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 29th June 2025
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**From all my terrors the Lord set me free.**

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Saturday 28th June	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Fitzmaurice Family RIP	**Immaculate Heart of Mary**
Sunday 29th June	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Mary Brigid & Patrick Joseph McGovern RIP	**ST PETER AND PAUL**
Monday 30th June	**NO MASS** **11.00am**	 **REQUIEM: JOAN BYRNE**	
Tuesday 1st July	9.30am	 Prayer Group	
Wednesday 2nd July	9.30am		
Thursday 3rd July	9.30am **The Vale11.00am** **10.00am-12 Noon** **7.00pm**	**FUNERAL SERVICE: MARY PATRICIA 'PAT' CATLIN** **THURSDAY CLUB** **Baptism Preparation Class**	**ST THOMAS**
Friday 4th July	**NO MASS** **12 Noon**	 **REQUIEM; FERNANDO ANTONIO LA-VITA**	
Saturday 5th July	**12 Noon** 5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	**Becket Festival Mass, Northampton Cathedral** Evening Prayer Confessions Simon Comerford RIP (60th Birthday)	**PATRONAGE OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**
Sunday 6th July	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Danny Bonner RIP	**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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: Morning Prayer: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8.50am, followed by Rosary – all welcome!

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: For formation in discernment.
Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note the Parish Office will be closed this week.

CONFIRMATIONS: We thank Bishop David for coming to confirm some of our young parishioners last week. Congratulations to all our Confirmandi. Congratulations also to Emanuela Damian who was received into the Catholic faith and received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI: Thank you to all who attended the Deanery Corpus Christi procession and service. It was lovely to see our recent first holy communicants again in their special outfits. Thank you to all who kindly donated biscuits and cakes and thanks also to those who served refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Albert Waite, Maureen Abram, Pat Catlin, Bridget Carey, Fernando Antonio La-Vita, Joan Byrne. Please keep Albert, Maureen, Pat, Bridget, Fernando, Joan, their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Joan Byrne RIP, Requiem 11.00am Monday 30th June at Sacred Heart.
Fernando Antonio La-Vita RIP, Requiem 12 Noon Friday 4th July at Sacred Heart.
Mary Patricia 'Pat' Catlin RIP, Funeral Service 11.00am Thursday 3rd July at the Vale.
Bridget 'Breda' Carey RIP, Requiem 11.00am Tuesday 8th July at Sacred Heart.
Alfred Waite RIP, Funeral Service 11.30am Wednesday 9th July at Sacred Heart.
Maureen Abram RIP, Funeral Service 1.00pm Wednesday 23rd July at the Vale.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend **28th/29th June** there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of **Peter's Pence**. Funds from this collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the most needy throughout the world. This can include those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression and natural disasters.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES: Thank you to all Sacred Heart parishioners who generously donated to the recent appeal made by Sr Ann, who spoke at all Masses last weekend, on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. The Daughters of Divine Love is an International Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They educate, care for, and add value to the lives of the less privileged in society. Their charity home in Nigeria and school for indigent children in Kenya provide care and education for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children/teenagers, and children with special needs/HIV. Their aim is always to serve the less privileged and the marginalized in society. In everything that they do, the love of Christ impels them to respond to the cry of the poor and the vulnerable with concrete actions.

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

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.
Join a free introductory webinar (via Zoom) on Thursday 10th July at 7.30pm to explore the course in more detail and ask any questions you may have.
Visit https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/ or email Alexandra Shelton-Bourke for any inquiries Alexandra.shelton-bourke@northamptondiocese.org

NOAH: Please note NOAH Blue Bins will not be available to accept donations at Sacred Heart during the month of July. Please do not leave any donations in the Foyer.

LUTON PASTORAL AREA: ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2026; SIGN UP SUNDAYS: This weekend 28th/29th June is a Sign Up Sunday. 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.**

JUBILEE CONCERT: Bach, Mozart, Handel, A Jubilee Concert by Soprano Michaela Agius and Organist Joe Leslie on Wednesday 9th July, 7.30pm at Holy Ghost Church, Luton LU4 8JD. Everyone Is Invited. This is a concert of popular Musical Classics. This event is free of charge but there will be an organised paper collection (£5 and above) to cover the expenses of the concert. For more Information call Mark 01582724940

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES: For all First Holy Communicants June 2025, Certificates will be available for collection from Judy in the Repository 5th/6th July after all Masses.

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**

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.

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 are as follows: 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.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025: Our newly appointed employee within St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust is new to the area and is looking to rent a studio apartment or one bedroom property. Ideal locations are Aylesbury, High Wycombe or outskirts of Luton. It's for a male non-smoker and he would prefer somewhere without pets.
If you know of something suitable, please contact Radek on r.madajczyk@yahoo.co.uk to discuss further.

LUTON CATHOLIC PASTORAL AREA BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:
Sunday 29th June – 3.00pm - Crawley Green Rd
Sunday 6th July – 3.00pm - Rothesay Rd
Sunday 13th July – 3.00pm - The Vale

NEW WINESKINS DISCERNMENT PROCESS: Bishop David has asked the Luton and Dunstable parishes to reflect on their future together – how we can be outward-looking and resilient communities for a rapidly changing world. We were to include our people, finances and property. This process began in March, and many people across the area took part in listening groups. On Thursday, the results of the listening were presented to Bishop David. Some of the priorities included supporting our families and young people, outreach to the social and spiritual needs of the local community, and standing proud and visible in the towns. Bishop David accepted the report "joyously and whole-heartedly" and encouraged parishes to work together much more and to think creatively about the future. In the next steps, a small group of local clergy and lay people will develop some scenarios for wider comment, before presenting the final plan to Bishop David in the autumn. Find out more about the process, and read the mid-way report here**: https://northamptondiocese.org/pd-luton/.**

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 15th June 2025 Envelopes £582.00; Loose cash £860.12; Total: £1442.12 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.

Figures for w/e 22nd June 2025 Envelopes £646.50; Loose cash £ 257.66; Total £ 904.16 Thank you.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Sarah Courtney 2020; Francis Bradley 1995; William Connaghton 2005; Jean Blake 2006; Francis Lynch 1969; Joseph Oates 1980; Maureen Muttock 2014; Geralando Salamone 2023; Daniel Bonner 2023; Kyle Brown 1988; Lazlo Joszef Demeter 2014; Sarah Gravatt1993; Mr Golding1993; John Monaghan 1999; Ellen (Nellie) Barber 2000; James McNulty 2004; Joseph Smith 2006; June Everitt 2003; Maria Mini 2012; Agnes Zacek 1987; Frances Andreasen 1989; Joseph Curtin 1992; Michael Doherty 2003; John O'Hara 2004; Olive Smith 2006 ✠ **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.