

## MISSIO: RED BOX 2022 – A THANK YOU MESSAGE



In 2022 our parish raised £2,866.16 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Sacred Heart is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Please visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more about how your support changes lives for the better.

You will soon be asked to return your donations for this year.

## NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE ASSEMBLY 2023

Preparation for the Assembly begins with our launch weekend. Please pray for our whole Diocese to become pilgrims of hope as we respond to the Synod listening. "The purpose of the Synod . . . is not to produce documents but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to be nourished, inspire trust, bind up wounds . . . and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands."

## PATIENT SURVEY

Patient Participation Groups (PPG) have worked tirelessly to highlight the difficulties the patients of Leighton, Linslade and surrounding villages experience in accessing healthcare services. Whilst we all appreciate our NHS personnel on the ground, the pressing need for sufficient GP and local services to avoid both long waits for appointments and the many challenges that unnecessary journeys to outpatient clinics bring, is finally being recognized nationally and by decision-makers at Central Bedfordshire Council and the NHS Integrated Care Board for Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes.

**We now need your help** to strengthen our campaign. We would encourage patients from all three LB surgeries to get involved by completing the short, but vital survey, by clicking: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X3DVCYL>

There are also paper copies in the surgery and at The White House. The survey runs until 30<sup>th</sup> April. All responses are anonymous.

## LONDON MARATHON SPONSORSHIP:

### Message from parishioner Steve Gardner

"On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April I will be running in the London Marathon in aid of the Huntington's Disease Association (HDA) with which I have a close family connection. Huntington's is a heredity, life limiting genetic disorder, causing a breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. It causes severe changes to behaviour, movement and cognitive function impacting the life of the sufferer and all around them, including their children who have a 50% chance of inheriting it themselves. There is currently no cure but HDA are working with other organisations to identify potential treatments, and to provide essential care and support. Full details are on their website: <https://www.hda.org.uk/>.

My Just Giving page link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stephen-gardner18>. Any small amount you can spare would be really appreciated and help to change lives of all who live with the disease and their carers".



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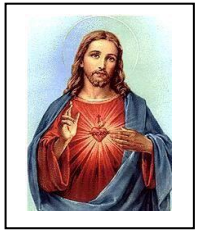
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> of Easter	Confessions Mass	5.45-6.00pm 6.15pm	Rosaleen Walton RIP
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> of Easter	Mass Mass	9.00am 11.00am	Zain Falzon intention Fr Peter Maher RIP
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	St George	Mass	10.00am	Videtta Donato RIP
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	Mass	10.00am	Therea Omoko RIP
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	Rosary Mass	9.30am 10.00am	Rosa Vetere RIP
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> of Easter	Confessions Mass	10-10.30am 5.45-6.00pm 6.15pm	Rosaleen Walton RIP
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> of Easter	Mass Mass	9.00am 11.00am	Patrick Hanbury RIP

## EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) UGANDA Appeal

This appeal will be made at all Masses next weekend. The charity provides a future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, a Trustee, will speak briefly about their work. For further information about the Charity please look at their website on [Home | EVC Uganda](#)

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next meeting for the Confirmation Group is this coming Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive in good time for a prompt start at 7.00pm.

## FR PETER MAHER RIP

Father Peter, who supplied for me in recent years, sadly died on Maundy Thursday evening, after a long illness. May he rest in peace.

His body is being received into the church of St Joseph the Worker, Luton, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.00pm, for a Mass of Thanksgiving. Fr Peter's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, at 1.00pm, at the Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Garston, Watford. All are welcome to attend either of these services.