



Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

Year A - Sunday 26th November 2023

Day of Prayer for Young People

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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Registered Charity Number: 234091

PARISH OFFICE: Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and provide a contact number.

MASS: Please note there will be no 9.30am Mass on Thursday 30th November.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend 25th/26th November at all Masses in aid of CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal.

Saturday 25 th November	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Antonio Barbato RIP	
Sunday 26 th November	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Mary Dolan RIP Day of Prayer for young people	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING
Monday 27 th November	9.30am	Holy Souls	
Tuesday 28 th November CHURCH	9.30am	Holy Souls PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 29 th November	9.30am	Holy Souls	
Thursday 30 th November HALL St Martin de Porres	10am-12 6.30pm	THURSDAY CLUB Induction Mass: Canon Michael Harrison	ST ANDREW
Friday 1 st December	9.30am	Augusta Nunes & Pedro Gois RIP	
Saturday 2 nd December	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Jose Gois RIP	
Sunday 3 rd December HALL	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish David Barber RIP & John Barber RIP Legion of Mary Meeting	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

RIP: Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Margaret Mary Bowes and Patrick Mathurin. Please keep Margaret and Patrick, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

Patrick Mathurin RIP, Requiem 11.00am at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 6th December

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: Please place in an envelope the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November. Your donation may also be placed in the envelope. Please return your envelope as soon as possible to the Office.

PETER LYONS RIP: Please remember Peter RIP in your prayers and keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they gather this weekend at Sacred Heart to lovingly honour Peter's memory on his first anniversary. Please remember them all at this very difficult and sad time.

SACRED HEART BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Thank you to all who attended the Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving on Sunday 19th November in memory of their deceased loved ones. Thank you to the Bereavement Group for organising this Service.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY: Sunday 26th November, a day on which Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people. In Lisbon this year, Pope Francis told young people that "Jesus' door is always open: Come and See!" This has inspired the theme for World Youth Day celebrations in England and Wales for 2023. Visit: <https://worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023>.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend 2nd/3rd December at all Masses towards Christmas Flowers.

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT: Mondays from 27th November, 7.30-8.30pm "Let the Wilderness Bloom!" Join Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent as we draw on the life of John the Baptist to explore themes of silence, solitude, dryness, and vulnerability, moving towards resilience, promise and hope. Join live on Monday evenings or access the recording at a more convenient time. Register here: <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/bloom/>

SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: Saturday 2nd December at Our Lady's. 8.30am Rosary, 9.00am Confession and Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9.30am Mass. All welcome to attend. For further information visit <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion-explained/>

SAFEGUARDING: Bishop David Oakley is available to meet with anyone affected by abuse, as a victim, survivor, their families or supporters, where private discussions can take place in a safe and non-judgmental environment. Bishop David ensures that he is able to meet with people affected by abuse on a bi-monthly basis or more frequently, depending on your request and can be accessed through the safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or email safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org

QUALIFIED FIRST AIDERS: Qualified First Aiders required for the Sunday 9.00am Mass – if you can help then please email the Parish Office.

CARITAS - LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN 2023: Our parish is pleased to be taking part in the diocese Campaign 2023. With the continuing cost of living crisis and even more help being required by lots of people, we are hoping to support many more in-need individuals and groups. We will be accepting donations of items at Sacred Heart commencing Tuesday 21st November. Boxes marked '**CARITAS – LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN**' will be in the **SMA Room**. (See Noticeboard: suggested items to donate.)

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: To dress the Parish Christmas Tree on the 18th December 2023 after the 9.30am Mass. Please speak to Maurice if you are able to help. Refreshments available afterwards in the Presbytery.

CANON MICHAEL HARRISON'S INDUCTION MASS: Thursday 30th November 6.30pm. Everyone is invited to come and join us as we celebrate Canon Michael being presented to the people of St Martin's parish. Monsignor Kevin McGinnell will celebrate the Mass as Dean of Luton, during which Canon Michael will officially become parish priest of St Martin de Porres Church. All are welcome to stay for a light buffet in the parish hall afterwards.

TRAVELLER CHRISTMAS PARTY: Luton Irish Forum in partnership with Luton Council are holding a Traveller Christmas Party at St Mary's Catholic Church Dunstable on 3rd December 12.30-3.00pm. (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LUTON - CAROL SINGING IN THE MALL: Led by New Testament Church of God, 3rd December, 2.00pm at the Church Street end of the Mall, by the market. Come along and enjoy a sing. There will be the prayer tree where you can place your prayers. Mince pies courtesy of the Mall. All welcome.

DIOCESAN PATRONAL FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Bishop David will preside at Mass to celebrate our Diocesan Patronal Feast. Our two diocesan Patrons are Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas Becket. All are invited to attend Mass in Northampton Cathedral at 7.00pm on Friday 8th December and for mince pies after in the St Thomas Centre.

YOUNG@HEART CAFÉ: Christmas Dementia Friendly Carol Service 9th December 2.00pm-4.00pm at Holy Family Church, Freshwater Close, Luton LU3 3TA followed by festive refreshments. This is free to attend but please notify Home Instead on 01582 742275 to book your place for refreshments.

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION: Enjoy Christmas whilst supporting NOAH & Keystage Housing – 13th December: Venue Harpenden Golf Club, Redbourn Lane AL5 2AX; Time 6.15pm or 7.00pm sit down; Dress: Smart Casual. Tickets: £35 per head for two course Christmas Dinner including wine. See Poster on the Noticeboard for further information. Booking deadline 6th December – Email John Williams to reserve places: johnwilliams58@btinternet.com

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Mary Maybury would like to invite those of you who will be on their own or unable to prepare a full Christmas Dinner to come and celebrate and enjoy a 4 Course Christmas Dinner with others at St John's R.C. Church Hall, 296 Sundon Park Road, Luton, LU3 3AL on Christmas Day at 1:30pm to 5pm. Cost: Donations Only. (Transport will be provided if there are enough volunteers who can provide transport.) Volunteers are also required. Please contact Mary Maybury 07866 989254 to book your place or volunteer. If you would like to donate financially to this great cause then please drop your donation to Sacred Heart Parish Office. (Poster on the Noticeboard.)

URGENT REQUEST FOR WINTER COATS: Luton currently has 900+ asylum seekers/refugees. There is an urgent need as winter sets in for good quality coats suitable for men aged 20-40 years. Please leave donated coats in the Foyer in the box marked 'Winter Coats'.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Christmas Gifts of Faith 2023. Examples of gifts available to purchase on sample Order Form as displayed on the Noticeboard. Further information at www.acnuk.org/gof23

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Baby John McGettigan 1964; Winifred Whittaker 1994; Antonio Barbato 1994; Mary Hay 1998;
Veronica West 2003; Denis Roache 2005; Alfred Barnes 1959; Delores Rodriguez 1969;
Peter Lyons 2022; Annie Mulholland 1971; Kate Fagan 1978; Thomas Brewerton 1999;
William John (Billy) Purcell 2016; Bridget Walsh 1959; Mary McLoughlin 1969; Mary Dolan 1988;
Theresa Caldbeck 1991; Julia Walsh 1969; John Nugent 1974; Joseph Early 2014;
Joseph Gilheaney 1987; Marcella Franklin 1965; Francis McCrudden 1983; Stephan Curtis 1996;
Sarah Garlick 1998; Mary-Ann Walsh 1974; Mary O'Donoghue 1983; Eric Fowler 1987;
Mary Cassidy 1991; Maggie Hayes 2002; Mary (Bridget) Hope 2013 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**