



HEART TO HEART

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster & Deanery of St Alban

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A - Psalter Week 4 - 3rd May 2020

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Coronavirus

ALL PLACES OF WORSHIP, INCLUDING CATHOLIC CHURCHES, HAVE BEEN CLOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNOUNCED GOVERNMENT CORONAVIRUS REQUIREMENTS.

DO NOT COME TO THE CHURCH OR THE PARISH OFFICE AS THEY ARE BOTH CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, UNLESS YOU HAVE ARRANGED A PRE-AGREED APPOINTMENT WITH FR MIREK.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE MANAGED REMOTELY AND CAN ONLY BE CONTACTED AS EXPLAINED IN THE "USEFUL INFORMATION" SECTION ON THE PARISH WEBSITE. IN AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT FR MIREK ON 01582 723099

In accordance with the Bishops' Conference and Diocesan guidance, until further notice, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays is **temporarily suspended** according to Church teaching.

All Masses will be celebrated by Fr Mirek privately without a congregation. Mass intentions already requested will be fulfilled and new Mass intentions can be requested by emailing the Parish office at sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk.

All gatherings are postponed until it is safe to permit them, including: First Holy Communion Masses, Confirmation Masses, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Penitential Services, the Thursday Club and all other Parish Hall activities.

Baptisms will be deferred until public health advice permits gathering safely. In the case of necessity, baptisms will be celebrated only if safe to do so, with minimal attendees and with all hygiene best practice precautions taken including social distancing, hand washing and "catch it, bin it, kill it".

Church weddings must be deferred until such time as gatherings are permitted.

There will be no face to face Confessions except by necessity and only if a pre-agreed appointment has been arranged with Fr Mirek.

Concerning anointing of the Sick, no pastoral home visits will possible for the moment. However, we would be more than pleased to provide telephone support so, if you, or somebody you know, needs pastoral care then please let us know.

Funeral services will take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the relevant cemetery or crematorium authorities, which may require limitations on the number of attendees. A Mass to celebrate "in memoriam" can be arranged later, when congregations are allowed to gather.

You can watch a live streaming of all of the Masses from Northampton Cathedral on the link <https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>. Information on the Northampton Cathedral Mass times can be found at <http://northamptoncathedral.org/times/>.

Other live streaming and information sites have been uploaded on to the Parish website sacredheartluton.org in the **Useful Information** section.

We will be continuing to post weekly Parish Newsletters in the website **Newsletters** section, plus other helpful Parish information and Diocesan announcements concerning coronavirus in the **Useful Information** section, so please access them regularly and also please telephone others who may not have online access to keep in touch and keep them informed throughout this difficult time.

Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated, joining in spiritually in the celebration, following prayers at home, making an act of spiritual communion, this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day.

We also need to care for each other. There are so many ways in which we are able to do this: being attentive to the needs of our neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable; contributing to local food banks; volunteering for charitable initiatives and organisations; and by keeping in touch by all safe means.

During these disturbing and uncertain times, the rhythm of the prayer of the Church will continue. Please play your part in it. Daily acts of kindness and mutual support will, no doubt, continue and increase. Please do what you can to help others and, for your commitment to this, we thank you.

There are no Public Masses until further notice. The Church is now closed to the Public.

Below are the listed intentions for the next week which will be celebrated privately by Fr Mirek, without a congregation.

Saturday 2nd		Bridie Walker RIP	St Athanasius
Sunday 3rd		Konstanty Lewonik RIP	Fourth Sunday of Easter Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood
Monday 4th Funeral	4.15pm Vale Cemetery	Rita Ellen Knight RIP	Martyrs of England & Wales
Tuesday 5th			
Wednesday 6th		Marie Duffy RIP	
Thursday 7th Funeral	11.00am Vale Crematorium	Constance (Connie) West RIP	
Friday 8th		People of our Parish	
Saturday 9th		Larry McGrattan Snr RIP	

MASS INTENTIONS: Those who have Mass intentions please be assured that Fr Mirek will still be celebrating Mass privately and offering those Masses already booked in. New Mass intentions can be requested by emailing the Parish office at sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk.

PRESENTATIONS & BAPTISMS: deferred until Public Health advice permits gathering safely.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: POSTPONED until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: The celebration of Confirmation has been **POSTPONED** until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can resume public worship.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Catechists have sent emails on 27th April and 30th April about a Zoom Confirmation meeting this Saturday 2nd May (Group 1 at 4.00pm and Group 2 at 4.45pm). Do please check your email/spam folder to see if you have received the log in details. Bozena Christopher has requested that candidates please email sacredheartprep@mail.com as soon as possible if details have not been received. Thank you.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: No pastoral visits will be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends. However, phone support is available, please phone Fr Mirek on **01582 723099**.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers Rita Ellen Knight RIP and Constance (Connie) Florence West RIP whose funerals take place this week.

Rita Ellen Knight RIP – The Vale Cemetery, Monday 4th May at 4.15pm

Constance (Connie) Florence West – The Vale Crematorium on Thursday 7th May at 11.00am

RIP: Please also remember in your prayers Brigid (Bridie) Mary Walker RIP who died recently and whose funeral will take place next week.

Brigid (Bridie) Mary Walker RIP - Monday 11th May at 2:30pm in the Cedar chapel, followed by a graveside service at 3:15pm at The Vale.

Please keep the families and loved ones of all who have died in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

AUTISM BEDFORDSHIRE: Development Officers have written a social story to explain about Coronavirus and the need to stay at home for the time being. You can download the story as a PDF here: <https://www.autismbedfordshire.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/AB-Social-story-Why-am-I-not-at-school.pdf> Please contact enquiries@autismbeds.org if you would like this social story adapted to suit an individual child's needs.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online

The government has published its guidance, which includes useful resources to help keep children safe online from different risks and where to go to receive support and advice.

CHURCH NEWSPAPERS AVAILABLE TO READ: Visit www.churchpaper.co.uk/

PRAYERS: On the website sacredheartluton.org you will find Prayers for during a time of 'flu and illness produced by the Liturgy Office, 2020 Catholic Bishops' Conference and details of many Masses and services throughout the UK that you can livestream. Daily Mass readings can be found on the website homepage by clicking on "UniversalisdailyMassreadings"

ONLINE MASSES AND SERVICES: During these difficult times, many thousands of people from across our diocese and beyond, are taking comfort in being together online.

Masses and Services at Northampton Cathedral: www.northamptondiocese.org/live

Visit sacredheartluton.org for a list of links to many Masses and Services.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Irene Doris McGarry 2013, Irene Mary Meek 2014, Paul Failla 2014, Lawrence Kent 1968, William Ring 1983, Catherine Lowe 1957, Ellen Foster 1972, Margaret McAuliffe 1977, Robert Murray 1979, Mary Barnes 1982, Kevin Campbell 2005, Mary Catherine Kieran 2005, David Robinson 2009, Lena Chrabkowski 2011, Mabel Money 1960, James Fox 1993, Lorraine Taylor 1996, Margaret O'Donoghue 2002, Josephine McStravick 1991, Joan Sweeney 1995, John McEvoy 1968, George Alderson 1975, James Cullinane 1978, Maria Schirinzi 2007* ✘ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

AS A PARISHIONER: PLEASE DO WHAT YOU SAFELY CAN TO HELP ANY ELDERLY OR VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY, YOU ARE AWARE OF, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIVING ALONE. KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEM, A PHONECALL, A LETTER OR A FRIENDLY NOTE CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE TO SOMEONE WHO MAY BE FEELING LONELY AT THIS TIME.

PLEASE PRINT A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT EMAIL SO THAT WE CAN KEEP IN TOUCH IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY ELDERLY OR VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO WOULD VALUE RECEIVING PASTORAL CARE BY TELEPHONE THEN ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, EMAIL THEIR CONTACT DETAILS TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

Please continue to pray for Bishop David, our Priests, Deacons, and Religious, and the entire Diocese during these difficult days.