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 12th January 2025
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Bless the Lord, O my soul! My God, how great you are!**

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Saturday 11th January	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Helina Bartoszak RIP	
Sunday 12th January	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Michael McIntyre RIP	**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
Monday 13th January		**NO MASS**	
Tuesday 14th January	9.30am	Filippo Ferraro RIP (40th Anniversary)	
Wednesday 15th January	9.30am	Holy Souls	
Thursday 16th January	**6.30pm**	**Anna Demeter RIP Memorial Mass**	
Friday 17th January	9.30am	Holy Souls	**St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot**
Saturday 18th January	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Martin Loughnane (Intentions)	
Sunday 19th January	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer Geoffrey O'Brien RIP People of Our Parish **Bethany Group Mass**	**2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **Peace Sunday**

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. There will be no 9.30am Mass on Monday **13th January** and Thursday **16th January**.

FR DAVID BARRETT: We welcome Fr David Barrett this weekend, who will be presiding at all of our Masses.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently and keep them, their families and their friends in your prayers.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: To request the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact Fr Allan or the Parish Office.

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

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

MEMORIAL MASS FOR ANNA DEMETER RIP: All are welcome to a special memorial Mass for Anna Demeter, on Thursday **16th January** at 6.30 pm, there will be bring and share refreshments in the social centre afterwards.

TERESA HURLEY RIP: Teresa's daughter Ann Harrison, on behalf of Teresa's family, would like to thank parishioners for their prayers, kind messages, Mass cards and generous donations to charity in memory of Teresa. A Mass in thanksgiving to the parish will be offered on Saturday **25th January,** 6.30pm.

TALKING ELEPHANTS AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH 16th January: A coffee gathering for the bereaved at St Anne's Church, Crawley Green Road, 10.00am - 11.30am on the third Thursday of each month.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection next weekend **18th/19th January** is in aid of Pax Christi - Peace Sunday. Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Peace is 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'. The message speaks of how we must listen to the 'pleas of an endangered humanity', how the year of Jubilee inspires us to seek the liberating justice of God in our world and how by 'opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, we will restore God's justice on earth' and 'move forward to achieve the goal of peace'. For more info **https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/20241208-messaggio-58giornatamondiale-pace2025.pdf**

YOUNG CATHOLICS CURRY NIGHT: If you are 18 - 35, come along to the Indian Ocean on Sundon Park Road to get to know other young Catholics from across Luton. Friday **24th January** at 7.00pm. Email **parish.stjosephluton@northamptondiocese.org** to let us know you are coming.

A JOURNEY OF HOPE: For the Jubilee Year this Lent, there is an opportunity of a retreat in daily life, on Mondays from **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. You will receive weekly one-to-one support from an experienced prayer guide on zoom. To find out more, sign up to our introductory webinar on Monday **3rd February**, 7.30pm -8.30pm **https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1506153**

A YEAR OF HOPE: From 10.30am to Noon on Saturday **18th January** there will be an online introduction to the 2025 Jubilee Year organised by CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) with a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. To register go to **www.cafod.org.uk/jubilee**

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Retrouvaille, a Catholic ministry for marriages in difficulty, provides a programme to enable couples to restore trust in their marriage. In a recent survey, 75% of couples who experienced the Retrouvaille programme were still together five years later. To register for the next programme via Zoom from **27th February** to **2nd March** call or text 07887 296983, or email **info@retrouvaille.org.uk** or go to **www.retrouvaille.org.uk**

CAFOD JUBILEE ONLINE SESSION 18th JANUARY 2025: All are welcome to join an introductory session from 10.30am to Noon at **https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/jubilee-reflection-guide**

NOAH BINS: There will be a NOAH Bin donation weekend next weekend **18th/19th January**. Donations of good quality, clean pre-loved clothes, bric-a-brac, books and small items of furniture will be gratefully accepted.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Rev. Dr Sr Gemma Simmonds will lead the annual town wide event for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Holy Ghost, Westbourne Road from 10.00am - 12.30pm on **18th January**.

BETHANY GROUP MASS: Sunday **19th January** at Sacred Heart at 3.00pm with refreshments provided afterwards in the Parish Hall. New families are welcome.

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

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Week ending **11th January 2025** - Cash £296.86; Envelopes £509.00; Total £815.86. Thank you. If you Gift Aid donations, we can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: From **18th to 25th January** as we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea and the Nicene Creed. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus. For more information go to **https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025/**

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
James McLoughlin 1988; Ellen Hayes 1969; Maureen Nolan 1983; Ronald Harvey 1992; Rita Solomon 1991; Vincent Thomas Caldwell 2014; Patrick Oliver Toman 2015; Patrick Flynn 1970; Edith Godfrey 1981; Peter O'Donnell 1995; Peter Forde 2009; Patrick (Porick) Conlon 2018; Lillian Marshall 1991; John Harley 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; Giuseppe Cacioppo 2021; James Owens 1962; Francis McLaughlin 2012; Bmaguirny Gabriella Tammaro 1995; Rita Funtek 2008.
✠ **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.