

Our Lady Help of Christians

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SUNDAY Fr. Dariusz	9.30am	Friends of St. Clare's Living and Dead John (Snr.) & John (Jnr) Fleming – Anniv. RIP
Fr. Dariusz	11.30am	Annie Flynn – RIP Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fr. Dariusz	5.00pm	People of the Parish Una Kennedy - RIP
MONDAY Fr. Jeremy		PRIVATE MASS
Fr. Dariusz		PRIVATE MASS
TUESDAY Fr. Jeremy		PRIVATE MASS
Fr. Dariusz		PRIVATE MASS
WEDNESDAY Fr. Jeremy		PRIVATE MASS
Fr. Dariusz	12.45 1.30pm	Christopher Torrens – RIP Bridget McMahon – Ints. Funeral – Agnes Ryan
THURSDAY Fr. Jeremy		PRIVATE MASS
Fr. Dariusz	12.45pm	Mary Keogh - RIP
FRIDAY Fr. Jeremy		PRIVATE MASS
Fr. Dariusz	12.45pm	Chadwick Family – Int.
SATURDAY Fr. Jeremy		PRIVATE MASS

THE ACT OF PRAYER AND WITNESS in support of life and against abortion on Saturday, 5th September 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. We are hoping the next Act of Witness will be on Saturday, 24th October 2020.

MASS INTENTIONS: Those of you who have Mass intentions booked in, please be assured that Fr Dariusz and Fr. Jeremy will still be celebrating Mass privately and offering those Masses up to God. New Mass intentions can be requested by phoning Our Lady's Parish office on 01582 723254, alternatively you can put the person/s names on a piece of paper in an envelope with the date you would like the Intention said and send with a donation to Our Lady, Help of Christians, 52 Castle Street, Luton, Beds. LU1 3AG.

30TH AUGUST 2020

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

DUE TO GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES we are now able to open our church for Masses on Sundays, 9.30am, 11.30am and 5.00pm. I will also be celebrating Masses on Wednesday, 12.45pm, Thursday, 12.45pm and Friday, 12.45pm.

NB: Weekday decisions on Masses may change from week to week so please check the newsletter and website each week.

COVID 19 – Inspectors are randomly checking churches to ensure they are following guidelines. Hence we need your support and co-operation. Please:

- Make sure you are wearing a mask
- On arrival, use the sanitiser
- Fill in registration forms in the church, so no congestion in the lobby
- Families to sit in the far left and far right pews so no one needs to cross over you.
- Sit at the end of aisles so that we can fit more people in.
- Don't use the kneelers. (We can't sanitise them)
- Receiving Holy Communion (**via the hand only**) – facing the altar; the pews to the left of the central aisle followed by those to the right. Then those to the far left followed by those to the far right. Everyone to go via the central aisle. Individual Blessings can't be given at the moment, but everyone is blessed at the end of Mass.
- We are **not** allowed to use the toilet
- Leave via Castle Street entrance. Donations very welcome
- More volunteer stewards aged up to 70 welcome

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING: Wednesday 2nd September in the Church Hall at 7pm.

1 parent/adult representative, no children please.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: All future Confirmation Preparation classes have been cancelled until further notice. The celebration of Confirmation has been **POSTPONED** until 24th October 2020. **ANointing OF THE SICK AND PASTORAL CARE:** No pastoral visits will be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends. However, if you are sick, worried or depressed please phone Fr Dariusz on 01582 723254.

The Church still needs funds to enable us to continue to pay our bills, keep the church running and open, so please continue to support the church financially.

You can continue your weekly collection contributions by 2 different ways:-

1. Send us a cheque made out to 'Our Lady Help of Christians', and post it to 52 Castle Street, Luton, Beds LU1 3AG
2. We would like to encourage those parishioners who do not currently give by Standing Order to donate online. This can be done via the Diocesan website which can be found at <https://northamptondiocese.org/>. Scroll down to find the 'Donate' button and follow the instructions on the Catholic Diocese of Northampton Virgin money giving page. Please ensure the parish name and area i.e. Our Lady's, Luton that the donation is intended for is indicated in the notes section of the donate page.