



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Welcome to St Martin's

**NEXT SUNDAY** - Please bring finger food to be shared after 9am and 11am Masses - to say 'thank you' and 'farewell' to Kevin Ryan on his last Sunday in the parish. Kevin has been with us for nearly five months and will be returning to St Mary's College Oscott to continue his seminary studies.

**THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION...** will be for *Pax Christi*, our national Catholic movement for peace.

**THE CRIB** - customarily remains as a place of devotion until February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas).

- The traditional crib offerings will be donated to **Children's Relief Bethlehem**, who support vulnerable children and families. Please visit their website:

[www.childrens-reliefbethlehem.org.uk](http://www.childrens-reliefbethlehem.org.uk)

**SUNDAY TEA ROTA** - please find the rota for serving the Sunday refreshments on the table in the porch.

- All are welcome to come to the hall after 9am Mass and 11am Mass on a Sunday for refreshments!

**THE HOSPITAL CHAPEL** is being renovated at the moment so there will be no Mass on the last Friday of January.

**LUTON DEANERY MARRIAGE COURSE** - Will take place **Saturday 18th February 2017** at **St. Joseph's Parish Centre** if you are planning to marry this year, please contact the Presbytery to book a place by Friday 3rd February.

**NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS** - Thursday 26th Jan from 7.15pm - 8:45pm in the hall.

**NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS** - Friday 27th Jan, 5:30pm (Group 1) and Saturday 28th Jan, 11am (Group 2).

**FATHER NEVILLE** - please pray for improvement in his health.

**YOUCAT YOUTH** (for year 10+) continues on **Monday 23rd January at 7:15pm** in the parish hall.

**THE REPOSITORY** will be open on Saturday evening and after all masses on Sunday. A lovely selection of cards for occasions, please come and browse at your leisure.

**SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER PHOTOS** are available to order, good value at £1 for a 6 X 4 glossy print.

**GALWAY ASSOCIATION DINNER DANCE** Tickets are available from Anne Mead (01582 508699) for the dance to be held on 18th February 2017 at the Holy Ghost Parish Centre, tickets only £25.00 each. Music by Eugene Doonan, doors open 7.00pm sit down at 7.30pm.

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Hugh Lyons Jr. He will be received into the Church next Sunday 22nd January at 5pm and his funeral will take place on Monday 23rd January at 11:30am.

### SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2017

Sat 6:30pm	Mary O'Reilly
9:00am	Patrick Devlin, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish

#### Monday - Feria

9:00am	Martin Armstrong, RIP
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#### Tuesday - St Antony, Abbot

<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Requiem: Kathleen Murphy</b>
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Wednesday - No Mass Today

#### Thursday - Feria

<b>6:30pm</b>	Fr Neville McClement, Ints.
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#### Friday - St Sebastian

9:00am	Joel Tapangan, RIP
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#### Saturday - St Agnes

<b>10:00am</b>	Matthew Kennedy, RIP
10:30-11:00am	Confessions & Adoration
5:30pm-6:00pm	Confessions

### Next Week - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 6:30pm	Wendy Coelho, RIP
9:00am	Tony Devlin, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel. **Legion of Mary:** Friday 7:30pm in the Hall. **Lunch Club:** Friday 11:30am in the Hall.

### Moveable Feasts 2017

Ash Wednesday - 1st March  
 Palm Sunday - 9th April  
 Maundy Thursday - 13th April  
 Good Friday - 14th April  
 Holy Saturday - 15th April  
 Easter Sunday - 16th April  
 Pentecost Sunday - 4th June  
 Advent Sunday - 3rd December

### Holy Days of Obligation 2017

All 53 Sundays  
 St Peter & St Paul - Thursday 29th June  
 Assumption - Tuesday 15th August  
 All Saints - Wednesday 1st November  
 [St Martin de Porres - Friday 3rd November]  
 Christmas - Monday 25th December

# This Sunday's Readings

## First Reading - Isaiah 49:3,5-6

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

## Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

*Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

## Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

*May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

## Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Blessing on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!*

## Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel - John 1:29-34

*Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

## Thank you to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Anne Harding & Breda Gavigan

Next Week: Charlotte & Roy

## Thank you to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Margaret, Mary & Linda

Next Week: Sheila, Betty, Anne & Mary

## Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

secretary@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk

+ **Parish Hall Bookings:** Contact Maura on 01582 724623  
between 6pm-8pm.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Collection: Sunday 8th January - **£903.34**

## The Word this Week

There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time - one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus.

We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the Epiphany of the Son of God - people realising who this 'Jesus of Nazareth' actually was - and this continues today, as we hear a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew's Gospel.

New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord's public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen - even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film.

So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God's work.

## Edwina Gateley - Let Your God Love You

**Be silent.**

**Be still.**

**Alone.**

**Empty**

**Before your God.**

**Say nothing.**

**Ask nothing.**

**Be silent.**

**Be still.**

**Let your God look upon you.**

**That is all.**

**God knows.**

**God understands.**

**God loves you**

**With an enormous love,**

**And only wants**

**To look upon you**

**With that love.**

**Quiet.**

**Still.**

**Be.**

**Let your God—**

**Love you.**