catholic practice, etc, you should live in the parish or attend Mass here regularly and be registered on the CASPAR system as a parishioner. You do not need to be a registered parishioner to receive the sacrament of the sick, Viaticum (last rites) or have a funeral at Sacred Heart or a Catholic funeral at the Vale.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Eleanor Gearey 1963; Liam McBride 1992; Mary Self 2005; Noreen Christine Galvin 2014;
Bridget Tavani 1978; Catherine Burke 1992; Francis Hughes 1996; Leslie Bird 2002;
Maureen Brown 2007; Gabriel Joseph Boyle 2013; James Duffy 1993; Bridget Ferguson 1971;
Edward Duignan 1976; William Foster 1976; Giorgio de Fillipo 2014; Robert McDowell 1986;
William Garvey 1964; Peter Ryan 2010; Sr Denise Bissonnette 2022; Walter Edmond Leu 2024
✠ **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 at the top of the Newsletter on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.

If you do not have an email address then please pick up a form in the Foyer to give your authority for the Parish Office to register you. Please remember to include the following information on the back of the form: Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number (if applicable).