

# 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

## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - Year C




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**COVID MASK WEARING REQUIREMENT:** The Government has announced that from Friday 10th December the public, and staff in public facing areas, are required to wear face coverings (unless exempt) including in places of worship. Please ensure that you bring a face covering with you when attending Mass. Please do not attend Church if you have any symptoms of Covid19.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish Office is CLOSED until Wednesday 5th January 2022. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and leave a contact number.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday 27th December at 10.00am, Wednesday 29th December at 9.30am, Thursday 30th December at 9.30am, Friday 31st December at 9.30am. Please check the weekly Newsletter for the Mass Intentions. There will be an additional Mass on Saturday 1st January 2022 at 10.00am.

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mass Carols Mass	<b>6.00pm</b> 7.30pm <b>8.00pm</b>		<b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of Our Parish	<b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am	Jim McGeoghan RIP (Anniversary) Charles McNelis RIP	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	Joe & Jean Whelan RIP	<b>ST JOHN</b>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		<b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Sr Anne-Marie Samson RIP	<b>ST THOMAS BECKET</b>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mary English RIP	<b>Sixth Day of Christmas Octave</b>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Pat Brennan RIP	<b>Seventh Day of Christmas Octave</b>
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>10.00am</b> 6.30pm	John & Daniel Comerford RIP	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>(6.00PM &amp; 8.00PM)</b>
Entrance Antiphon	<b>The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.</b>
Psalm Response	<b>Today a Saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.</b>
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! I bring you news of great joy: today a Saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!</b>
Communion Antiphon	<b>The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.</b>

<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>(10.00AM)</b>
Entrance Antiphon	<b>A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.</b>
Psalm Response	<b>All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.</b>
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!</b>
Communion Antiphon	<b>All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.</b>

<b>SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (YEAR C)</b>
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9.00am & 11.00am Entrance Antiphon	<b>The Shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.</b>
Psalm Response	<b>They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.</b>
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!</b>
Communion Antiphon	<b>Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.</b>

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** Thank you to the volunteers who helped to put up the Christmas Decorations. Special thanks to Maurice Buckley for organising this.

**THANK YOU TO ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you to all the Stewards, Cleaners and many Volunteers within the Parish who have helped to keep the Church open and functioning, giving their time freely and without hesitation, throughout what has been a very difficult and challenging year. Let us pray that 2022 will see the pandemic finally subsiding.

**REFLECTING ON THE CHURCH POST COVID:** An event for Christians in Luton marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 at Holy Ghost Catholic Parish Centre, Luton, 10.00am-12.30pm. Come and share your experiences and listen to others' wisdom. The Keynote Speaker will be Bishop David. Please see the Poster on the Noticeboard for more information.

**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 speak to Deacon Jim to book your place.

**LUTON DEANERY MARRIAGE COURSE:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022 10.00am to 4.00pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. If you are planning to marry next year, please book your place by downloading a booking form at [www.stjosephschurchluton.org.uk](http://www.stjosephschurchluton.org.uk) by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**MARY'S MEALS – DONATIONS:** Until January every gift given to Mary's Meals will be **DOUBLED** by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of just £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily school meal for a whole school year! For more information, please visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk). To send one of your loved ones a truly meaningful gift this Christmas, order online at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/gift-card-shop> or call 0800 698 1212.

**CARDINAL NEWMAN SUPPORT STAFF VACANCIES:** For full details about each role please visit the website, [www.cardinalnewmanschool.net](http://www.cardinalnewmanschool.net) or MyNewTerm – [www.mynewterm.com](http://www.mynewterm.com).

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The closing date for all applications is 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
Baby Hannah Swendell 1980; Dominic Gallagher 1972; Mary Gallagher 1995; Theresa Adams 2010;  
James (Jim) McGeoghan 2013; Kevin Patrick Oates 2013; Edward (Ned) Myers 2013;  
Michael Anthony Cawley 2014; Olive Smith 1966; Thomas Aitken 1972; Mary Heyhoe 1999;  
Guiseppe Abella 2003; Margaret Theresa Gallagher 2016; Thomas Foster 1956; John Murtagh 1976;  
Geoffrey Bowdidge 1982; Jerzy Swietochowski 1999; David Kenny 2004; Elizabeth Mary Judge 2012;  
Frederick McNamara 1968; Joan Egan 1973; Isabella Shepherd 1974; Norah Dempsey 2010;  
Isabella Tait 1973; Francis Hughes 1993; Ann Broderick 1998; Richard Dooley 2004; Jane Conlen 1993;  
Stephen Burke 1998; Patricia Ann Guigno 2014 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

We would like to wish everyone a Merry  
Christmas and a happy and blessed New  
Year



from Fr Mírek, Deacon Jim,  
Bernadette & Anna