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 15th June 2025
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth.**

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Saturday 14th June	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Eddie Gallagher RIP	
Sunday 15th June	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer Rosemary McKenna RIP (1st Anniversary) People of Our Parish **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS** **BETHANY MASS**	**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**
Monday 16th June	**NO MASS**		
Tuesday 17th June	**NO MASS**		
Wednesday 18th June	**NO MASS**		
Thursday 19th June	**NO MASS** **10.00am-12 Noon**	**THURSDAY CLUB**	**DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL**
Friday 20th June	**NO MASS**		**St Alban**
Saturday 21st June	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Daniel & Sadie O'Connell RIP **MISSION APPEAL**	**St Aloysius Gonzaga**
Sunday 22nd June	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer Maureen Clancy RIP People of Our Parish **MISSION APPEAL** **Deanery Corpus Christi Service**	**THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

PARISH HALL: Teas and coffees available after Sunday 11.00am Mass. All are welcome!

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

MORNING PRAYER: This week: No Morning Prayer.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: That the world might grow in compassion
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS JUNE 2025: Congratulations to all our young parishioners who recently received the Sacrament of the Eucharist during two dedicated 11.00am Masses – Sunday 8th June and Sunday 15th June.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note the Parish Office will be closed this week. **In an emergency, please contact Mgr Kevin McGinnell 01582 722127**

CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY: Fathers play a critical role in the lives of their children. They are called to be teachers (Prov 1:8; 22:6; Eph 6:4), providers (1 Tim 5:8) and living examples of God (2 Cor 3:2–3). It's a tall order from the greatest Father of them all. Happy Father's Day to all Fathers.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend 14th /15th June there will be a second collection at all Masses for Day for Life. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. The theme is Hope does not Disappoint: Finding meaning in Suffering. It is inspired by Romans 5:5-6. St Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and even see beyond it. Suffering touches every person at some point in their lives. It is often associated with illness, grief, and loss. It is not only caused by physical pain but includes emotional suffering as well as 'soul pain', such as depression and despair. Christians are not immune to this mystery and we often struggle to know how best to respond to it, and where we can find hope.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend **21st/22nd June there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of an appeal on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales.**
The Daughters of Divine Love is an International Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They educate, care for, and add value to the lives of the less privileged in society. Their charity home in Nigeria and school for indigent children in Kenya provide care and education for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children/teenagers, and children with special needs/HIV. Their aim is always to serve the less privileged and the marginalized in society. In everything that they do, the love of Christ impels them to respond to the cry of the poor and the vulnerable with concrete actions.

BETHANY MASS: Will take place at Sacred heart this Sunday 15th June at 3.00pm. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards. New families welcome.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Fernando Antonio La-Vita, Peter Mendy, Joan Byrne, Maura Divine (Sister of Sean McKiernan). Please keep Fernando, Peter, Joan, Maura; their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Peter Mendy RIP, Requiem 12 Noon Tuesday 24th June at Sacred Heart.
Joan Byrne RIP, Requiem 11.00am Monday 30th June at Sacred Heart.
Fernando Antonio La-Vita RIP, Requiem 12.00 Noon Friday 4th July at Sacred Heart.

ROSEMARY McKENNA RIP: Please remember Rosemary RIP in your prayers and keep her daughter Colletta (Ryan), Son-in-law Mick, daughters Ellie and Annalise and all the McKenna family members and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they lovingly honour Rosemary on her first anniversary.

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. **All Extraordinary Ministers taking Communion to the sick speak to Deacon Jim before or after Mass please.**

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

LUTON CATHOLIC PASTORAL AREA BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:
Sunday 29th June – 3.00pm - Crawley Green Rd
Sunday 6th July – 3.00pm - Rothesay Rd
Sunday 13th July – 3.00pm - The Vale

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. The dates for the Baptism Preparation Classes are as follows: Thursday 3rd July, 7.00pm; Thursday 4th September, 7.00pm; Thursday 6th November, 7.00pm. Please speak to Deacon Jim or contact the Parish Office.

LUTON PASTORAL AREA: ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2026; SIGN UP SUNDAYS: This weekend 14th/15th June is a Sign Up Sunday.
Catholic Schools may ask for your priest to sign a form stating that you are a practising Catholic family. If you need this for any Catholic school within Luton or elsewhere in the diocese you must collect a SIGN UP CARD. Cards available in the Foyer. On given Sundays in the coming months 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.** Please pick up a Sign Up Card in the Foyer. **Families must be registered on CASPAR.**

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: On the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart Church will be hosting the annual Deanery Corpus Christi procession, **Sunday 22nd June at 3.00 pm**. Please make a note in your diary of this event, it would be lovely to have good representation of our parish. First Communion Children will be very welcome to wear their special outfits, and altar servers to serve. After the service there will be refreshments in the hall, so please if you can help contact Wesley and Judy.

HELP REQUIRED – DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION & SERVICE: Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the service. If you can help to serve teas/coffees in the Hall then please add your name to the list in the Foyer. Donations of biscuits and also cakes, shop bought or baked would be most appreciated. Please hand biscuits and/or cakes in to the Parish Hall to Judy after the 11.00am Mass on the 22nd June.

CENTENARY OF THE PONTEVEDRA APPARITION: Saturday 21st June, 10.50am-8.00pm - Visitation of the Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the relics of Saints Jacinto and Francisco. Drinks available, bring a packed lunch. Northampton Cathedral, Cathedral House, Primrose Hill, Northampton, NN2 6AG

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO NEXT? Called & Equipped is a one year programme, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation. For anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry
Starts with a residential foundations weekend 3rd-5th October 2025, and will have 24 weekly group sessions over the following year.
All materials are online, and small groups usually meet over zoom with one in-person event each term. Choice of small groups for participants running in different parts of the diocese, and on different days of the week. The cost of the course, £480 including the residential weekend, will be split three ways: £160 from the diocesan Together in Faith Fund, £160 from the parish, and £160 from the individual. There will be bursary places available for those unable to meet the individual payment.
Two introductory webinars for those interested to find out more about the course: Monday 23rd June and Thursday 10th July at 7.30pm visit https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/ or email Alexandra Shelton-Bourke for any inquiries Alexandra.shelton-bourke@northamptondiocese.org

ALTAR SERVERS MASS: Unfortunately, the Mass for altar servers planned for 28th June has been cancelled due to a lack of numbers confirming attendance. Deacon Peter Griffin hopes to arrange a date later in the year.

SILVER JUBILEE: Sunday 29th June 2025, 12.30pm. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Fr Ugo's Ordination followed by refreshments All welcome. St Margaret of Scotland Church, 22a Bolingbroke Road, Luton, LU1 5JD

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 8th June 2025: Envelopes £703.34; Loose cash £621.64; Total: £1324.98 Thank you. As many already do, you can 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.

ANNUAL HOLY HOUR 2025: The annual Holy Hour to celebrate Eucharistic Ministry will be live-streamed from Northampton Cathedral at 3:00pm on Sunday, 29th June, the Sunday following Corpus Christi. All ministers of the Eucharist are invited to attend in person or join via livestream, and to renew their commitment as lay ministers. Order of Service on the diocesan website: www.northamptondiocese.org

BECKET FESTIVAL AT NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL: Celebrating Saint Thomas Becket, patron of our diocese, and marking 175 years of the Diocese of Northampton.
175th Anniversary Mass: Saturday, 5th July at 12:00 noon. If you wish to attend, please confirm to the Parish Office as places are limited. You are welcome to bring a Parish banner or flag for the procession.
The Becket Lecture: 3:00pm, Fr Andrew Coy, secretary to the Apostolic Nuncio, will deliver the Becket Lecture on the theme "Becket: A Saint for Europe", followed by Vespers at 4:15pm.
Come and join this joyful diocesan celebration of faith, history, and community.

WOMEN OF HOPE: A SPECIAL DIOCESAN EVENT: The Women in Ministry group in the Diocese of Northampton are running a special event on Saturday 19th July at St Mary's Woburn Sands from 11am-4pm. An opportunity for women across the Diocese to gather, share and celebrate the stories of ministries past and present. Avril Baigent will share her experiences of the Synod in Rome and lead all in a synodal listening process. Bishop David will also be joining for the day and the final liturgy.
All are welcome! Sign-up using the following link:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1600230 For more information, please contact Helen Burgess at **helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org**

50TH ANNIVERSARY CLOSURE OF NOTRE DAME CONVENT SCHOOL: A Mass in recognition of the Sisters historic role in providing a Catholic education to Northampton school girls and the closure of the Convent School, is being held in Northampton Roman Catholic Cathedral on The Barrack Road NN2 6AG on Saturday July 19th at Noon. This will be followed by a reception in The St Thomas Centre in the Cathedral grounds, allowing former pupils to meet up and reminisce. If you were a Notre Dame pupil or know someone who was, please come or let them know about the Mass. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday 2nd August 2025. Led by Bishop John Keenan. Coaches leave St Mary's Dunstable at 7.20am, St Joseph's Luton at 7.40am (No parking – Vigil Mass that evening), Our Lady's Luton at 8.00am. Adults £26.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. **Seats reserved only with payment**. Bring a packed lunch and drinks. For more information go to **www.prolifepilgrimage.org** and to book **kevin.drew@btinternet.com** or 07802 525581.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: All major payment types accepted. Please do not forget to Gift Aid if eligible. Dona machine at the back of the Church. Please see Posters, displayed on the Noticeboards and on the Repository window.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
William O'Neill 1981; Ellen Smith 2006; Ann Marie Daly 2013; Gerald (Gerry) Conroy 2015; Kathleen Hegarty; 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; Eleanor Dawtrey 1998; Tony Quigley 2007; Sue Barker 2023; 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; Sean Vincent Bonner 2020; Agnes Diggin 2014; Bela Sianto 1981; James Lawler 1987; Loi Fat Chan 2003; Patrick Higgins 2004; Mary Ellen 'Maureen' Clancy 2022; Veronica Macken 2021; Charles 'Charlie' Timoney 2023; Phyllis Ferry 1999 ✠ **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.