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Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster and Deanery of St Alban

Assumption of the BVM - Year A - Psalter Week 4 - 16th August 2020

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While the Holy obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended, you are very welcome to attend one of the four public Masses per week in our Church on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday (x 2), as shown in red bold type below.

Please note that it is COMPULSORY for Mass attendees to wear a face covering, unless you are exempt.

To ensure compliance with pandemic regulations, if you attend one of our public Masses please:

- Follow the stewards' instructions and requests
- **Sanitise** your hands on both entry and exit
- Follow the signed entrance and **one-way system**
- **Do not** use the kneelers, toilets or water taps
- Observe the **two metre distancing** rule at all times
- Minimise contact with surfaces and other households
- Ensure children stay with parents/guardians at all times
- Complete an **attendance contact card** before leaving

The capacity of the Church will be considerably reduced to meet the two metre distancing rules to approximately 50 to 60 attendees per Mass, so we would encourage use of the Wednesday 9.30am Mass to reduce the weekend numbers.

Attendees from one household can sit together, but must maintain two metre distancing from other individuals and households. Once full capacity has been reached, no more people will be able to enter the Church.

You are advised not to attend Mass if you are medically vulnerable, shielding, living with somebody who is shielding, or if you are over 70 years of age. You must not attend Mass if you have Covid-19 or flu like symptoms.

All Masses during the week not listed in red bold type below will be celebrated by Fr Mirek privately without a congregation. Please do not come to the Church at any times other times, unless you have an appointment with Fr Mirek.

Saturday 15th Public Mass	6.30pm	Arthur McNaughtan RIP	Our Lady on Saturday
Sunday 16th Public Masses	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Shania and Thomas da Costa - Thanksgiving	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday 17 th		Colm Kinsella - Intentions	
Tuesday 18 th			
Wednesday 19th Public Mass	9.30am	Anna Szklanna - Intention	St John Eudes
Thursday 20 th		Charles Sweeney RIP	
Friday 21 st FUNERAL	3.00pm	Percy Votor RIP Josephine (Josie) O'Callaghan RIP	St Pius X
Saturday 22nd Public Mass	6.30pm	Berthe and Emmee Tripieds RIP	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon	Let us rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God
Psalm Response	On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold
Gospel Acclamation	Mary has been taken up into heaven: all the choirs of angels are rejoicing
Communion Antiphon	All generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me

There will be no paper copies of the Newsletter provided in the Church and there will be no singing or hymn books. There are no confessions except by necessity and no Rosary until further notice.

There will be an offertory collection as you exit the Church, thank you for your continued generosity to the Church.

We **urgently** need collection counters to undertake the task in the Parish Hall suitably socially distanced and with masks, gloves and sanitiser provided. Please email your contact details to the Parish office sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk if you are able to volunteer and are under 70 years of age, not shielding or living with somebody who is shielding.

Thank you also to the Parishioners who have volunteered as cleaners and stewards to enable us to open the Church for the Masses to take place, however, **we urgently need more volunteers to continue having public Masses**, so please seriously consider if you might be able to offer some of your time to help out.

The main role of the stewards is to manage the safe entrance, participation and exit of worshippers to the Church via the one-way system. The key role of the cleaners is to be available before and after each Mass to sanitise the Church areas that have been opened up.

If you are under 70 years of age, not shielding or living with somebody that is shielding and do not have any medical conditions that render you vulnerable and wish to volunteer for these two roles then email the Parish office on sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk.

We would also like to thank all of the Parishioners who have diligently and devotedly worked hard to maintain the church and the grounds in recent months and also the very generous Parishioners who contributed to or donated PPE to our Church, much appreciated.

The Parish office remains closed and all Parish staff continue to be on furlough. The Parish administration is being managed remotely on a voluntary basis via email: sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk. The Parish website www.sacredheartluton.org also contains useful information and updates.

No pastoral visits will be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends, however, phone support is available, please phone Fr Mirek on **01582 723099**.

New Mass intentions can be requested by emailing the Parish office at sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk. The sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Presentations and Baptisms are deferred until Public Health advice permits gathering safely.

St Paul Missal 2021: Anyone wishing to purchase a St Paul Missal 2021 should contact Judy Weekes on 01582 738569. SMA Mass cards can also be obtained using the same contact number.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently - Josephine (Josie) O'Callaghan and Mary Tohill. Please also remember their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

Josephine (Josie) O'Callaghan RIP: Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church - **3.00pm on Friday 21st August** - maximum 30 attendees. The family have requested no flowers but rather donations in memory of Josie to Woodside Residential Home.

CHURCH NEWSPAPERS AVAILABLE TO READ: Visit www.churchpaper.co.uk/

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: The Parish Prayer Group is continuing to pray in twos and threes on the phone and would be pleased to pray for any intentions. Please email your intentions to sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk

PARISH GIVING: In addition to being able to use the 'Standing Order' and 'Online' routes to make a weekly donation (see <https://www.sacredheartluton.org/>), Northampton Cathedral has additionally set up a simple 'Giving Tuesday' process. Each Tuesday between **10.00am** and **4.00pm**, a member of the Cathedral team will be available by phone for you to donate to your parish community over the telephone. To donate simply call **01604 712065** with your debit or credit card details. **Thank you for your continued generosity in these difficult times.**

HELPING THE ELDERLY AND THE VULNERABLE IN THE COMMUNITY: Please do what you safely can to help any elderly or vulnerable individuals in the community you are aware of, especially those living alone. Keep in touch with them. A phone call, a letter or note, an email or text, can make all the difference to someone who may be feeling lonely at this time. Please print and safely pass on a copy of this newsletter to Parishioners who do not have online access. If you know of any elderly or vulnerable individuals in the community who would value receiving pastoral care by telephone then please encourage them to contact the Parish Office by email or phone or, with their permission, email their contact details to the Parish Office.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Baby Anthony David McKenzie 1984; Bridget Burr 1982; Carlton Jonett 1982; Lyn Davies 2009; John Lowry 1987; John Galvin 2000; Michael Flynn 1991; John Collard 2012; Josephine Redican 1996; Ann Finch 1967; Angela McCarthy 2002.

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