Heart to Heart

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

Year C – Sunday 22nd June 2025
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
CORPUS CHRISTI

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.**

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Saturday 21st June	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Daniel & Sadie O'Connell RIP **MISSION APPEAL**	
Sunday 22nd June	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer Maureen Clancy RIP People of Our Parish **MISSION APPEAL** **Deanery Corpus Christi Service**	**THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST** **CORPUS CHRISTI**
Monday 23rd June	9.30am	Mary Ellen Browne RIP	
Tuesday 24th June	**NO MASS** **12 Noon** **7.00pm**	 **REQUIEM: PETER MENDY** **CONFIRMATIONS – Bishop David**	**THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**
Wednesday 25th June	9.30am		
Thursday 26th June	9.30am **10.00am-12 Noon**	 **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 27th June	9.30am KS2 attending	Healing (Private Intention)	**THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
Saturday 28th June	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Fitzmaurice Family RIP	**Immaculate Heart of Mary**
Sunday 29th June	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Mary Brigid & Patrick Joseph McGovern RIP	**ST PETER AND PAUL**

PARISH HALL: Teas and coffees available after Sunday 11.00am Mass. All are welcome!

CONFESSION: Please note Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm every Saturday or by appointment.

MORNING PRAYER: This week: No Morning Prayer.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: That the world might grow in compassion
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

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.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note the Parish Office will be closed this week.

CONFIRMATIONS: We welcome and thank Bishop David for coming to confirm some of our young parishioners.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend **21st/22nd June there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of an appeal on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales.** Sacred Heart welcomes Sr Ann who will speak at all Masses.
The Daughters of Divine Love is an International Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They educate, care for, and add value to the lives of the less privileged in society. Their charity home in Nigeria and school for indigent children in Kenya provide care and education for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children/teenagers, and children with special needs/HIV. Their aim is always to serve the less privileged and the marginalized in society. In everything that they do, the love of Christ impels them to respond to the cry of the poor and the vulnerable with concrete actions.

BETHANY MASS: Thank you to all who attended the Bethany Mass and to those who prepared and served refreshments afterwards.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Fernando Antonio La-Vita, Peter Mendy, Joan Byrne, Maura Divine (Sister of Sean McKiernan). Please keep Fernando, Peter, Joan, Maura; their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Peter Mendy RIP, Requiem 12 Noon Tuesday 24th June at Sacred Heart.
Joan Byrne RIP, Requiem 11.00am Monday 30th June at Sacred Heart.
Fernando Antonio La-Vita RIP, Requiem 12 Noon Friday 4th July at Sacred Heart.

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 email the Parish Office. **All Extraordinary Ministers taking Communion to the sick speak to Deacon Jim before or after Mass please.**

SAFEGUARDING: Bishop David Oakley is available to meet anyone affected by abuse. Contact via the safeguarding office 01604 723514 or by email **safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org**

NOAH: Please note there will be no NOAH Blue Bins to accept donations at Sacred Heart during the months of June or July. Please do not leave any donations in the Foyer.

LUTON PASTORAL AREA: ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2026;
SIGN UP SUNDAYS: Catholic Schools may ask for your priest to sign a form stating that you are a practising Catholic family. If you need this for any Catholic school within Luton or elsewhere in the diocese you must collect a SIGN UP CARD. Cards available in the Foyer. On given Sundays in the coming months your priest will sign this card if you are present at Mass with the child[ren] involved. **The responsibility for this lies with parents/guardians/carers alone.** Please pick up a Sign Up Card in the Foyer. **Families must be registered on CASPAR.**

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: On the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart Church will be hosting the annual Deanery Corpus Christi procession, **Sunday 22nd June at 3.00 pm**. It would be lovely to have good representation of our parish. First Communion Children will be very welcome to wear their special outfits, and altar servers to serve.

HELP REQUIRED – DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION & SERVICE: Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the service. If you can help to serve teas/coffees in the Hall then please come along. Donations of biscuits and also cakes, shop bought or baked would be most appreciated. Please hand biscuits and/or cakes in to the Parish Hall to Judy after the 11.00am Mass on the 22nd June.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES: For all First Holy Communicants June 2025 will be available for collection from Judy in the Repository 5th/6th July after all Masses.

ALTAR SERVERS MASS: Unfortunately, the Mass for altar servers planned for 28th June has been cancelled due to a lack of numbers confirming attendance. Deacon Peter Griffin hopes to arrange a date later in the year.

SILVER JUBILEE: Sunday 29th June 2025, 12.30pm. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Fr Ugo's Ordination followed by refreshments All welcome. St Margaret of Scotland Church, 22a Bolingbroke Road, Luton, LU1 5JD

ANNUAL HOLY HOUR 2025: The annual Holy Hour to celebrate Eucharistic Ministry will be live-streamed from Northampton Cathedral at 3:00pm on Sunday, 29th June, the Sunday following Corpus Christi. All ministers of the Eucharist are invited to attend in person or join via livestream, and to renew their commitment as lay ministers. Order of Service on the diocesan website: www.northamptondiocese.org

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend **28th/29th June** there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of **Peter's Pence**. Funds from this collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the most needy throughout the world. This can include those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression and natural disasters.

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO NEXT? Called & Equipped is a one year programme, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation. For anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry
Starts with a residential foundations weekend 3rd-5th October 2025, and will have 24 weekly group sessions over the following year.
All materials are online, and small groups usually meet over zoom with one in-person event each term. Choice of small groups for participants running in different parts of the diocese, and on different days of the week. The cost of the course, £480 including the residential weekend, will be split three ways: £160 from the diocesan Together in Faith Fund, £160 from the parish, and £160 from the individual. There will be bursary places available for those unable to meet the individual payment.
Two introductory webinars for those interested to find out more about the course: Monday 23rd June and Thursday 10th July at 7.30pm visit https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/ or email Alexandra Shelton-Bourke for any inquiries Alexandra.shelton-bourke@northamptondiocese.org

BECKET FESTIVAL AT NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL: Celebrating Saint Thomas Becket, patron of our diocese, and marking 175 years of the Diocese of Northampton.
175th Anniversary Mass: Saturday, 5th July at 12:00 noon. If you wish to attend, please confirm to the Parish Office as places are limited. You are welcome to bring a Parish banner or flag for the procession.
The Becket Lecture: 3:00pm, Fr Andrew Coy, secretary to the Apostolic Nuncio, will deliver the Becket Lecture on the theme "Becket: A Saint for Europe", followed by Vespers at 4:15pm.
Come and join this joyful diocesan celebration of faith, history, and community.

D-SUMMER: A summer residential event in July for everyone aged 11-18 (in School years 7-13). This year it will be from **Friday 11th** to **Sunday 13th July.** We can't wait to partner with the Sion Community again this year for this event. We had such a great time last year, and we can't wait to see what God's got in store for us this time round. More information and the booking link can be found on NYMO's webpage: **https://nymo.org/d-summer/**

WOMEN OF HOPE: A SPECIAL DIOCESAN EVENT: The Women in Ministry group in the Diocese of Northampton are running a special event on Saturday 19th July at St Mary's Woburn Sands from 11am-4pm. An opportunity for women across the Diocese to gather, share and celebrate the stories of ministries past and present. Avril Baigent will share her experiences of the Synod in Rome and lead all in a synodal listening process. Bishop David will also be joining for the day and the final liturgy.
All are welcome! Sign-up using the following link:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1600230 For more information, please contact Helen Burgess at **helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org**

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday 2nd August 2025. Led by Bishop John Keenan. Coaches leave St Mary's Dunstable at 7.20am, St Joseph's Luton at 7.40am (No parking – Vigil Mass that evening), Our Lady's Luton at 8.00am. Adults £26.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. **Seats reserved only with payment**. Bring a packed lunch and drinks. For more information go to **www.prolifepilgrimage.org** and to book **kevin.drew@btinternet.com** or 07802 525581.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CLOSURE OF NOTRE DAME CONVENT SCHOOL: A Mass in recognition of the Sisters historic role in providing a Catholic education to Northampton school girls and the closure of the Convent School, is being held in Northampton Roman Catholic Cathedral on The Barrack Road NN2 6AG on Saturday July 19th at Noon. This will be followed by a reception in The St Thomas Centre in the Cathedral grounds, allowing former pupils to meet up and reminisce. If you were a Notre Dame pupil or know someone who was, please come or let them know about the Mass. Thank you.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: All major payment types accepted. Please do not forget to Gift Aid if eligible. Dona machine at the back of the Church. Please see Posters, displayed on the Noticeboards and on the Repository window.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you wish to have your child baptised at Sacred Heart Church a Baptism Preparation Class must be undertaken before Baptism can go ahead. The dates for the Baptism Preparation Classes are as follows: Thursday 3rd July, 7.00pm; Thursday 4th September, 7.00pm; Thursday 6th November, 7.00pm. Please speak to Deacon Jim or contact the Parish Office.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Cornelius Canny 1984; John Reader 1997; Mary Martin 2009; Anthony McGrath 2005;
Patrick McGovern 2006; John Michael Christopher Collins; William Purcell 1979; Sheilagh Farrell 1992;
Noel Flynn 2010; Marie Nadege Andre 2020; Leno Besagni 1964; Francis Wilson 1975;
James O'Donnell 1980; James Walsh 1993; Alice Lloyd 2004; Charles McEwan 2005; Sheila Egan 2020;
Patrick Leonard 1976; Colin Draper 1983; Edward Greaves 1992; Diane Langan 2006;
Maureen Muttock 2014; Agnes Lang 2011 ✠ **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 on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.