



HEART TO HEART

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A - Psalter Week 3 - 26th April 2020

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Coronavirus

ALL PLACES OF WORSHIP, INCLUDING CATHOLIC CHURCHES, HAVE BEEN CLOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNOUNCED GOVERNMENT CORONAVIRUS REQUIREMENTS.

DO NOT COME TO THE CHURCH OR THE PARISH OFFICE AS THEY ARE BOTH CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, UNLESS YOU HAVE ARRANGED A PRE-AGREED APPOINTMENT WITH FR MIREK.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE MANAGED REMOTELY AND CAN ONLY BE CONTACTED AS EXPLAINED IN THE "USEFUL INFORMATION" SECTION ON THE PARISH WEBSITE. IN AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT FR MIREK ON 01582 723099

In accordance with the Bishops' Conference and Diocesan guidance, until further notice, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays is **temporarily suspended** according to Church teaching.

All Masses will be celebrated by Fr Mirek privately without a congregation. Mass intentions already requested will be fulfilled and new Mass intentions can be requested by emailing the Parish office at sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk.

All gatherings are postponed until it is safe to permit them, including: First Holy Communion Masses, Confirmation Masses, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Penitential Services, the Thursday Club and all other Parish Hall activities.

Baptisms will be deferred until public health advice permits gathering safely. In the case of necessity, baptisms will be celebrated only if safe to do so, with minimal attendees and with all hygiene best practice precautions taken including social distancing, hand washing and "catch it, bin it, kill it".

Church weddings must be deferred until such time as gatherings are permitted.

There will be no face to face Confessions except by necessity and only if a pre-agreed appointment has been arranged with Fr Mirek.

Concerning anointing of the Sick, no pastoral home visits will be possible for the moment. However, we would be more than pleased to provide telephone support so, if you, or somebody you know, needs pastoral care then please let us know.

Funeral services will take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the relevant cemetery or crematorium authorities, which may require limitations on the number of attendees. A Mass to celebrate "in memoriam" can be arranged later, when congregations are allowed to gather.

You can watch a live streaming of all of the Masses from Northampton Cathedral on the link <https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>. Information on the Northampton Cathedral Mass times can be found at <http://northamptoncathedral.org/times/>.

Other live streaming and information sites have been uploaded on to the Parish website sacredheartluton.org in the **Useful Information** section.

We will be continuing to post weekly Parish Newsletters in the website **Newsletters** section, plus other helpful Parish information and Diocesan announcements concerning coronavirus in the **Useful Information** section, so please access them regularly and also please telephone others who may not have online access to keep in touch and keep them informed throughout this difficult time.

Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated, joining in spiritually in the celebration, following prayers at home, making an act of spiritual communion, this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day.

We also need to care for each other. There are so many ways in which we are able to do this: being attentive to the needs of our neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable; contributing to local food banks; volunteering for charitable initiatives and organisations; and by keeping in touch by all safe means.

During these disturbing and uncertain times, the rhythm of the prayer of the Church will continue. Please play your part in it. Daily acts of kindness and mutual support will, no doubt, continue and increase. Please do what you can to help others and, for your commitment to this, we thank you.

There are no Public Masses until further notice. The Church is now closed to the Public.

Below are the listed intentions for the next week which will be celebrated privately by Fr Mirek, without a congregation.

Saturday 25th		Ayen Family (Deceased)	St Mark
Sunday 26th		Sandra Dias (Intentions) Vittorio Spiga RIP	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Monday 27th 9.00am	Vale Crematorium	John Peter Doherty RIP	
Tuesday 28th		People of our Parish	St Peter Chanel
Wednesday 29th		Families affected by Coronavirus	St Catherine of Siena
Thursday 30th		Peter Farrell RIP Geoffrey O'Brien RIP	Pope St Pius V
Friday 1st		Ann Davern RIP	St Joseph the Worker
Saturday 2nd		Bridie Walker RIP	St Athanasius

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.

PRESENTATIONS & BAPTISMS: **deferred** until Public Health advice permits gathering safely.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: **POSTPONED** until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: The celebration of Confirmation has been **POSTPONED** until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can resume public worship.

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 **John Peter Doherty RIP** whose funeral takes place this week on **Monday 27th April at 9.00am at the Vale Crematorium**.

RIP: Please also remember in your prayers Constance West and Brigid (Bridie) Mary Walker who died recently. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

INFORMATION REQUIRED: An email has been received asking for information in the hope of tracing a friend. Do you know Helen Burne? If so, please email the Parish Office sacredheartluton@yahoo.co.uk All information received will be treated in the strictest confidence.

AUTISM BEDFORDSHIRE: Development Officers have written a social story to explain about Coronavirus and the need to stay at home for the time being. You can download the story as a PDF here: <https://www.autismbedfordshire.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/AB-Social-story-Why-am-I-not-at-school.pdf> Please contact enquiries@autismbeds.org if you would like this social story adapted to suit an individual child's needs.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online

The government has published its guidance, which includes useful resources to help keep children safe online from different risks and where to go to receive support and advice.

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

PRAYERS: On the website sacredheartluton.org 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"

ONLINE MASSES AND SERVICES: During these difficult times, many thousands of people from across our diocese and beyond, are taking comfort in being together online.

Masses and Services at Northampton Cathedral: www.northamptondiocese.org/live

Visit sacredheartluton.org for a list of links to many Masses and Services.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Beatrice Lane 1968, Albeina Prosper 1980, John Furey 1989, Ron Billings 1989, Joyce McLaughlin 1993, Daniel Boyle 1998, Isobel Snook 1967, Elizabeth Meadows 1979, John Earnshaw 1986, Maude Tearle 1987, Patrick Dady 1991, Pasquale (Tony) Caruso 2009, John Hogan 2017, Ann South 1983, Margaret Sullivan 2004, June Brothers 2010, Margaret Berry 1989, Elizabeth Forrest 2004, James Shontall 1984, Elsie Money 1987, Vittorio Spiga 2008, Doreen Draper 2017, Margaret Doherty 1972, Mary Wallman 1976, Harry Baily 1991, Waclaw Jacinski 1997, Valerie McGuigan 2013, Bernadette Scott 2015, Dorothy Mote 1963, Elizabeth Penman 1968, James Keegan 1984, Errol Henderson 2002* ✕ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

AS A PARISHIONER: 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 PHONECALL, A LETTER OR A FRIENDLY NOTE CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE TO SOMEONE WHO MAY BE FEELING LONELY AT THIS TIME.

PLEASE PRINT A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT EMAIL SO THAT WE CAN KEEP IN TOUCH IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY ELDERLY OR VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO WOULD VALUE RECEIVING PASTORAL CARE BY TELEPHONE THEN ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, EMAIL THEIR CONTACT DETAILS TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

Please continue to pray for Bishop David, our Priests, Deacons, and Religious, and the entire Diocese during these difficult days.