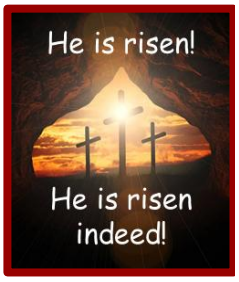

Heart to Heart

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

YEAR A – Sunday 5th April 2026
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 4th April	9.30am 10.00am **9.00pm**	Morning Prayer Swieconka – Blessing of food (Service in English) **Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection and First Mass of Easter** Joe McCabe RIP (25th Anniversary)	**HOLY SATURDAY**
Sunday 5th April **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Eileen Howell RIP	**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
Monday 6th April	9.30am **10.00am**	Morning Prayer Mel McNabola RIP	**MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Tuesday 7th April	9.30am	PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	**TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Wednesday 8th April	9.30am		**WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Thursday 9th April	9.30am	Thanksgiving (Private Intention)	**THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Friday 10th April	9.30am	Gemma LaFrenais RIP	**FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Saturday 11th April	**5.45pm** **6.00pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Gloria Keegan RIP	**SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Sunday 12th April **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Maureen Walsh RIP	**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

PARISH HALL: Open after Sunday 11.00am Mass for teas and coffees. All welcome!

HAPPY EASTER: Fr Allan, Bernadette and all the Parish Team wish you all a very blessed and holy Easter.

MORNING PRAYER: Monday 9.30am, Tuesday-Friday 8.50am followed by Rosary. All welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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 telephone/email the Parish Office.

DEANERY ADORATION AND CONFESSION: Posters on the Parish Noticeboard show all Adoration and Confession times available within the Deanery.

THURSDAY CLUB: Closed for the Easter Break and **will reopen on Thursday 16th April.** Please contact anyone that you may feel would benefit from attending the Thursday Club and extend a warm welcome to come along to Sacred Heart's Parish Hall to have a chat and a cup of tea - **Thursday 10.00am-12 Noon**. All welcome!

RIP: Please remember Kath Carleton, mother of Dermot Carleton who died recently. Please keep Kath in your prayers and keep her son Dermot, Kath's extended family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS: Kath Carleton RIP, **Requiem Tuesday 21st April 11.30am** at Sacred Heart Church.

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: If you are new to the Parish and/or wish to make your weekly donations using envelopes then please contact Wesley on 01582 738569. Thank you.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Financial support to maintain our Church is desperately required to keep our Church, property and equipment in good condition, safe and presentable. We hope to have a second collection after the Easter break to help the funding towards replacing the Parish Hymn Books. **Please consider to gift aid your donations.**

CAR PARK: Please note the Parish Hall has been booked for the Sri Lankan Association New Year Celebration 2026 (Luton Aurudu Udanaya) social event on **Saturday 11th April** so there will be **limited car parking available**. Please consider this when attending 6.30pm Mass on 11th April as the car park may be full!

SACRED HEART QUIZ NIGHT: FRIDAY 24TH APRIL – 7.00PM START: £3 PER TICKET
Come along and participate in a social event Quiz in the Parish Hall. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tea and coffee will be available to purchase. All welcome! **Tickets available** this weekend **4th/5th April from the Repository** or from the **Office (during Office hours 10am-12 Noon Wednesday 8th April, Friday 10th April, Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th April)**.
See Poster on the Noticeboard for further details.

PARISHIONERS: There are many parishioners who are unwell at the moment, both at home and in hospital. The Church is not always notified. Please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of a parishioner who is unwell (name/address/telephone number or family contact details).

"MEN'S SHED" SUNDON PARK: Thursday 23rd April 10:30am at St John's Parish Hall - This aims to create a safe, friendly, inclusive space for men - typically 55+, but open to all, to connect, socialise, improve wellbeing, reduce loneliness, combat social isolation, share work skills and knowledge, learn new skills, support one another, and contribute to the wider community. We will be holding a Come and See event for you to find out more and to see if you would like to take part. No commitment, just bring a friend**. More info call Joe 07939 190424 or Deacon Jim Hannigan 07756 685220**

BIBLES – EUROPEAN LANGUAGES: The airport chaplaincy is interested in Bibles in European Languages. Luton Airport has flights all over Europe plus North Africa and the Near Middle East. They would be grateful if any Church felt able to provide Bibles in European Languages, if you have spare Bibles that you are not using, please pass them on to Fr Allan and he will pass them on to the Airport Chaplaincy.

LEGION OF MARY – PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD PRIORY: Saturday 9th May 2026
Cost: Adult £20 Child £12 - Coach: Sacred Heart 8.45am Saturday 9th May 2026
(Alternative pick-up times and places – see Poster on the Noticeboard.)
All seats must be confirmed and payment received by Tuesday 28th April 2026. Payments to be forwarded to Judy Weekes. Contact Judy Weekes via Sacred Heart Parish Office 01582 723099 or via Wesley Weekes 01582 738569 or 07549 996123

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. Please contact the Parish Office to discuss further and to book your place. The next Baptism Preparation Class will take place on Thursday 4th June at 7.00pm in the Church. Please register with the Parish through the CASPAR link.

NOAH BLUE BINS: Available to accept donations at Sacred Heart next weekend **11th/12th April.** Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

FURNITURE BANK: Caritas in the diocese of Northampton responds to local poverty and hardship through a number of initiatives like the Furniture Bank, ensuring that families in the diocese receive the dignity and care they deserve.
The Furniture Bank operating out of St John the Apostle Church, provides essential furniture and household items including beds, storage, chairs, bedding, flooring, and cooking utensils to families and individuals in real need.
Can you help? Donating furniture? Volunteering to help? Collecting and distributing items?
If yes or for more information please contact: Deacon Jim Hannigan 07756 685220
Email: deaconjimhannigan@northamptondiocese.org Website: northamptondiocese.org/caritas

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. Retrouvaille have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: **www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443**

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 29.03.26: Envelopes £723.97; Loose Cash £448.91; Total £1172.88 Thank you. Many parishioners give faithfully through the offertory collection each week. Did you know that if you are a UK taxpayer, your gift could be worth 25% more at no extra cost to you? Through Gift Aid, a donation of £10 becomes £12.50 — and we can even reclaim up to four years of past donations. Signing up is simple, confidential, and makes a big difference to parish life. Find out more at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/gift-aid/**

CSSA THEMATIC INSPECTION: SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has launched a public survey as part of its thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. Victims and survivors of abuse—whether recent or historic—are invited to share their experiences of contact with dioceses and Religious Life Groups.
In Northampton, we continue to walk alongside survivors through initiatives such as the Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral. Survivors are encouraged to participate in the survey, helping shape a safer Church for all. Visit:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tlVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzlLTEdTWkUySjhaTlU0QURaOU05SC4u

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN OPPORTUNITY: Cardinal Newman Catholic School is an outstanding Catholic secondary school, seeking a committed and faith-filled Chaplain to join their vibrant school community. Cardinal Newman is a high-performing 11–18 school, placed in the top 25% nationally for both GCSE and A Level outcomes, where academic excellence sits alongside strong formation of character, faith and mission. It is the only Catholic secondary school in the Luton and Dunstable area, serving a richly diverse community, with strong and active parish links and close collaboration with clergy and local faith communities. The role is full time (term time + 5 days). For further information on how to apply, or to arrange an informal visit, please contact PA to Headteacher, Jade McKinlay on **jmckinlay@cardinalnewmanschool.net**

READERS' ROTA: Copies of the Readers' Rota for the period 5th April to 31st May 2026 available in the Foyer.

FORMING CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERS: Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Six days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character.
www.christianleadershipformation.com (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

LITURGY OF THE WORD ZOOM SESSIONS FOR 2026: The God Who Speaks – Our Liturgy of the Word: A series of online Zoom Sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year. Led by the Liturgical Formation Team.
Future sessions in 2026: Wednesday 8th April, Wednesday 8th July, Wednesday 9th September, Wednesday 11th November. Each session runs from 7.30pm-8.30pm Cost: No charge but there will be the opportunity to make a donation. Please register in advance to secure a place by emailing **deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org** **Full details on Poster displayed on the Noticeboard.**

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
William Patrick Clancy 2020; Michael O'Callaghan 2018; Gaston Andre 1984; David Quinn 1984; Michael Fox 1991; Ivy Cruise 1968; Paul Andrew Clarke 2024; Eva Mooney 2000; Joseph McCabe 2001; 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 ✠ **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 at the top of the Newsletter on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.

If you do not have an email address then please pick up a form in the Foyer to give your authority for the Parish Office to register you. Please remember to include the following information on the back of the form: Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number (if applicable).