



# Heart to Heart

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

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Year A - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

<b>Palm Sunday: Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</b>
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**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish Office is open Monday and Wednesday this week from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date and leave a contact number.

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Joe McCabe RIP	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April  Parish Hall	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Morning Prayer Anthony & Neville Davey RIP People of Our Parish Legion of Mary: Meeting	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am <b>7.00pm</b>	William Reilly (Healing Mass) <b>Penitential Service at Our Lady's</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Michael O'Callaghan RIP	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Lisa Doran RIP	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>11.00am</b>  <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Diocesan Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral</b> Roland DeSouza (Thanksgiving) Followed by Watching until 10pm Confession	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>3.00pm</b>  7.00pm	<b>Walk of Witness (See Newsletter) GOOD FRIDAY</b> Confession Stations of the Cross	<b>SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>
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>PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>10.00am</b>	Gemma LaFrenais RIP	

### 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.

**CONFESSION:** Confession will be available after the Maundy Thursday Mass, after the Good Friday service and after Swieconka, the Blessing of Food service on Holy Saturday morning.

**CHRISM MASS:** Our diocesan Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am in Northampton Cathedral, Kingsthorpe Rd, Primrose Hill, Northampton NN2 6AG. The Chrism Mass reminds us of our oneness in Christ through Baptism and its holy anointing, made possible by the ministry of the Bishop and his priests. All are invited to share in this celebration and join Bishop David for refreshments after Mass. All are welcome.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** All Altar Servers are kindly asked to arrive half an hour before all of the Triduum services. 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.

**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.

**DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EVER LISTEN?** Do you, or someone you know, not feel welcomed by or part of the Catholic Church? Pope Francis has invited the global church to a conversation about our future and he wants everyone's voice to count. The findings will be discussed at a Northampton Diocesan meeting later this year. 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.

**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. All donations will be gratefully received.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2023/24:** If you are new to the Parish and wish to give your weekly contribution in through Planned Giving Envelopes then please speak to Wesley Weekes. The huge advantage to the Church of the envelopes is that if you are a UK tax payer, then by simply signing a form, we can recover a substantial percentage of the amount of money you have contributed to the Parish from the Government, at absolutely no cost to yourself. This is known as Gift Aid.

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Ecumenical walk of witness. The route commences at St Christopher's at 9.30am, arriving at Sacred Heart 10.25am and concludes at St Francis' (10.55am). (Visiting St Thomas' and Ramridge Baptist Church along the route - timings are approximate.) All welcome. At each station we will pause and pray.

**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)

**IRISH DANCE CLASSES:** Tuesdays 5-6.00pm starting 4<sup>th</sup> April, Sacred Heart Church Hall. For more information, please contact Daniel Coogan on 07957 470 926 or email [coogan16@hotmail.com](mailto:coogan16@hotmail.com)

**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.

**THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY ONLINE NEWSPAPER:** Please consider taking out a subscription - Order your Digital 2 weeks **FREE introductory offer** by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

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

**CLOTHING REQUIRED URGENTLY:** We currently have over 1000 Asylum seekers in Luton. If you are fortunate enough to have any of the items of **MALE** clothing below in good condition that you no longer need, would you please consider donating them for Asylum seekers living in our town? **Trousers size 30-34; Sweatshirts, hoodies – all sizes; Waterproof coats and jackets – all sizes; Fleeces – all sizes.** Clothing can be dropped off at All Saints Church, Shaffesbury Rd LU4 8AH between 11am-1.00pm Thursdays and Saturdays. Thank you.

**PASTORAL MINISTRY OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, 2 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT, 10 HOURS PER WEEK (Start date: To be confirmed):** Vacancy for an administrator to provide communication events and administrative support for the Office for Synodality and the Pastoral Ministry Office on a temporary contract for 2 years. Full information for the position and an application form, visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/job/pastoral-ministry-office-administrator/> All candidates should complete an application form and email it to [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

**PARENT ZONE:** A social enterprise working to improve outcomes for children by helping parents feel more confident, safer and in control online. Parent Zone Local is a free service of media literacy support in Luton, offering virtual parent broadcasts, support for professionals, and an extensive library of resources – including information, activities, guides, games, and more. Find out more about the Parent Zone Local programme at <https://parentzone.org.uk/pzlocal/luton> See Noticeboard for further information.

**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.

**LIFE CYCLE 2023:** Anna Kearns is organising a bike ride around the perimeter of the diocese to raise money for Baby Basics MK. The bike ride will start on the 15<sup>th</sup> August and will go through our Parish. Anna is asking for help through the following:  
Prayers; promotion of the bike ride; sponsorship; a place to stay on route.  
Full details on the noticeboard regarding sponsorship and Anna's itinerary.  
Email: [lifecyclenorthamptondiocese@gmail.com](mailto:lifecyclenorthamptondiocese@gmail.com)  
OR Diocese website: <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-cycle-2023/>

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
Michael Walsh 1963; Charles Matthews 1973; Matthew Early 1979;  
Giuseppe Coronella 2001; Elizabeth (Betty) Hanlon McClements 2019; Agnes Wilson 2022;  
Michael Brennan 1990; Alice Christina Botham 2014; Thomas Wilkins 1957;  
Robert Loughran 1961; Andrew Harrold 1972; Hugh McGurk 1973; Denise Stephen 1998;  
Colin John Flitton 2012; John Egan 2019; William Patrick Clancy 2020;  
Michael O'Callaghan 2018; Gaston Andre 1984; David Quinn 1984; Michael Fox 1991;  
Ivy Cruise 1968; Eva Mooney 2000; Joseph McCabe 2001 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**