



HEART TO HEART

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A - Psalter Week 2 - 17th May 2020

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There are no Public Masses until further notice. The Church is closed to the Public. Please go to the Parish website for further information: <https://www.sacredheartluton.org/links-info/>.

The Parish website also contains lots of other useful information including live stream Mass details plus further helpful links and additional information.

Below are the listed intentions for the next week which will be celebrated privately by Fr Mirek, without a congregation.

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| Saturday 16th | | Martin Vizzard RIP (1 st Anniversary) | |
| Sunday 17th | | Conversion of Sinners | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER |
| Monday 18th | | Souls in Purgatory | St John I |
| Tuesday 19th | | | St Dunstan |
| Wednesday 20th | | Salvation of the Dying | St Bernadine of Siena |
| Thursday 21st | | Eileen Howell RIP | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD |
| Friday 22nd | | Ethel Stacey RIP | St Rita of Cascia |
| Saturday 23rd | | Josephine Votor RIP | |

MASS INTENTIONS: Those who have Mass intentions please be assured that Fr Mirek will still be celebrating Mass privately and offering those Masses already booked in. New Mass intentions can be requested by emailing the Parish office at sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers Ethel Stacey RIP who died recently. Please keep the family and loved ones of Ethel RIP in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

PRESENTATIONS & BAPTISMS: **deferred** until Public Health advice permits gathering safely.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: The celebration of Confirmation has been **POSTPONED** until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can resume public worship but please remember in your prayers this week all the Confirmation Candidates who were due to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday the feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

CONFIRMATION ZOOM MEETINGS: Deacon Jim and catechists would like to meet with the parents of the Confirmation Group via a **Zoom Meeting on Saturday 16th May**. This will be for 30 minutes. Due to the number of parents, there will be 2 group meetings arranged.

Group 1 - will meet at 4:00pm. **Group 2** - will meet at 4:45pm.

The meeting will be a chance to catch up with each other, for Deacon Jim to speak to Parents and also an opportunity to ask some questions. The session will end with a prayer.

ANointing OF THE SICK: No pastoral visits will be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends. However, phone support is available, please phone Fr Mirek on **01582 723099**.

CHURCH NEWSPAPERS AVAILABLE TO READ: Visit www.churchpaper.co.uk/

PRAYERS: On the website sacredheartluton.org you will find Prayers for during a time of 'flu and illness produced by the Liturgy Office, 2020 Catholic Bishops' Conference and details of many Masses and services throughout the UK that you can livestream. Daily Mass readings can be found on the website homepage by clicking on "UniversalisdailyMassreadings"

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: The Parish Prayer Group is continuing to pray in twos and threes on the phone and would be delighted to pray for any intentions. Please email your intentions to sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk

MARY'S MEALS: This is usually a time when Mary's Meals would be reaching out to churches to share their story with parishioners but, due to the coronavirus, that will not be possible. Until we can be together again the founder of Mary's Meals, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, has recorded a special message for parishioners. For more information please visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be

ONLINE MASSES AND SERVICES: Thursday is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord and during these difficult times, many thousands of people from across our diocese and beyond, are taking comfort in being together online.

Masses and Services at Northampton Cathedral: www.northamptondiocese.org/live

Visit sacredheartluton.org for a list of links to many Masses and Services.

PARISH GIVING: In addition to being able to use the 'Standing Order' and 'Online' routes to make a weekly donation (see <https://www.sacredheartluton.org/>), Northampton Cathedral has additionally set up a simple 'Giving Tuesday' process. Each Tuesday between **10.00am** and **4.00pm**, a member of the Cathedral team will be available by phone for you to donate to your parish community over the telephone. To donate simply call **01604 712065** with your debit or credit card details. **Thank you for your continued generosity in these difficult times.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *John Porr 1998, Kathleen Nairn 2013, Clare Caldbeck 2016, William Merrick 1983, Alice McNelis 1990, Joseph McKenna 1996, Frank Gallagher 2014, Nora O'Neill 1979, Hannah Coyle 1985, Brenda Carroll 2006, Patrick Cain 1986, Julia Myers 2006, John Reynolds 1988, Thomas Dalton 1991, Margaret Rose Halligan 2016, Sarah (Sally) Ayres 2010, Kevin Conry 1969, Dennis Buckingham 2004, Fernand Ollieuz 1965, Martha Stevens 1981* **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

PLEASE DO WHAT YOU SAFELY CAN TO HELP ANY ELDERLY OR VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY, YOU ARE AWARE OF, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIVING ALONE. KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEM, A PHONECALL, A LETTER OR A FRIENDLY NOTE CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE TO SOMEONE WHO MAY BE FEELING LONELY AT THIS TIME.

PLEASE PRINT A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT EMAIL SO THAT WE CAN KEEP IN TOUCH IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY ELDERLY OR VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO WOULD VALUE RECEIVING PASTORAL CARE BY TELEPHONE THEN ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, EMAIL THEIR CONTACT DETAILS TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR BISHOP DAVID, OUR PRIESTS, DEACONS, AND RELIGIOUS, AND THE ENTIRE DIOCESE DURING THESE DIFFICULT DAYS.