



Heart to Heart

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

Year B - Sunday 24th March 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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Pastoral Area Info: www.lutonpastoralarea.org

Registered Charity Number: 234091

Saturday 23 rd March	11-11.30am 5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Evening Prayer Patrick Hanley RIP	
Blessing of Palms			
Sunday 24 th March	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Eileen Howell RIP (Anniversary)	PALM SUNDAY
Blessing of Palms			
Monday 25 th March	9.30am	Thanksgiving to the Parish on behalf of the family of Margaret Lally RIP	
St Joseph's Church	7.00pm	Lenten Deanery Penitential Service	
Tuesday 26 th March	9.30am	Filomena Paixao RIP & Vicenta Gamba RIP PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 27 th March	9.30am	Teresa While RIP (1 st Anniversary)	SPY WEDNESDAY
Thursday 28 th March		THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM CHRISM MASS	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Northampton Cathedral	11.00am		
	7.30pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
	9.45pm	Confessions Compline	
Friday 29 th March	9.30am	WALK OF WITNESS	GOOD FRIDAY
Sacred Heart Church	3.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 30 th March	10.30am 11-11.30am 8.00pm BAPTISM	Blessing of Food Confession EASTER VIGIL Nelson Okhomina	HOLY SATURDAY
Sunday 31 st March	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Mary Waite RIP (4 th Anniversary)	EASTER SUNDAY

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

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is open this week Monday and Wednesday from 10.00am until 12 Noon. When leaving a voicemail message please state the date, time and a contact number.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

THURSDAY CLUB: Please note there will be no Thursday Club on Thursday 28th March (Maundy Thursday). Thursday Club will reopen on Thursday 11th April – 10.00am-12Noon. All welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: HOLY SEE – Holy Places of Palestine.

WALK OF WITNESS: Starting from St Francis' Church Luton at 9.30am finishing at Stopsley Baptist Church at 11.00am for a short service and refreshments. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Good Friday at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

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. Contact safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or email safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org

LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: The reflection for Passion Sunday can be viewed on video here <https://youtu.be/BC0NGLQ4hSM?si=hSoUvIc-mlpPV95K> Or can be listened to here: <https://on.soundcloud.com/Bzcdy>

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2024/2025: Boxes of Envelopes for weekly planned giving may be collected before and after each Mass on the following weekend:

Sunday 31st March 2024. If you are new to the Parish and require envelopes then please see Wesley Weekes after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

QUIZ NIGHT: 8.30pm, Friday 5th April at St Margaret of Scotland Parish Hall, Bolingbroke Road, Luton LU1 5JD, in aid of Luton Visually Impaired People. Cost £1.00 per person. Teams of 4-6. A Bar is provided. All welcome.

BETHANY GROUP: Thank you to all who attended, organised the Mass, or who helped in any way by playing music, reading, or serving refreshments following the Mass. The next Mass for the Bethany Group will be on Sunday 19th May.

PILGRIMAGES: Bookings for our two diocesan pilgrimages to Northern France in 2024 and Rome/Assisi in 2025 are now open.

For more information and to book please visit www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgimage

EASTER STORY: Thank you to Sacred Heart Primary Year 5 Pupils and Staff for their wonderful performances of the Easter Story, enjoyed by all parents and parishioners who attended.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Mrs Gabe Somes who has been appointed Head Teacher of Sacred Heart Primary School.

PALM SUNDAY, 24th MARCH: Mass and blessing of Palms: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 11.00am. Sunday Mass 9.00am (No blessing of Palms) palms will be available which have been blessed at the Saturday 6.30pm Mass.

NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL CHRISM MASS: Maundy Thursday 28th March 2024, Chrism Mass 11.00am, refreshments to follow in the St Thomas Centre. All welcome.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Any adults, who have not yet been confirmed and would like to be confirmed, are very welcome to contact Deacon Jim or the Parish Office to discuss the Sacrament of Confirmation further.

VACANCY: YOUTH MINISTRY ADMINISTRATOR: To provide general office support and administration to the Youth Ministry Office. The role will be for 22 hours per week. Working pattern is to be agreed with the successful candidate. Office location is flexible and can be negotiated between Luton, Northampton, or a hybrid setup to accommodate individual preferences. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs> All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org The closing date for applications is Friday 5th April 2024. Interviews to take place on 17th and 18th April 2024.



ESCORTED TOUR TO WESTPORT, KNOCK & CO MAYO; 26th May 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you can't come to Paray-le-Monial, come to Lourdes Friday 23rd - Friday 30th August with the diocese. (Cost from £605) For information go to <https://www.tangney-tours.com/> and look for the Catholic Association pilgrimage. Information for those aged 17-23 who want to help with the pilgrimage will be available shortly.

SACRED HEART ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE: Spaces still available: Come and visit the shrine of the Sacred Heart, and also visit Ars - the home of the Curé d'Ars, and Cluny, the ancient Benedictine Abbey. Coach travel is included. 5 days on pilgrimage led by Fr James. The cost will be at most £950 per person for half-board (single person supplement: £200).

14th-18th October 2024: If you are interested in this please send an e-mail to the parish.

COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 17.03.24: Envelopes £648.00; Loose cash £347.46; TOTAL £995.46 Thank you. The DONA Machine is now in operation – if you wish to donate to the Parish by card then please use the DONA Machine.

	<p>Parish Registration</p> <p>We will soon be using a new computer system to help us manage our parish better. It starts with us making sure that we have up to date contact information for all of our parishioners and so we would be grateful if you could complete the registration form by clicking on this QR code or by typing the link into your browser.</p> <p>www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040</p>	
<p>If you don't have an email address, please speak to the parish who can complete the form on your behalf.</p>		

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Roberta Mugione 2023; Edward O'Shea 1988; John Duffy 2000; Agnes Walsh 2003; Noel Francis (Frank) Flynn 2017; Brian Aspell 1983; Patrick Smyth 1999; Teresa Abbott 2006; Brian Richards 1994; Eileen Howell 2009; Valerie Irene Drakeley 2022; Beryl Breslin 2007; James McCafferty 1985; John Wilkinson 1990 ✕ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**