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 2nd February 2025
Presentation of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!**

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Saturday 1st February	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Jean Comerford RIP	**St Brigid of Kildare, Abbess**
Sunday 2nd February	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of our Parish Frank Costello RIP	**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Candlemas World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**
Monday 3rd February	9.30am	Thomas 'Tom' Brady RIP	
Tuesday 4th February	9.30am	Helen Newman (Healing)	**St Gilbert of Sempringham**
Wednesday 5th February	9.30am	John Halloran RIP	**St Agatha Virgin and Martyr**
Thursday 6th February	9.30am **7.00pm**	Holy Souls **Baptism Preparation Class**	**St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan**
Friday 7th February	9.30am KS2 attending	Holy Souls	
Saturday 8th February	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Lisa Doran RIP	**Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking**
Sunday 9th February	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Jack & Hetty Hargrave RIP People Of Our Parish	**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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 Margarette Spring and Geraldine Bonner. Please keep Margarette and Geraldine and their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

NOTICE OF FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS - CATHERINE MARTIN RIP: Catherine Martin's remains will be received into The Holy Ghost Church, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton on Thursday **6th February** at 10.00am.

FUNERAL DETAILS: Geraldine Bonner RIP, Friday 14th February, Funeral Service 11.00am at The Vale.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: To request the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact Fr Allan or the Parish Office. Extraordinary Ministers taking Communion to the sick speak to Deacon Jim before or after Mass please.

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

READERS' ROTA: Copies of the new Readers' Rota commencing 1st February are available in the Foyer. If anyone is interested in reading at Mass, please speak to Deacon Jim after any Mass, or email the Parish.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you wish to have your child baptised at Sacred Heart Church a Baptism Preparation Class **must be undertaken** before Baptism can go ahead. The dates for the Baptism Preparation Classes for 2025 are as follows: Thursday **6th February**, 7.00pm; Thursday **3rd July**, 7.00pm; Thursday **4th September**, 7.00pm; Thursday **6th November**, 7.00pm. Please speak to Deacon Jim or contact the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS CRIB: The crib collection (final weekend **1st/2nd February**) will go to 'Embrace', tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. For more information go to **https://embraceme.org/**

NOAH BINS: There will be a NOAH Bin donation weekend next weekend **8th/9th February.** Donations of good quality, clean pre-loved clothes, bric-a-brac, books and small items of furniture will be gratefully accepted.

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

VOLUNTEER CHURCH CLEANERS: Volunteers are needed to join our rota on Wednesday mornings after the 9.30am Mass to help clean the Church. If you can spare an hour please, speak to Fr Allan or email the Parish Office. Thank you to those who already volunteer, your help and time given is greatly appreciated.

A JOURNEY OF HOPE: For the Jubilee Year this Lent, there is a retreat in daily life, on Mondays 7.30pm - 8.30pm Starting on **3rd March**. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you – Introductory Webinar Monday **3rd February, 7.30pm**. For more information and to sign up please go to **https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1506153**

ONLINE WORKSHOPS: Join two online workshops on Thursday **20th February** and **27th February 2025** from 7:30pm - 9.00pm that are seeking to enable us to become better listening communities. One of the outcomes of our Diocesan Assembly was the importance of listening deeply to one another and the Holy Spirit. To register, please visit: **https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1460062**

EXPLORING SAFEGUARDING: You are invited to a safeguarding event at Holy Ghost, Luton on Saturday 8th March from 10.00am – 1.00pm provided by the Diocesan safeguarding team. To sign up please go to **https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1544289**

WORD ON FIRE UK BIBLE CONFERENCE: Join Bishop Robert Barron from Friday **21st February** - Saturday **22nd February 2025** at the Excel Centre, East London for a conference entitled 'Evangelisation and Culture: The Bible' to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. For more information and to register, please visit: **https://wordonfire.org/the-bible-event**

THE LENT ENCOUNTER 2025: This Lent we're taking the book of Exodus as our guide on a journey through the Red Sea and into the wilderness. Sign up to join The Lent Encounter**, https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-lent-encounter?source_code=NEW25013&utm** Your free daily devotionals delivered to your inbox will help you to read your Bible every day and make space for Jesus to shape your heart and life this Lent.

CARITAS ONLINE COURSE - CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING INTRODUCTION: Five one-hour Zoom sessions on Tuesdays from 12noon - 1.00pm on **4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March** and **1st April** grounded in the reality of CSAN members and their work on the front line of poverty and exclusion, with inputs from member organisations. The course fee is £95, which includes a copy of Raymond Friel's book, Catholic Social Teaching: an introduction for schools, parishes and charities. Please let us have a postal address to send the book to before the course starts. To ensure you receive the book before the course starts, please register by 12 noon on Friday **14th February**: **https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catholic-social-teaching-an-introduction-tickets-1106401369279**

PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL: Saturday **17th May -** Holy Mass with Bishop David. 175th Anniversary of our Diocese. See poster on the noticeboard.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Week ending **26th January 2025** - Cash £395.84; Envelopes £548.00; Total £943.84. Thank you. If you Gift Aid donations, we can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Harley 1960; Mary Garvey 1979; Anne Cashin 1991; John Yarker 1999; Thomas (Tom) Brady 2019; Alice Nolan 1978; Thomas Caulfield 1979; Dawn King 2002; Kathleen McCarthy 2005; Olga Yake 2011; Sean Kelly 2005; Siobhan Stansfield 2019; Patrick Carrigan 1994; Maureen McCarthy 2010; Margaret Lally 2024; Sheila Barber 2023; William Joyclin1957; Theresa McStravick 1960; Catherine Duffy 1974; John Ryan 1979; Kathleen Hosey 1993; Bridget Barber 1998; John McAuliffe 1999; David Walker 1999; Dominic Rocha 2017
✠ **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.