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 20th April 2025

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.**

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Saturday 19th April	**9.30am** **10.00am** **9.00pm**	Morning Prayer **Swieconka – Blessing of food** **(Confessions to follow)** **VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION** **(First Mass of Easter)**	**HOLY SATURDAY**
Sunday 20th April	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Janet Howell RIP	**EASTER SUNDAY**
Monday 21st April	**10.00am**	Mel McNabola RIP	**EASTER MONDAY**
Tuesday 22nd April	**NO MASS**		
Wednesday 23rd April	**9.30am**	Joyce & Andy Horne (19th Wedding Anniversary)	
Thursday 24th April	9.30am	Helena Purcell RIP	
Friday 25th April	**NO MASS**		
Saturday 26th April	6.30pm	Victor Manley RIP	
Sunday 27th April	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **BAPTISM**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Fay Howell RIP **Peter John Joseph Forde**	**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

HAPPY EASTER: Fr Allan, Deacon Jim & Bernadette wish you all a very blessed and holy Easter.

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.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Maria Hamilton, Helena Purcell and Barry Hood. Please keep Maria, Helena, Barry; their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Helena Purcell RIP, Requiem Wednesday 30th April, 11.00am at Sacred Heart.

CONFESSION: Please note Confessions at Sacred Heart this week:
Saturday 19th April – Confessions to follow Swieconka – Blessing of food at 10.00am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2025 CELEBRATIONS: At St Anthonys RC Church, Farnham Road, Slough SL2 3AE on 27th April at 2:30 pm. The service will be led by Mgr Sean Healy and will include Procession, Holy Mass, Talk on 'Living God's Mercy', Chaplet, Adoration and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome to celebrate "25 Years of Ministry". Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

BISHOP DAVID'S EASTER MESSAGE: Bishop David has recorded an Easter message. To view Bishop David's message please visit**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rB7n5pePg8Y** or visit **https://northamptondiocese.org/home-page/bishops-easter-message-calls-the-diocese-to-new-life-in-the-spirit/** to read Bishop David's message.

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.**

POPE FRANCIS: Please continue to pray for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing mercy of our loving Father.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For the use of the new technologies
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION: The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on 25th April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: **https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote**
A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available here:
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Financial support to maintain our Church is desperately required to keep our Church, property and equipment in good condition, safe and presentable. The sound system and security are a major concern at the moment so any donations would be gratefully received to help upgrade the system. **Please consider to gift aid your donations.**

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**

VACANCY FOR A CHAPLAIN: At Cardinal Newman Catholic School, part-time (16 hours per week) supporting the spiritual, liturgical and pastoral life of the school alongside the current Chaplain who also has responsibilities across the Trust. The closing date for applications is Friday 25th April.
Please see **https://mynewterm.com/jobs/142310/EDV-2025-CNCSSSC-87406** for full details.

INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO BE A TEACHER? St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are running a series of open mornings where you can find out what is involved in our training programme and progress your application for September 2025. To book your place, go to **www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/open-mornings/**

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend 26th/27th April a second collection at all Masses in aid of CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10. Please see Poster on the Noticeboard.

APPOINTMENT OF A PERMANENT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Pauline Cuddihy has been appointed as the new Director of Education, effective immediately. Pauline has been serving as Interim Director of Education, during which time she has demonstrated outstanding leadership, dedication, and a clear vision for the future of Catholic education within the diocese. Pauline will begin her permanent role at the start of May and is assured of our prayers and support.

ALTAR SERVERS: Bishop David Oakley invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Northampton Diocese Altar Servers Mass 2025 at the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury, Northampton – Saturday 28th June, 11.00am, followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre. Further information and booking please contact Deacon Peter Griffin **pfgriffin@hotmail.co.uk**

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20th-22nd June **www.retrouvaille.org.uk** Tel: 0788 7296983

JESUS OUR HOPE: As part of our celebrations for the 2025 Jubilee Year, you are warmly invited to an evening of celebration, inspiration, and hope. Each evening will include prayer, reflection on God's Word, personal testimony, music, and time to socialise over refreshments.
The event is free to attend, but to help us prepare refreshments, we kindly ask that you register in advance. We look forward to celebrating with you!
Event Dates and Locations:

- Sunday, 12th May – Online
- Tuesday, 14th May – 7:00–9:00pm in Olney
- Monday, 9th June – 7:00–9:00pm in Aylesbury

More information and registration details can be found at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/**

DIACONATE OPEN DAY: Considering the Diaconate? Are you feeling called to serve in a deeper way? Come and learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese at an Information Morning on Saturday 31st May, from 10:00am-12 Noon at St. Mary's Parish, 82 West St., Dunstable. This is a great opportunity to explore the vocation of a deacon, ask questions, and discern if God is calling you to this ministry. For more information, contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710 or email **franthony.brennan@northamptondiocese.org**

COULD YOU BE THE NEXT INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF OUR SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY BOARD?
The Diocese of Northampton is seeking a committed and experienced safeguarding professional to take on the voluntary role of Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Advisory Board. This vital position involves leading quarterly meetings, offering expert advice on safeguarding matters, and supporting our diocesan safeguarding team. Applicant should be someone with senior-level safeguarding experience, ideally from the statutory sector, who also has a good understanding of the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know might be interested in this rewarding opportunity to help ensure the safety and well-being of all within our Church community, please contact Danielle Dixon, Safeguarding Coordinator, on 01604 723514 or email **safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org** for more information. Applications are now open, the new Chair due to take up the role in December 2025.

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/**

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Week ending **13th April 2025** Loose cash £369.29; Envelopes £674.30; Total £1043.59 Thank you. Gift Aid your donations and we can claim an extra 25% at no cost to you.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: All major payment types accepted. Please don't 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.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Brigid Mary Walker 2020; Gladys Staunton 1978; Catherine McCaffrey 1985; Harry Barron 2020; James Andrew Hagan 2016; David Clegg 1961; Thomas Kenny 2005; Ellen (Helen) Mary Dixon 2021; Janet Sheila Howell 2014; Arthur Marsh 1951; Sheryl Owens 1978; Eric Andrew Roberts 2017; John McLaughlin 1972; Baby Christopher Phillips 1988; Ruth Caulfield 1990; Anne Ryan 2003; Mary Lyjack 2007; Martin Dempsey 2013; Paul Blakey 2022; Frank Barbato 2104; Winifred Quinn 1965; Maria Barbato 2022; Albert Marcantonio 2005; Catherine Baxter 2006; Teresa O'Brien 2011; Beatrice Lane 1968; Albeina Prosper 1980; John Furey 1989; Ron Billings 1989; Joyce McLaughlin 1993; Daniel Boyle 1998 ✠ **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.