



HEART TO HEART

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Part of the Diocese of Northampton, Province of Westminster and Deanery of St Alban

Second Sunday After Christmas - Year B - 3rd January 2021

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Pastoral Area Website: lutonpastoralarea.org

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Re-employment Website: vitaeopus.co.uk

Sacred Heart Primary School: ☎ 730781

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PARISH OFFICE: The Parish office is closed with the Parish admin being managed remotely on a part time voluntary basis via the new email address parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org

MASSES: Our four weekly public Masses are Saturday (6.30pm), Sunday (9.00am and 11.00am) and Wednesday (9.30am). There are no private prayer sessions in the Church.

Covid rules apply to all Masses, including face covering (unless exempt), hand sanitising and social distancing. If the reduced capacity is reached, Stewards will not be able to let more attendees in.

For Mass intentions, please email parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org or place an envelope in the Presbytery letterbox with the name of the person and/or nature of the intention.

Saturday 2 nd	6.30pm	Master Isaac Michael Remouche - Thanksgiving	SS Basil the Great and Gregory Naizianzen
Sunday 3 rd	9.00am 11.00am	Victor Dias RIP John Comerford RIP	Second Sunday After Christmas
Monday 4 th	Private		
Tuesday 5 th	Private		
Wednesday 6 th	9.30am	Joan and Paddy Sweeney RIP	Epiphany of the Lord
Thursday 7 th	Private		St Raymond of Penyafort
Friday 8 th	Private 1.30pm	Funeral - Michael Gear RIP	
Saturday 9 th	6.30pm	Lillian Kightley RIP	

Entrance Antiphon	When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.
Psalm Response	The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

SACRAMENTS: Weddings with up to 6 attendees and funerals with up to 30 attendees are permitted, with Covid rules applying. Baptisms are by necessity only. Pastoral visits by telephone are available.

CONFIRMATION 2021: We will need more catechists to run the 2021 Confirmation programme. If you would like to become a volunteer catechist, or would like more information on this wonderful way of contributing to the Parish community, then please ring Bozena on 01582 708693.

STEWARDS AND CLEANERS: If you are under 70 years of age and not shielding and would also like to volunteer as a volunteer steward or a cleaner to enable Masses and funerals to continue to be possible, then please email parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: We will be taking down the Church Christmas decorations after the Wednesday 9.30am Mass on 13th January. Please help if you can, many hands make light work.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT: Free online job hunting and self employment information and coaching can be found at www.vitaeopus.co.uk. Please pass the web link on to anyone who might find it helpful.

CITIZENS ADVICE: Citizens Advice are offering free support for people needing to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme telephone 01582 544778, or email euadvice@lutoncab.org.uk

SCHOOL PLACES IN LUTON: School place applications must be made by 15th January 2021 for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017. For info: email admissions@luton.gov.uk, or call 01582 548016, or write to Admissions Team, Children, Families and Education Directorate, Luton Council, Town Hall, George Street, Luton, LU1 2BQ.

READ THE BIBLE ONLINE: Read the Bible in a Year starting on 1st January 2021 via daily 20 - 25 minute podcasts hosted by Fr Mike Schmitz, who will guide you through the Bible in 365 daily episodes. To register go to <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration> or Google Fr Mike Schmitz.

ST THOMAS CENTRE, NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL: The St Thomas Centre has now been completed and can be viewed via a virtual walkthrough tour at <https://northamptondiocese.org/centre/>

HELPING OTHERS: Please do what you safely can for elderly or vulnerable people in the community, especially those living alone. Pastoral care is available by contacting the Parish Office. Please print and safely pass on this newsletter to Parishioners who do not have online access.

PARISH GIVING: In addition to other options (see www.sacredheartluton.org) to make donations, you can call the Diocese each Tuesday between **10.00am** and **4.00pm**, a member of the Cathedral team will be available by phone on **01604 712065** for you to make a Parish donation.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: The Prayer Group continues to gather virtually and would be pleased to pray for any intentions emailed to them at parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org

MICHAEL GEAR RIP: The funeral for Michael Gear RIP will be at Sacred Heart Church at 1.30pm on Friday 8th January 2021, followed by burial at The Vale Cemetery at 2.45pm. Covid rules apply, including a maximum of 30 attendees.

RIP: Please remember Michael Gear RIP, Francis Mcalliney RIP and Kathleen O'Callaghan RIP and all other recently deceased Parishioners and also keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gwendoline Hood 1978; Stewart Canney 2002; Roy Hegarty 1961; Con Fallon 2011; James McLoughlin 1988; Ellen Hayes 1969; Maureen Nolan 1983; Ronald Harvey 1992; Vincent Thomas Caldwell 2014; Patrick Oliver Toman 2015; Patrick Flynn 1970; Edith Godfrey 1981; Rita Solomon 1991; Peter O'Donnell 1995; Peter Forde 2009; Patrick (Porick) Conlon 2018; Lillian Marshall 1991; Edward Ryan 1997; Theresa Wilkinson 2002; Con Hope 2007; Ernest Wood 1973; Alice Davies 1978; Stephen Kinnane 1979; Alessandro Jovene 1992; Josephine Baily 1993; Philomena Moroney 2001; Noreen Thompson 2002; Altovina Ruffett 2003; Kathleen McGuinness 2006. ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**