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 8th June 2025
PENTECOST SUNDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

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Saturday 7th June	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions John Bonner RIP (5th Anniversary)	
Sunday 8th June	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Kathleen & Patrick Costello RIP People of Our Parish **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS**	**PENTECOST SUNDAY**
Monday 9th June	9.30am	Luzia Natividade RIP & Luzia Natividade Pinto RIP	
Tuesday 10th June	**NO MASS**		
Wednesday 11th June	**NO MASS**		**St Barnabas**
Thursday 12th June	9.30am **11.00am** 10-12Noon	Gemma RIP **Funeral Service: LISA ASHIRU** THURSDAY CLUB	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**
Friday 13th June	9.30am	Brian Hill RIP	**St Anthony of Padua**
Saturday 14th June	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Eddie Gallagher RIP	
Sunday 15th June	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer Rosemary McKenna RIP (1st Anniversary) People of Our Parish **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS** **BETHANY MASS**	**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

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

CONFESSION: Please note Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm every Saturday or by appointment.

MORNING PRAYER: This week: Monday, Thursday, Friday 8.50am, followed by Rosary – all welcome!

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: That the world might grow in compassion
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend 7th/8th June there will be a second collection at all Masses for Parish Maintenance. Financial support to maintain our Church is desperately required to keep our Church, property and equipment in good condition, safe and presentable. Security is 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.**

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS JUNE 2025: Please note the children will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist during two dedicated 11.00am Masses – **Sunday 8th June and Sunday 15th June**. Parishioners who usually attend 11.00am Mass are welcome to attend but please be aware seating will be limited to the outside aisles only. The centre aisles will be reserved for first holy communicants and their families. Please pray for our young parishioners preparing for the Sacraments.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend **14th/15th June** there will be a second collection at all Masses for **Day for Life**. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. The theme is Hope does not Disappoint: Finding meaning in Suffering. It is inspired by Romans 5:5-6. St Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and even see beyond it. Suffering touches every person at some point in their lives. It is often associated with illness, grief, and loss. It is not only caused by physical pain but includes emotional suffering as well as 'soul pain', such as depression and despair. Christians are not immune to this mystery and we often struggle to know how best to respond to it, and where we can find hope.

BETHANY MASS: The next Bethany Mass will take place at Sacred heart on Sunday 15th June at 3.00pm. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards. New families welcome.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Peter Mendy, Lisa Ashiru, Joan Byrne. Please keep Peter, Lisa, Joan; their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Lisa Ashiru RIP, Funeral Service 11.00am, Thursday 12th June at Sacred Heart.
Peter Mendy RIP, Requiem 12 Noon Tuesday 24th June at Sacred Heart.
Joan Byrne RIP, Requiem 11.00am Monday 30th June 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.**

MICHAEL CONSIDINE RIP: Please remember Michael RIP in your prayers and keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they gather this weekend to lovingly honour Michael on his first anniversary.

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

NOAH: Please note there will be no NOAH Blue Bins to accept donations at Sacred Heart during the months of June or July. Please do not leave any donations in the Foyer.

LUTON PASTORAL AREA: ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2026; SIGN UP SUNDAYS: Catholic Schools may ask for your priest to sign a form stating that you are a practising Catholic family. If you need this for any Catholic school within Luton or elsewhere in the diocese you must collect a SIGN UP CARD. Cards available in the Foyer. On given Sundays in the coming months your priest will sign this card if you are present at Mass with the child[ren] involved. **The responsibility for this lies with parents/guardians/carers alone.** Please pick up a Sign Up Card in the Foyer. **Families must be registered on CASPAR.**

PENTECOST PRAISE- CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LUTON: Sunday 8th June, 7.00pm at Luton Christian Fellowship, 101 Castle Street LU1 3AL. Join us for a powerful night of worship, unity, and the presence of God as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!
Visit **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtpnlzSp-1s&feature=youtu.be**

JESUS OUR HOPE: As part of the 2025 Jubilee Year celebrations, you are warmly invited to an evening of celebration, inspiration, and hope. The 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 to cater, we kindly ask that you register in advance.
Event Date: Monday, 9th June – 7:00–9:00pm in Aylesbury
More information and registration details can be found at: **https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/**

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 14th June. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at the Basilica in the Catholic Shrine at midday followed by lunch and at 3pm pilgrims process from the Shrine, on the holy mile to the Abbey Grounds for the final service. Parish groups are encouraged to bring parish banners with them for the procession. All are welcome.

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: On the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart Church will be hosting the annual Deanery Corpus Christi procession, **Sunday 22nd June at 3.00 pm**. Please make a note in your diary of this event, it would be lovely to have good representation of our parish. After the service there will be refreshments in the hall, so please if you can help contact Wesley and Judy. First Communion Children will be very welcome to wear their special outfits, and altar servers to serve.

HELP REQUIRED – DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the service. If you can help to serve teas/coffees in the Hall then please add your name to the list in the Foyer. Donations of biscuits and also cakes, shop bought or baked would be most appreciated.

CENTENARY OF THE PONTEVEDRA APPARITION: Saturday 21st June, 10.50am-8.00pm - Visitation of the Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the relics of Saints Jacinto and Francisco. Drinks available, bring a packed lunch. Northampton Cathedral, Cathedral House, Primrose Hill, Northampton, NN2 6AG

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO NEXT? Called & Equipped is a one year programme, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation. For anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry
Starts with a residential foundations weekend 3rd-5th October 2025, and will have 24 weekly group sessions over the following year.
All materials are online, and small groups usually meet over zoom with one in-person event each term. Choice of small groups for participants running in different parts of the diocese, and on different days of the week. The cost of the course, £480 including the residential weekend, will be split three ways: £160 from the diocesan Together in Faith Fund, £160 from the parish, and £160 from the individual. There will be bursary places available for those unable to meet the individual payment.
Two introductory webinars for those interested to find out more about the course: Monday 23rd June and Thursday 10th July at 7.30pm visit https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/ or email Alexandra Shelton-Bourke for any inquiries Alexandra.shelton-bourke@northamptondiocese.org

ALTAR SERVERS MASS: Unfortunately, the Mass for altar servers planned for 28th June has been cancelled due to a lack of numbers confirming attendance. Deacon Peter Griffin hopes to arrange a date later in the year.

SILVER JUBILEE: Sunday 29th June 2025, 12.30pm. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Fr Ugo's Ordination followed by refreshments All welcome. St Margaret of Scotland Church, 22a Bolingbroke Road, Luton, LU1 5JD

ANNUAL HOLY HOUR 2025: The annual Holy Hour to celebrate Eucharistic Ministry will be live-streamed from Northampton Cathedral at 3:00pm on Sunday, 29th June, the Sunday following Corpus Christi. All ministers of the Eucharist are invited to attend in person or join via livestream, and to renew their commitment as lay ministers. Order of Service on the diocesan website: www.northamptondiocese.org

BECKET FESTIVAL AT NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL: Celebrating Saint Thomas Becket, patron of our diocese, and marking 175 years of the Diocese of Northampton.
175th Anniversary Mass: Saturday, 5th July at 12:00 noon. If you wish to attend, please confirm to the Parish Office as places are limited. You are welcome to bring a Parish banner or flag for the procession.
The Becket Lecture: 3:00pm, Fr Andrew Coy, secretary to the Apostolic Nuncio, will deliver the Becket Lecture on the theme "Becket: A Saint for Europe", followed by Vespers at 4:15pm.
Come and join this joyful diocesan celebration of faith, history, and community.

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/**

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**

50TH ANNIVERSARY CLOSURE OF NOTRE DAME CONVENT SCHOOL: A Mass in recognition of the Sisters historic role in providing a Catholic education to Northampton school girls and the closure of the Convent School, is being held in Northampton Roman Catholic Cathedral on The Barrack Road NN2 6AG on Saturday July 19th at Noon. This will be followed by a reception in The St Thomas Centre in the Cathedral grounds, allowing former pupils to meet up and reminisce. If you were a Notre Dame pupil or know someone who was, please come or let them know about the Mass. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday 2nd August 2025. Led by Bishop John Keenan. Coaches leave St Mary's Dunstable at 7.20am, St Joseph's Luton at 7.40am (No parking – Vigil Mass that evening), Our Lady's Luton at 8.00am. Adults £26.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. **Seats reserved only with payment**. Bring a packed lunch and drinks. For more information go to **www.prolifepilgrimage.org** and to book **kevin.drew@btinternet.com** or 07802 525581.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 1st June 2025 Envelopes £680.20; Loose cash £346.80; Total: £1027.00 Thank you. As many already do, you can Gift Aid your donation, enabling us to claim from the government an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you. You can also donate by card via the DONA Machine located in the church.

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:
Rosemary McKenna 2024; Lojas Horvath 1964; Kevin Higgs 1985; Magda Maar 1988;
Yvonne Andre 2006; Feliciano Rodriguez 1967; Mabel O'Dell 2003; Dennis Pollard 2019;
Edward Lane 1977; Patrick McLoughlin 1999; Maximiano Alexander Mascarenhas 2022;
Edward (Eddie) Gallagher 2021; Elizabeth Dolan 1984; Marie Macpherson 1996;
Sean Matthew Mark Galvin 2014; Margaret Bolton 1978; Charles Reynolds 1998; John Lynch 2003;
Annette Wall 2010; Andrew McDonagh 2014; Steven Hart 1999; Maruin Bullen 2004;
John Reynolds 1991; Isadora Suarez-Vega 1997; Inacinho Fernandes 2012 ✠ **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.