



# Heart to Heart

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

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Year A - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023

<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.</b>
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**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish Office is open Wednesday and Friday this week from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and leave a contact number.

**HAPPY EASTER:** Fr Allan, Fr James, Deacon Jim & Bernadette wish all Sacred Heart Parishioners and visitors to the Parish a very blessed and holy Easter.

**EASTER VIGIL HEALTH & SAFETY:** Due to Health and Safety regulations and Diocesan guidance regarding the Paschal Fire, please do not park in the immediate vicinity of the Church Main Entrance – the area will be cordoned off, please observe parking restrictions. Also please note young children will not be allowed lit candles in the Church. Thank you.

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	10.00am  <b>8.30pm</b>	Swieconka – Blessing of Food Confession Alan Howard RIP	<b>EASTER VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION</b>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Bernie McGrath RIP People of Our Parish	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>10.00am</b>	Gemma LaFrenais	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Private Intention	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	John McLaughlin RIP	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	John McLaughlin RIP	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	For souls who have no-one to pray for them	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer John Farrell RIP	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am <b>BAPTISM</b>	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Clare Caldbeck RIP Sarah Alison McBurnie	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday</b>

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For a culture of peace and non-violence:**  
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** If any Altar Servers are free during the Easter holiday/break please feel free to come along to serve at any of the weekday Masses. Thank you.

**RIP:** Please remember Roberta Mugione who died on her 27<sup>th</sup> birthday recently: 23/03/1996 – 23/03/2023. Please keep Roberta in your thoughts and prayers and also pray for the Lord's support for her grieving relatives and friends at this very difficult and sad time.

**EASTER GREETINGS:** Bishop David would like to thank everyone for their continued support and would like to wish all the blessings of a joyful Eastertide. (Poster on Noticeboard.)

**DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EVER LISTEN?** Please pick up a leaflet in the Foyer and complete and return to Bishop's House, Northampton. Please feel free to pass a leaflet to anyone you know who may feel disconnected or not welcome by the Catholic Church in any way.

**VACANCY:** Position: Housekeeper (Permanent role). Location: Sacred Heart, Luton  
Part Time: 25 hours per week, Monday-Friday, ideally 9.30am – 2.30pm. Start date: ASAP  
We are currently recruiting for a Housekeeper to manage and carry out the housekeeping duties for the presbytery, including all cooking/catering needs for the resident Priest/s.  
Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

**TABERNACLE:** Unfortunately, due to ongoing issues and costly repairs arising with the present Tabernacle it has become necessary to purchase a new Tabernacle. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the new Tabernacle then please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Donation – Tabernacle'. Your donation can be posted through the Presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

**DIVINE MERCY SERVICE:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 3-4.00pm, Our Lady's. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy during the Holy Hour. All welcome. (The Divine Mercy novena starts on Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023)

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm, Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Parish Council Members, please confirm your attendance to Bernadette by emailing the Parish Office. Thank you. If any other parishioners would like to join the Parish Council, then please speak to Fr Allan to express your interest. New members are very welcome!

**NIGHT FEVER: Coming to Luton – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 at Our Lady's Luton, 7.30pm to 9.30pm**  
Every Catholic is called to Mission – to share the good news of Jesus to others.  
Night Fever – an open prayer evening to help those far away from the church to encounter God and to experience his love and mercy. Can you help? Three ways: 1) Pray for this initiative to be fruitful. 2) Attend on the evening for Adoration, to give witness to non-Catholics. (Invite a friend to join you.) 3) On the evening to go out in pairs into Castle Street to invite passers-by to come in. If you can help, please ring Eva on 07886 346047

**OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy Land (Bethlehem), which is based in Nottingham, will be at Sacred Heart Church affording parishioners the opportunity to purchase wood carvings. The Good Shepherd Company's goal is to support and help the Christian families in the Holy Land to stay at work as olive wood carvers. Olive wood carving is one of the most important sources of income for them as 90% of the Christians rely on the sale of these items. By selling carvings here on their behalf, this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities. As a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem there are only forty-one thousand Christians left in the area. Please support this worthy cause.

**LEITRIM ASSOCIATION DINNER & DANCE:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023, 7.00pm, St Joseph's Parish Centre, Gardenia Avenue, Luton LU3 2NS. Contact Marie Gilmartin: 07757 512730 or 01582 733563 (Ticket: £30).

**LUTON FOODBANK:** Food donations (non-perishable) can be placed in the boxes in the Foyer. Thank you.

**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 next Baptism Preparation Class takes place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 3.30pm in the Church. A list of Baptism Preparation Classes for 2023 is on the Noticeboard.

**NOAH BINS:** Please note there will not be a NOAH collection service in April at Sacred Heart - **please do not leave any donations for NOAH in the Foyer during April.** The next opportunity to donate pre-loved goods, etc for NOAH using the blue NOAH Bins will be the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> May.

**ALPHA COURSE: Coming to Luton – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 and following Tuesdays at Our Lady's Luton, 7.30pm to 9.30pm.** Every Catholic is called to Mission – to share the good news of Jesus to others. Alpha is a course that creates a space, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God. Three ways to help: 1) Pray for this initiative to be fruitful. 2) Invite your non-Catholic family and friends to join the course. 3) From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to go out in pairs to homes near Our Lady's to invite people to join the Alpha Course; if they are out to deliver the invitation. If you can help, please ring Eva on 07886 346047

**OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE DIACONATE IN OUR DIOCESE:** An information morning organised by Fr Tony Brennan: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10.00am-12.30pm at St. Mary's RC Church, 82 West Street, Dunstable, LU6 1NY. Please contact Fr. Tony on 01582 662710 for more details.

**ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO DUBLIN, THE SOUTH EAST AND KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND, 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023:** £949.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 6 nights Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment & excursions. Visiting Dublin, Glendalough, Kilkenny, National Stud, Japanese Gardens, Carlow Cathedral, St Brigid's Town of Kildare, Clonmacnoise, Knock Shrine. Single supplement extra. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com) See Noticeboard for further information.

**CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023:** For those who say, 'I would love to go to Lourdes sometime...'; then let 2023 be the year. For further details, contact Kath White [lourdesadmin@catholicassociation.co.uk](mailto:lourdesadmin@catholicassociation.co.uk) or call 07799 268 069 (Tangney Tours: See Noticeboard for Pilgrimage Options and for Pilgrims who require assistance.)

**LOVE THE STRANGER:** The Catholic Bishops' Conference Department for International Affairs has released an important new document about migrants and refugees called 'Love the Stranger'. You can download this important document from this website: [cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger](http://cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
John Ward 1973; Yolanda Prince 1993; Baby Stephen Lloyd 1975; Patrick Sheddock 1982;  
David Corcoran 1984; Brendan Marcantonio 1986; John McCauley 1997; Norma Davis 1965;  
Hannah Murphy 2019; Maureen Rooney 2022; Desmond McGrattan 2005; Daniel Friel 2006;  
Sarah (Sally) Egan 2018; Baby John McDermott 1972; Thomas Gibbon 1975;  
Frances Lynch 2002; Sheila McLaughlin 2005; Alison Blessing 2005; Susan Dickinson 2006;  
Richard Hennessy 1975; James Gallagher 1985; Stephen Lemmon 2010; Mr Holohan 1998;  
Fiona Gallagher Caldwell 2016; Rita Ellen Knights 2020; Eileen Lund 1968;  
Raymond Campbell 1990; Catherine McBride 2003 ✕ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**