



## 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

### The Holy Family - Year B - 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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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](mailto: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. There will be a public Mass on New Year's Day (which falls on a Friday this year) at 9.30am.

Covid rules apply to all Masses, including hand sanitising, social distancing and a face covering, unless exempt. If we reach the reduced capacity limit, the Stewards will not be able to let more attendees in.

For Mass intentions, please email [parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org](mailto: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 16 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		St Stephen
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Kathleen O'Kane - Intentions Joe and Jean Whelan RIP	The Holy Family
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Private	People of the Parish	The Holy Innocents
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Private		St Thomas Becket
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.30am</b>	Jack and Hetty Hargrave RIP	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Private	Carlo Petroni RIP	St Sylvester I
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>9.30am</b>	Peter Blessing RIP and Hugh Byrne RIP	Mary, Mother of God
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Master Isaac Michael Remouche - Thanksgiving	SS Basil the Great and Gregory Naizianzen

Entrance Antiphon	<b>The shepherd went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.</b>
Psalm Response	<b>He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.</b>
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!</b>
Communion Antiphon	<b>Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.</b>

**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.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS:** 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](mailto:parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org)

**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.

**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](mailto:euadvice@lutoncab.org.uk)

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

**SCHOOL PLACES IN LUTON:** School place applications must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. For info: email [admissions@luton.gov.uk](mailto: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.

**SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICIES:** St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust has updated the Admission Policies (for September 2022 admissions) for Cardinal Newman Catholic School, St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary School and St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School. The consultation period ends on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Go to [www.stcat.co.uk/trust-governance/consultation-documents](http://www.stcat.co.uk/trust-governance/consultation-documents) to view the policies. For hard copy or to make comments, contact Maxine Gilmartin at [consultation@stcat.co.uk](mailto:consultation@stcat.co.uk), or by post at St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, c/o St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School, Pastures Way, Luton, LU4 0PF.

**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 a copy of this newsletter to Parishioners who do not have online access.

**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/>

**PARISH GIVING:** In addition to other options (see [www.sacredheartluton.org](http://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. Please email your intentions to [parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org)

**MICHAEL GEAR RIP:** The funeral for Michael Gear RIP will be at Sacred Heart Church at 1.30pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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, also keeping their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Olive Smith 1966; Thomas Aitken 1972; Mary Heyhoe 1999; Guiseppe Abella 2003; Margaret Theresa Gallagher 2016; Thomas Foster 1956; John Murtagh 1976; Geoffrey Bowdidge 1982; Jerzy Swietochowski 1999; David Kenny 2004; Elizabeth Mary Judge 2012; Frederick McNamara 1968; Joan Egan 1973; Isabella Shepherd 1974; Norah Dempsey 2010; Isabella Tait 1973; Francis Hughes 1993; Ann Broderick 1998; Richard Dooley 2004; Jane Conlen 1993; Stephen Burke 1998; Patricia Ann Guigno 2014; Michael Brennan 1966; Gwendoline McShee 1975; Baby Rose Anguo 2005; Margaret Walker 1956; William Murphy 1979; Steve Domjan 2006. ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**