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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year A - Psalter Week 3 - 14th June 2020

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Church reopening: There continue to be no public Masses or collective Church gatherings, however, with the recent changes in Government pandemic rules, our Parish Council will be meeting remotely via Zoom on Thursday (18th June) to discuss how and when we may be able to open the Church in the coming weeks for specific periods of time (e.g. 2 hour time slots) to enable Parishioners to come into the Church for private prayer and reflection.

A considerable amount of work and supplies will be needed to enable us to open our Church in ways that ensure we comply with the recent Government and Diocesan announcements. The single most important aspect is that we will need to have a rota of volunteer stewards and cleaners to cover the periods of time when the church is open.

The main role of the stewards (working in pairs on a rota) will be to manage the safe entrance and exit of worshippers to the Church via a one-way system we will need to have.

The key role of the cleaners (working in teams on a rota) will be to be available before and after the open sessions to clean the Church areas that have been opened up.

If we do not have sufficient volunteers for these two roles then, unfortunately, the Church cannot be reopened.

Advice and guidance will be provided on what is needed to be done in relation to each role and the recommended PPE and other materials will be provided to complete the tasks. Depending on the number of volunteers we have and the opening hours agreed, the hope and expectation is that each volunteer might be needed for circa 2 hours every 2 or perhaps 3 weeks.

So we would like to invite any Parishioner who is under 70 years of age who is not shielding or living with somebody that is shielding and who does not have any medical conditions that render them vulnerable, to volunteer for these two roles by emailing your wish to volunteer and confirmation that we can contact you on the email address you have used, to the Parish office on sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk with the following information:

Name:
Tel No (preferably a mobile):
Steward volunteer: Y/N
Cleaner volunteer: Y/N
Available at weekends: Y/N
Available on week days: Y/N
Days of the week not available:

We need your volunteering responses by this coming Wednesday (17th June), so that the Parish Council Zoom meeting the following day can assess whether opening the Church is feasible and, if so, what days and times of the week would work.

Needless to say, it is truly wonderful news that we at last have the opportunity to reopen the Church and then work towards the day when we can, once again, celebrate Mass together, we just need to all work together to make it happen.

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.

Saturday 13 th		Geraldine Earley RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sunday 14 th		Those affected by Coronavirus	Corpus Christi
Monday 15 th		Arthur McNaughtan	
Tuesday 16th	FUNERAL 12 Noon	LIAM FLAHERTY RIP Luton Crematorium	St Richard of Chichester
Wednesday 17 th		Seamus Lee RIP	
Thursday 18 th		Deceased members of the Tansley family	
Friday 19 th		People of the Parish	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 20 th		Bernadette Horsted 60th Birthday	The Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, PRESENTATIONS & BAPTISMS:
Deferred until Public Health advice permits gathering safely.

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**.

RIP: Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently – Seamus Lee and Liam Flaherty. Please remember their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

Liam Flaherty RIP - Funeral 16th June at 12 Noon - Luton Crematorium

LUTON FOODBANK: A one-off 'drive in or walk by' opportunity to contribute whatever you can spare to the Luton Foodbank has been set up at Holy Ghost Parish Centre (LU4 8JD) on Saturday 20th June from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Please give what you can to this very worthy cause.

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

PRAYERS: On the website <https://www.sacredheartluton.org/links-info/> 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

The Act of Prayer and Witness 20th June: The Act of Prayer and Witness in support of life and against abortion on Saturday 20th June is **CANCELLED** due to coronavirus restrictions. We hope you will be able to pray for an hour at home for this intention and especially for all the current threats to the life of the unborn. The next Act of Witness will, subject to any pandemic restrictions, be on Saturday 5th September 2020.

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. Mary's Meals has recorded a new up to date message for parishioners at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek0x5FbAypk>

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.**

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE: Tuesday 23rd June 2020. Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. The Good Counsel Network - 020 7723 1740 www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Reynolds 1991; Isadora Suarez-Vega 1997; Inacinho Fernandes 2012; William O'Neil 1981; Ellen Smith 2006; Ann Marie Daly 2013; Gerald (Gerry) Conroy 2015; Larry Edward Balfe 2014; Bridget Hickmott 1966; Teresa Habershon 1981; Mary Smyth 1989; Margaret Canny 1994; Marie McGarry; 1997; Frederick Collard 1995; Dorothy Joan Tasker 1997; Matilda St Rose 2000; Gordon Stewart 2009; Mary Ellen Browne 2009; Paul Joseph Estevez 2017; Timothy Murray 1971; Patrick Newton 1973; Rlrnor Dawtrey 1998; Tony Quigley 2007; Justin Lobo 2007; Moira Hamill 2008; Louise Columba McGuire 2013; Baby Olivia Hope Broderick 2014; Roy Hart-Davies 1966; Bernard Hill 2006; Cleston Mascarenhas 2007; Agnes Diggin 2014; Bela Sianto 1981; James Lawler 1987; Loi Fat Chan 2003; Patrick Higgins 2004.

✕ **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 phone call, a letter or note, an email or text, can make all the difference to someone who may be feeling lonely at this time.

Please print and safely pass on a copy of this newsletter to Parishioners who do not have online access.

If you know of any elderly or vulnerable individuals in the community who would value receiving pastoral care by telephone then please encourage them to contact the Parish Office by email or phone or, with their permission, email their contact details to the Parish Office.

Please continue to pray for Bishop David, our priests, Deacons, Religious, the Parish and the entire Diocese during these difficult times.