Heart to Heart

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

Year C – Sunday 13th April 2025
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

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Saturday 12th April **Blessing of Palms**	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confessions John Farrell RIP	
Sunday 13th April Blessed Palms available **Blessing of Palms**	8.30am 9.00am **11.00am**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Caldbeck & O'Brien families – Repose of Souls	**PALM SUNDAY**
Monday 14th April **Our Lady's**	**10.15am** **7.00pm**	**REQUIEM: JAMES O'DONOGHUE RIP** **PENITENTIAL SERVICE**	**MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
Tuesday 15th April	9.30am	**Prayer Group**	**TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
Wednesday 16th April	**12 Noon** **CATHEDRAL**	**Chrism Mass**	**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
Thursday 17th April	**7.30pm** **10.00pm**	Clare Caldbeck RIP (Anniversary) Watching (until 10.00pm during which Confessions are available)) Compline	**SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM** **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Friday 18th April **(Beginning from Stopsley Community Garden)**	**8.50am** **9.30am** **3.00pm** **7.00pm**	Morning Prayer **WALK OF WITNESS** **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** **(Confessions to follow)**	**GOOD FRIDAY**
Saturday 19th April	**9.30am** **10.00am** **9.00pm**	Morning Prayer **Swieconka – Blessing of food** **(Confessions to follow)** **VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION** **(First Mass of Easter)**	**HOLY SATURDAY**
Sunday 20th April	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Janet Howell RIP	**EASTER SUNDAY**

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

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.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Maria Hamilton, Helena Purcell and James O'Donoghue Please keep Maria, Helena and James, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
James O'Donoghue RIP, Requiem Monday 14th April, 10.15am at Sacred Heart.
Helena Purcell RIP, Requiem Wednesday 30th April, 11.00am at Sacred Heart.

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 email the Parish Office. **All Extraordinary Ministers taking Communion to the sick speak to Deacon Jim before or after Mass please.**

TOWN PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday 14th April, 7.00pm at Our Lady's. All welcome to attend.

CONFESSION: Please note the times for Confessions at Sacred Heart this week:
Saturday 12th April 6-6.20pm,
Thursday 17th April (Watching until 10.00pm) during which Confessions are available,
Friday 18th April – Confessions following Stations of the Cross 7.00pm,
Saturday 19th April – Confessions to follow Swieconka – Blessing of food at 10.00am

POPE FRANCIS: Please continue to pray for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing mercy of our loving Father.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For the use of the new technologies
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

CHURCHES ON THE HILL WALK OF WITNESS: The theme for this year's Walk of Witness is Biblical Gardens The walk will **begin at 9.30am, Stopsley Community Garden**, we will visit St Christopher's, **Sacred Heart (10.30am)** and Ramridge Baptist Church where we will conclude with worship and refreshments at 11.00am. All are welcome to join us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Good Friday at 7.00pm led by Fr Allan. All welcome to attend.

SECOND COLLECTION: Good Friday for Holy Places of Palestine.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION: The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on 25th April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: **https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote**
A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available here:
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Financial support to maintain our Church is desperately required to keep our Church, property and equipment in good condition, safe and presentable. The sound system and security are a major concern at the moment so any donations would be gratefully received to help upgrade the system. **Please consider to gift aid your donations.**

SAFEGUARDING: Bishop David Oakley is available to meet anyone affected by abuse via the safeguarding office 01604 723514 or by email **safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org**

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT FOR 2025: Every child coming out of a Catholic school should have a good grounding and knowledge of the Scriptures. As a Parish our Lenten Project will raise money for Bibles for Sacred Heart Primary School.

A SYNODAL CHURCH: LISTENING PROCESS: Thank you to all who attended the recent Listening Process Meetings. Your willingness to be involved is most appreciated.

CHRISM MASS: Wednesday 16th April, 12 Noon at Northampton Cathedral. Parishioners are welcome to attend this joyful diocesan celebration.

BISHOP DAVID'S EASTER MESSAGE: Bishop David has recorded an Easter message. To view Bishop David's message please visit**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rB7n5pePg8Y** or visit **https://northamptondiocese.org/home-page/bishops-easter-message-calls-the-diocese-to-new-life-in-the-spirit/** to read Bishop David's message.

VACANCY FOR A CHAPLAIN: At Cardinal Newman Catholic School, part-time (16 hours per week) supporting the spiritual, liturgical and pastoral life of the school alongside the current Chaplain who also has responsibilities across the Trust. The closing date for applications is Friday 25th April.
Please see **https://mynewterm.com/jobs/142310/EDV-2025-CNCSSSC-87406** for full details.

INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO BE A TEACHER? St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are running a series of open mornings where you can find out what is involved in our training programme and progress your application for September 2025. To book your place, go to **www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/open-mornings/**

NOAH: The NOAH Blue Bins are at Sacred Heart this weekend 12th/13th April. Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2025 CELEBRATIONS: At St Anthonys RC Church, Farnham Road, Slough SL2 3AE on 27th April at 2:30 pm. The service will be led by Mgr Sean Healy and will include Procession, Holy Mass, Talk on 'Living God's Mercy', Chaplet, Adoration and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome to celebrate "25 Years of Ministry". Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

JESUS OUR HOPE: As part of our celebrations for the 2025 Jubilee Year, you are warmly invited to an evening of celebration, inspiration, and hope. Each evening will include prayer, reflection on God's Word, personal testimony, music, and time to socialise over refreshments.
The event is free to attend, but to help us prepare refreshments, we kindly ask that you register in advance. We look forward to celebrating with you!
Event Dates and Locations:

- Sunday, 12th May – Online
- Tuesday, 14th May – 7:00–9:00pm in Olney
- Monday, 9th June – 7:00–9:00pm in Aylesbury

More information and registration details can be found at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/**

DIACONATE OPEN DAY: Considering the Diaconate? Are you feeling called to serve in a deeper way? Come and learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese at an Information Morning on Saturday 31st May, from 10:00am-12 Noon at St. Mary's Parish, 82 West St., Dunstable. This is a great opportunity to explore the vocation of a deacon, ask questions, and discern if God is calling you to this ministry. For more information, contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710 or email **franthony.brennan@northamptondiocese.org**

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20th-22nd June **www.retrouvaille.org.uk** Tel: 0788 7296983

ALTAR SERVERS: Bishop David Oakley invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Northampton Diocese Altar Servers Mass 2025 at the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury, Northampton – Saturday 28th June, 11.00am, followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre. Further information and booking please contact Deacon Peter Griffin **pfgriffin@hotmail.co.uk**

COULD YOU BE THE NEXT INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF OUR SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY BOARD?
The Diocese of Northampton is seeking a committed and experienced safeguarding professional to take on the voluntary role of Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Advisory Board. This vital position involves leading quarterly meetings, offering expert advice on safeguarding matters, and supporting our diocesan safeguarding team.
We are looking for someone with senior-level safeguarding experience, ideally from the statutory sector, who also has a good understanding of the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know might be interested in this rewarding opportunity to help ensure the safety and well-being of all within our Church community, please contact Danielle Dixon, Safeguarding Coordinator, on 01604 723514 or email **safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org** for more information. Applications are now open, with the new Chair due to take up the role in December 2025.

D-SUMMER: A summer residential event in July for everyone aged 11-18 (in School years 7-13). This year it will be from **Friday 11th** to **Sunday 13th July.** We can't wait to partner with the Sion Community again this year for this event. We had such a great time last year, and we can't wait to see what God's got in store for us this time round. More information and the booking link can be found on NYMO's webpage: **https://nymo.org/d-summer/**

ST THOMAS CATHOLIC ACADEMIES TRUST: Wish to share this video with parishioners, celebrating their Good News. **https://youtu.be/jckgEe-dPUU**

WOMEN OF HOPE: A SPECIAL DIOCESAN EVENT: The Women in Ministry group in the Diocese of Northampton are running a special event on Saturday 19th July at St Mary's Woburn Sands from 11am-4pm. An opportunity for women across the Diocese to gather, share and celebrate the stories of ministries past and present. Avril Baigent will share her experiences of the Synod in Rome and lead all in a synodal listening process. Bishop David will also be joining for the day and the final liturgy.
All are welcome! Sign-up using the following link:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1600230 For more information, please contact Helen Burgess at **helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org**

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Week ending **6th April 2025** Loose cash £364.94; Envelopes £699.16; Total £1064.10 Thank you. If you Gift Aid donations, we can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: All major payment types accepted. Please do not forget to Gift Aid if eligible. Dona machine at the back of the Church. Please see Posters displayed on the Noticeboards and on the Repository window.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Baby John McDermott 1972; Thomas Gibbon 1975; Frances Lynch 2002; Sheila McLaughlin 2005; Alison Blessing 2005; Susan Dickinson 2006; Richard Hennessy 1975; James Gallagher 1985; Stephen Lemmon 2010; Mr Holohan 1998; Fiona Gallagher Caldwell 2016; Rita Ellen Knights 2020; Eileen Lund 1968; Raymond Campbell 1990; Catherine McBride 2003; Thomas Vallis 1952; Gerald Fahy 1965; Thomas Gibbon 2010; John Joseph Farrell 2008; Erwin Binder 1981; Theresa Lloyd 1982; Clare Caldbeck 2018; Constance (Connie) Florence West 2020; Anne Lewis 1999; Victor Manley 2002; Mary Ellen Sheddock 2014; Margaret Frances Peggy Brogan 2023; Patrick Ferguson 1966; Raymond Baker 1994
✠ **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 on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.