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 14th September 2025
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Psalter Week 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Never forget the deeds of the Lord.**

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Saturday 13th September	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions McNabola & English family members RIP	**St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Sunday 14th September **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Bernie Sherry RIP (1st Anniversary)	**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
Monday 15th September	**1.30pm**	**REQUIEM: BRIDGET KELLY RIP**	**Our Lady of Sorrows**
Tuesday 16th September	9.30am	Mary Philpott Intentions PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	**SS Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**
Wednesday 17th September	9.30am	Edith McNaughtan RIP	
Thursday 18th September	**NO MASS**		
Friday 19th September	**NO MASS**		
Saturday 20th September	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Nancy & PJ Tinch RIP	**St Andrew Kim Tae-gon and the martyrs of Korea**
Sunday 21st September	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer Rupert, Gertrude & Roger Lucas RIP People of Our Parish **Bethany Mass**	**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **1st Weekend Annual Parish Mass Count**

PARISH HALL: The Parish Hall is open after the Sunday 11.00am Mass for teas and coffees. All welcome! More volunteers are needed. If you can help in serving teas or coffees then please speak to Judy or Wes. Thank you.

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

MORNING PRAYER: Please note Morning Prayer this week Tuesday and Wednesday 8.50am followed by Rosary – All welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: For our relationship with all of creation.
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

READERS ROTA: The Readers Rota for the period 7th September to 23rd November is displayed on the Noticeboard and copies are available in the Foyer for all Readers to collect.

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 Bridget Kelly. Please keep Bridget, her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS: Bridget Kelly RIP, **Monday 15th September**, Requiem **1.30pm** at Sacred Heart.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or to ask for a relative/friend then please contact Fr Allan or telephone/email the Parish Office.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: BERNIE SHERRY RIP: Please remember Bernie Sherry RIP in your prayers and keep Bernie's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they lovingly honour Bernie's first anniversary.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY: CAROLINE RODGERS RIP: Please remember Caroline Rodgers RIP in your prayers and keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they gather to lovingly honour Caroline on her tenth anniversary.

THURSDAY CLUB: Please note there will be no Thursday Club on Thursday 18th September.

LUTON AND DUNSTABLE PARISHES - REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS 2025/26: The Pastoral Area has agreed that online registration for First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion (Year 3 and above in September) and for Confirmation (Year 8 and above in September) **open ONLINE now and will CLOSE ON 28th SEPTEMBER 2025**. The link to the online sacramental registration forms is **https://lutonpastoralarea.org/registration/** **Registration for the Sacraments is through the pastoral link only.**

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. Please contact the Parish Office to discuss further and to book your place. The next Baptism Preparation Class will take place on **Thursday 6th November**. Please make sure you have registered as a parishioner with the Parish through the CASPAR link.

PARISHIONERS: There are many parishioners who are unwell at the moment, both at home and in hospital. The Church is not always notified. Please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of a parishioner who is unwell (name/address/telephone number or family contact details).

BOOKING OF SACRED HEART HALL: If you wish to book the Parish Hall for a function, please email: **hallbookings.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org** (Note this is a new email address.)
An acknowledgement email will be sent and then a discussion regarding availability and fees can commence with Wesley Weekes, Hall Manager.

NOAH BLUE BINS: Please note NOAH Blue Bins will be available to accept donations at Sacred Heart this weekend **13th/14th September**. Please donate your good quality, preloved items to help others in need.

LEGION OF MARY RECRUITMENT DRIVE: This weekend 13th/14th September there will be a recruitment drive on behalf of The Legion of Mary. New members welcome – if interested please speak to Judy Weekes.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues?
Next programme starts 17th October **www.retrouvaille.org.uk** **Tel: +44 7887 296 983**

BETHANY GROUP MASS: The next Bethany Group Mass will take place at Sacred Heart at 3.00pm on Sunday 21st September. All welcome. Refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES: Children who celebrated First Holy Communion in June 2025, certificates are available for collection after Mass from the Repository this weekend **13th/14th September and next weekend 20th/21st September**. This will be the final chance to collect your child's certificate as certificates have been available, as announced and published in the Newsletter, for collection since July. Please also collect I BELONG Books in the Foyer.

CSSA THEMATIC INSPECTION: SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has launched a public survey as part of its thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. Victims and survivors of abuse—whether recent or historic—are invited to share their experiences of contact with dioceses and Religious Life Groups.
In Northampton, we continue to walk alongside survivors through initiatives such as the Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral and Bishop David's A Time to Listen. Survivors are encouraged to participate in the survey, helping shape a safer Church for all. Visit:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tlVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzlLTEdTWkUySjhaTlU0QURaOU05SC4u

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES: For those young adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart on 24th June 2025 and who would like to receive a certificate, parents please email the Parish Office stating the full name you wish to appear on the Certificate. Certificates will be available to collect after any weekend Mass on **28th/29th September from the Repository**.

MARY'S MEALS - FOREIGN CURRENCY COLLECTION: Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. After the summer break especially if some of you have travelled abroad, Mary's Meals would like you to put your spare foreign coins/notes aside and place in the envelopes provided in the Foyer. Currently the charity feeds over 2.6 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign currency you can help feed the next hungry child. *Mary's Meals will also take UK coins/notes that are no longer legal tender. **Mary's Meals envelopes are available in the Foyer.** Final date to return envelopes to Sacred Heart Church is **Sunday 14th September**. Thank you.

SAINT PAUL'S MISSALS: Please give your name to Judy in the Repository if you wish to order a Missal for 2026.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD: The Parish has many valued Extraordinary Ministers and Ministers of the Word but more are needed. If you would like to be considered to serve as an extraordinary minister or as a reader at any weekday or Sunday Mass then please speak to Fr Allan or email the Parish Office to discuss further.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT: Next weekend begins the first week of four Annual Parish Mass Counts. Can Counters please pick up a Count Sheet from the Foyer and record numbers accordingly for each Mass. Once completed and signed by each Counter, the sheets should be posted through the Parish Office letterbox. Thank you.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 7th September 2025 Loose cash £305.21; Envelopes £703.21; Total: £1008.42 Thank you. 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.

THIS WEEKEND 13th/14th SEPTEMBER IS THE FINAL SIGN UP SUNDAY WEEKEND - ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS for 2026: Catholic Schools may ask for your priest to sign a form stating that you are a practising Catholic family. 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.
Fr Allan will be available to sign a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** in the Parish Office (three time slots) on **30th September: 10am-10.30am, 3.45pm-4.15pm and 7.00pm-8.00pm.**
If this date is not convenient, please email the Parish Office as soon as possible to arrange an appointment with Fr Allan.
All parents and children **MUST** be registered on CASPAR. Please do not ask Fr Allan to sign the Sign Up Card if you do not have **6 or more signed entries.**

MISSIO - RED BOXES: If any parishioner has a red box that requires emptying, please bring it to the church in the near future. Please ensure your name is on the box so that it can be returned to you. Missio or the "Red Box" is the Catholic Churches official charity for overseas mission. It plays a vital role in combating injustice, disease and poverty. It exists because of the generosity of Catholics.

29TH ANNUAL PEACE WALK: Saturday 27th September: A public demonstration of community solidarity to build a stronger Luton by fostering better understanding and fellowship. (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)
1.30pm Meet at the Peace Garden Chaul End Park LU4 8EZ behind Downside Primary. If it rains, meet directly at the Chaul End Community Centre
1.45pm The Baha'I Community (Chaul End Community Centre, LU4 8QN)
2.45pm Luton Synagogue 656 Dunstable Road, LU4 8SE
4.00pm Al Hira Mosque 1-7 Beechwood Road, LU4 8RR
4.30pm Masjid-E-Ali, 2-32 Beechwood Road, LU4 8RP
5.30pm Ends. Please dress modestly and bring your own headscarf if possible. For more information contact **info@lutonfaiths.org** Parking available at Masjid-E-Ali and Chaul End Centre
STCAT CATHOLIC LIFE NEWSLETTER 2024-2025: Newsletter celebrating the Catholic Life of the 17 schools in our Saint Thomas Catholic Academies Trust over the last academic year, copies available in the Foyer.

RADIO MARIA – YOUTH COMPETITIONS: Radio Maria is launching two exciting competitions for young people:

1. **Young Presenter Competition** – schools and students can apply to host a monthly show on Radio Maria England.
2. **Poetry / Song / Spoken Word Competition** – theme: "*A Prayer for Christian Unity*" (John 17:1–26). Winners will perform at a live showcase and receive the *Young Herald's Trophy*.

Deadline: 30th September (Feast of St Jerome). Entry is free.
More information: **https://radiomariaengland.uk/competitions-for-young-people/**

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Charles Riley 1964; Josef Zacek 1986; Tony Conway 2007; Vivian Pinney 2007; Owen Byrne 1991; Baby Shona Cooke 1995; Camille Francois Brown 2012; John Marrion 1961; Reginald Watson 1974; Christina Connell 1989; Nino Russo 1992; Matthew O'Loughlin 1992; Michael McGuirk 1966; Paul Duobridge 1972; Jeremiah Coffey 1996; Elizabeth Wiltshire 2004; Alice McMichael 2005; Michael Marshall 2006; Francis Anthony Rogan; Mary Millar 2018; Jessie Roy 1969; Janet Hughes 1996; Nora Ann Sullivan 2017; Josephine (Josie) Flatley 2019 ✠ **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.