



Heart to Heart

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Year A - Sunday 8th January 2023

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COVID-19 GUIDANCE: Anyone displaying Covid-19 type symptoms should not attend Mass.

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.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2023: Next weekend 14th/15th January there will be an Appeal on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). Please give generously. White Flower Postcards will be available for Parishioners to fill in to support this campaign to ask the Prime Minister to defend true freedom of speech in our country.

Saturday 7 th January	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Caroline Flynn RIP	
Sunday 8 th January	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Fazilahmed Family	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Monday 9 th January	9.30am	Deceased Members of Caldbeck & O'Brien families RIP	
Tuesday 10 th January	9.30am	Bradley Family Intention (Healing)	
Wednesday 11 th January	9.30am	Peter Lyons RIP	
Thursday 12 th January	9.30am	Jack & Hetty Hargrave RIP	
Friday 13 th January	9.30am	Margaret Manley RIP	
Saturday 14 th January	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Mr Rhodes RIP	
Sunday 15 th January	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Fazilahmed Family	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Peace Day

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Christmas Collection. The Christmas Collection is received as a gift for your priests for which Fr Allan and Fr James are very thankful. Thank you also for the many cards, gifts and good wishes received.

RIP: Please pray for Margaret Manley who died recently. Please keep Margaret, her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.
Requiem 11.00am Monday 16th January 2023 at Sacred Heart.

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI: Please continue to keep Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (RIP) in your thoughts and prayers. Prayer Cards are available in the Porch.

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS: As of 7th/8th January, we will reintroduce the procession of the gifts of bread and wine at our weekend Masses. The bread and wine will be brought up immediately after the bidding prayers.

NOAH: Homeless charity NOAH are expecting to see more people seeking their help this winter due to consequences of cost-of-living crisis and the aftermath of the pandemic. This winter, with your help, they are hoping to raise, £15,000 for people who have nowhere else to turn, across Luton and Central Bedfordshire. For more information and to donate, please visit: <http://www.noahenterprise.org/winter-appeal-2022> - **Our Crib Collection will go to NOAH.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please confirm attendance by email to the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Santino and Izabela, Mr & Mrs Manzullo, who were married this weekend at Sacred Heart. We wish you a lifetime filled with love, laughter and happiness.

PAX CHRISTI – PEACE DAY: Please note the Second Collection for Pax Christi, Peace Day will take place on the weekend of 28th/29th January.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations from all at Sacred Heart Parish to Rod and Eileen Mason who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM 2023: If you wish to have your child baptised at Sacred Heart Church a Baptism Preparation Class **must be undertaken** before Baptism can go ahead. Please speak to Deacon Jim to book your place, or telephone or email the Parish Office. The dates for the Baptism Preparation Classes for 2023 are as follows:
Saturday 28th January, Saturday 22nd April, Saturday 10th June, Saturday 16th September and Saturday 4th November. All classes start promptly at 3.30pm.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: Volunteers required after the 9.30am Mass on Monday 9th January to take down the Christmas decorations. Refreshments available afterwards in the Presbytery. Please see Maurice if you are able to help. Thank you.

ST PAUL'S MISSALS: St Paul's Missals are available to buy from the Repository. Please see Judy.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Saturday 4th February 2023, at Pastoral Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD – 10.30am-1.00pm

Catechists, anyone interested in helping or wishing to be involved in restarting the Children's Liturgy of the Word at Sunday 11.00am Mass is invited to attend a morning programme/workshop to discuss and share principles and resources to facilitate Children's Liturgy. To book please email: parish.holyghost@northamptondiocese.org T:01582 722127
Monday-Friday 9.00am-2.00pm.
Please feel free to speak to Fr Allan if you are interested to find out more about this event.

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS LEVEL 1: Looking to try something new for 2023? Why not consider investing in your personal development as a catechist? Starting in the New Year and taking place online via Zoom on the following Tuesdays at 7.30pm: 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st January, 7th, 21st, 28th February, 7th, 14th & 21st March 2023. Each session lasts approximately one hour. There is no fixed charge for the course; however, we do invite those who are able to make a donation. For more information and to book a place please see: BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS LEVEL 1 | Northampton Diocese. More details about what is on offer to support catechists can be found in the Catechists Brochure available at: www.northamptondiocese.org/catechesis A monthly Catechist Newsletter is also available to subscribe to on request from the Mission Northampton Office at: admin.mission@northamptondiocese.org which carries news of opportunities for catechists.

ENCOUNTER LUTON- HOSTED BY MISSION NORTHAMPTON: During 'Encounter', the Good News of Jesus is re-explored through lively and engaging presentations based on the Word of God, prayer and music, as well as times of reflection and sharing. Participants will hopefully deepen their relationship with God as well as discover a renewed desire to share their faith with others.

When? Saturday 28th January, 10.00am– 5.00pm.

How much? The cost of £15 includes lunch and unlimited tea and coffee.

Where? St Martin De Porres RC Church, Luton

For more information and to book please visit:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/encounter-luton/>

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Flynn 1970; Edith Godfrey 1981; Rita Solomon 1991; Peter O'Donnell 1995; Peter Forde 2009; Patrick (Porick) Conlon 2018; Lillian Marshall 1991; Edward Ryan 1997; Theresa Wilkinson 2002; Con Hope 2007; Ernest Wood 1973; Alice Davies 1978; Stephen Kinnane 1979; Alessandro Jovene 1992; Josephine Baily 1993; Philomena Moroney 2001; Noreen Thompson 2002; Altovina Ruffett 2003; Kathleen McGuinness 2006; Giuseppe Cacioppo 2021; James Owens 1962; Francis McLaughlin 2012; John Harley 1991; Bmaguirny Gabriella Tammara 1995; Rita Funtek 2008; Patrick Nally 1987; Baby Robert Barratt 1983; David Aikins 1995

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