



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday we bid farewell to Kevin Ryan who has been on placement with us for the last 5 months. In that time he has become a valuable member of our parish, and we hold him in prayer as he returns to his seminary studies. After all Masses, all are invited to the hall for 'send off refreshments! Please join us in gratitude for Kevin's time with us!

Fr Michael

THE HOSPITAL CHAPEL is being renovated at the moment so there will be no Mass this Friday in the hospital.

MASS INTENTION WATCH - Please note that all Mass intentions are arranged for the next 4 weeks. All weekend Masses are arranged until the end of February.

FATHER NEVILLE WRITES: "Thank you for the Masses and prayers so kindly offered for my welfare. All very much appreciated. I'm glad to say my operation was a success & hopefully will remain so in the future. I'm very fortunate in having so many praying for me."

CAFOD SUPPORTERS' MEETING - all welcome to join us at our Supporters' Meeting here on **Saturday 4th February** here at St Martin de Porres Hall. The day runs from **10am - 1.30pm** followed by a shared lunch. There will be a message from Bishop Peter and our Lenten focus will be on our project in Zambia. **Please book a place** by phoning 01844 274724 or [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk)

- Volunteer for CAFOD!? Same contact details above.

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.

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.

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

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(for year 10+)  
continues on

**Monday 23rd January**  
**at 7:15pm**  
in the parish hall

### NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS -

This Friday 27th Jan, 5:30pm (Group 1) and Saturday 28th Jan, 11am (Group 2).

### SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 2017

Sat 6:30pm	Wendy Coelho, RIP
9:00am	Tony Devlin, RIP
11.00am	The People of the Parish
5:00pm	Reception of Hugh Lyons, RIP

#### Monday - Feria

9:00am Fr Pat Bailey, Ints.

**11:30am** Requiem: Hugh Lyons

#### Tuesday - St Francis de Sales

9:00am Private intention (PK)

Wednesday - No Mass Today

#### Thursday - SS Timothy & Titus

**6:30pm** Brian de Guzman (In thanks)

#### Friday - Feria

9:00am Margaret Judd, RIP

#### Saturday - St Thomas Aquinas

**10:00am** Bridget McLoughlin

10:30-11:00am Confessions & Adoration

5:30pm-6:00pm Confessions

### Next Week - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 6:30pm	Jim Fenlon, RIP
9:00am	The People of the Parish
11:00am	Michael Broderick, RIP



**FR BRENDAN SEERY**  
WILL CELEBRATE MASS FOR THE  
**FIRST ANNIVERSARY**

OF HIS PRIESTLY ORDINATION,  
on **Tuesday 7th February**  
at **7:00pm**

Afterwards in the  
hall at 7:30pm...

**FR MARK FLOODY**

WILL SHARE PLANS FOR A

**CATHEDRAL CENTRE**

FOR OUR MOTHER CHURCH IN NORTHAMPTON.

We look forward to sharing with you the exciting and ambitious plans for the future of our Cathedral, and how we can help make them a reality, so please join us if at all possible!!!

+ \*\*\* **Tuesday 7th February: 7pm Mass, 7:30pm Hall** \*\*\* +

# This Sunday's Readings

## First Reading - Isaiah 8:23-9:3

*In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor -  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

## Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14

The Lord is my light and my help.

## Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

*Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

## Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

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## Gospel - Matthew 4:12-23

*He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

*'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!*

*The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death  
a light has dawned.'*

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

## The Word this Week

We will spend most of the Sundays of the coming year in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel (like the others) has its own characteristics. He is writing for a Jewish audience, and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. He does this by reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment. Today is a perfect example. 'Zebulun and Naphtali' was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus 'settles' and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.

## Thank you to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Charlotte & Roy

Next Week: Anne Mead & Diane Casey

## Thank you to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Sheila, Betty, Anne & Mary

Next Week: Charismatic Prayer Group

## Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

secretary@stmartindeporeschurch.org.uk

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

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Collection: Sunday 15th January - **£865.03**

*Pax Christi* Collection: **£190.54**