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 29th December 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

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Parish Deacon: Rev James Bannan
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Saturday 28th December	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Holy Souls **Mass followed by refreshments in the Parish Social Centre**	**THE HOLY INNOCENTS,**
Sunday 29th December	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Tess Hurley RIP People of Our Parish	**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (readings Year C)**
Monday 30th December		**No Mass**	
Tuesday 31st December		**No Mass**	
Wednesday 1st January	10.00am		**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**
Thursday 2nd January	**Noon**	**REQUIEM MASS: Jean Ann Comerford**	**SS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH**
Friday 3rd January	9.30am	Margaret Foody (Intentions)	
Saturday 4th January	5.45pm 6.00pm - 6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Victor Manley RIP	
Sunday 5th January	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish John (Sean) McKeon	**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

FORTHCOMING FUNERAL DETAILS:
Jean Ann Comerford, Requiem Mass - Noon Thursday **2nd January 2025** - Sacred Heart Church.

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 weekly newsletter. There will be no 9.30am Mass on Monday **30th December**, Tuesday **31st December** or Thursday **2nd January**.

THANK YOU: Fr Allan would like to thank all those who kindly sent him Christmas cards, and gave him Christmas gifts.

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 email 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**

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SUNDAY: Thank you to everyone that participated in the Christmas Jumper competition last Sunday.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: On behalf of the parish, we would like to thank all of the parishioners who have helped and supported the parish during the year in so many different ways.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION W/E 22nd DECEMBER 2024: Cash £452.70; Envelopes £630.75; Total £1,083.40. Thank you. If you Gift Aid donations, we can claim and extra 25% at no extra cost to you.

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

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL: Mass at 7.30pm and a meeting at 8.00pm on Tuesday **7th January 2025** at Holy Ghost Parish Centre LU4 8JD to discuss our Pastoral Area Jubilee Pilgrimage to Northampton Cathedral on Saturday **17th May 2025** to celebrate Mass with Bishop David. All suggestions and ideas you would like to share at the meeting would be most welcome.

CHRISTMAS CRIB: The Christmas crib collection this year will go to 'Embrace', a Christian development charity tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. For more information go to Embrace's website **https://embraceme.org/** The crib will be up until **2nd February 2025**.

LUX 2025: LUX is an annual residential weekend for young people aged 11yrs - 18yrs **5th - 7th February** at Sion Catholic Community, Brentwood, see **https://nymo.org/lux-hope-2025/**. There is a maximum capacity of 60, so make sure you book early by contacting **NYMO.admin@northamtondiocese.com**.

YOUTHSCAPE JOB VACANCIES: For information and to apply for either role below, please contact Gemma Milligan, Head of Luton Youth Work **gemma.milligan@youthscape.co.uk**
Closing date for applications is Noon Monday **6th January 2025**. See poster for more information.
Compass project sessional worker - supporting the Compass project for Year 9 children.
Football project sessional worker - supporting a Football project for Year 7-8 children.

COLUMBANS LAUNCH 2025 SCHOOLS COMPETITION - JUBILEE: PILGRIMS OF HOPE: The competition welcomes both written and image entries until **7th February 2025**, winners being announced on **10th March 2025**. Cash prizes - first prize £300 - competition open to 13 - 18 year-old students. More information is available at **https://www.columbancompetition.com**

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

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Isabel Hill 1963; Stanley McCaulsky 2004; Gertrude Rance 1970; Elizabeth Savage 1976;
Ellen Earley 1995; Dennis Kenny 2002; Mary Fennelly 2007; Richard Coady 2019;
Frederick Woods 1982; Dorothy O'Neill 2006; Marie Fox 2013; Baby Hannah Swendell 1980;
Dominic Gallagher 1972; Mary Gallagher 1995; Theresa Adams 2010; James (Jim) McGeoghan 2013;
Kevin Patrick Oates 2013; Mary Watson 1989; Edward (Ned) Myers 2013; Olive Smith 1966;
Michael Anthony Cawley 2014;Thomas Aitken 1972; Mary Heyhoe 1999; Guiseppe Abella 2003;
John Murtagh 1976; Margaret Theresa Gallagher 2016; Thomas Foster 1956; David Kenny 2004;
Geoffrey Bowdidge 1982; Jerzy Swietochowski 1999; Elizabeth Mary Judge 2012.
✠ **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.