



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, on Tuesday evening we welcome Fr Brendan to celebrate Mass at 7pm for his 1st anniversary of ordination. Afterwards, in the hall, there will be a talk about the proposed Cathedral Centre with Canon Mark Floody. Refreshments will be served. Please come and see! Fr Michael*

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** – Please see Fr Michael in the porch after Mass to fill in an important form for our Blaze retreat day on **Saturday 4th March**.

**OFFERTORY COUNTERS** – are all invited to a meeting on **Saturday 18th February** at 11am in the hall (with tea and pastries) during which John Jephcott will give a refresher of our procedures, and reveal an exciting new piece of technology to help with accuracy!

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES** – These are available for £3 each. The directory is a year book from our diocese, and includes all the contact details and Mass times of all the parishes in the diocese. There is even an article about Northampton diocese's newest priest, our very own Fr Brendan Seery!

**THE VINE** – the free February edition is in the porch.

**MASS INTENTIONS** – The diary has most Masses for the next 2 months already arranged, and all Saturday/Sunday Masses until Easter. A priest may receive only one Mass offering on any given day, but may pray for your intentions at any Mass!

**DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIED LIFE:** Bishop Peter invites you to this Mass, 12 noon Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February at Christ the King Church, Harrowden Road, Bedford, MK42 OSP. If you are celebrating a special anniversary, please contact: [mfl@nores.org.uk](mailto:mfl@nores.org.uk) Tel: 07412151517

**GALWAY ASSOCIATION DINNER DANCE (FEB 18)** Tickets are available from Anne Mead (01582 508699).

**NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS** – This Thursday 9th Feb from 7.15pm – 8:45pm in the hall.

**NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS** – Friday 10th Feb, 5:30pm (Group 1) and Saturday 11th Feb, 11am (Group 2).

**THE NEXT CHCF MASS** for those with special needs is this Sunday 5th February at 3pm in St. Johns, Sundon Park.

### YOUCAT YOUTH

(for year 10+)  
continues on

**Monday 6th February**  
at **7:15pm**  
in the parish hall

### SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2017

Sat 6:30pm Liam Spillane, RIP

9:00am The People of the Parish

11:00am Mr Chandy Philip

#### Monday – St Paul Miki & Companions

9:00am Maureen Purcell, RIP

#### Tuesday – Feria

9:00am Bonifacio Rocabo, RIP

**7:00pm Fr Brendan's Ordination Anniversary**

7:30pm Refreshments and Cathedral talk.

Wednesday – No Mass Today

#### Thursday – Feria

**6:30pm** Jim Fenlon, RIP

#### Friday – St Scholastica

9:00am Leroy Anderson Licorish, RIP

#### Saturday – Our Lady of Lourdes

**10:00am** Hugh Lyons, RIP

10:30-11:00am Confessions & Adoration

5:30pm-6:00pm Confessions

### Next Week – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 6:30pm Kathy Cronin, RIP

9:00am The People of the Parish

11:00am Eric Simpson, 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...**

### CANON 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!!! Refreshments will be served!

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE** – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Shand who died on Tuesday 31st January, Her funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 21st February at 10am. *Requiescat in pace, Amen.*

## This Sunday's Readings

### First Reading - Isaiah 58:7-10

*Then will your light shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

### Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 111(112):4-9

*The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.*

### Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

*During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

### Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

### Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel - Matthew 5:13-16

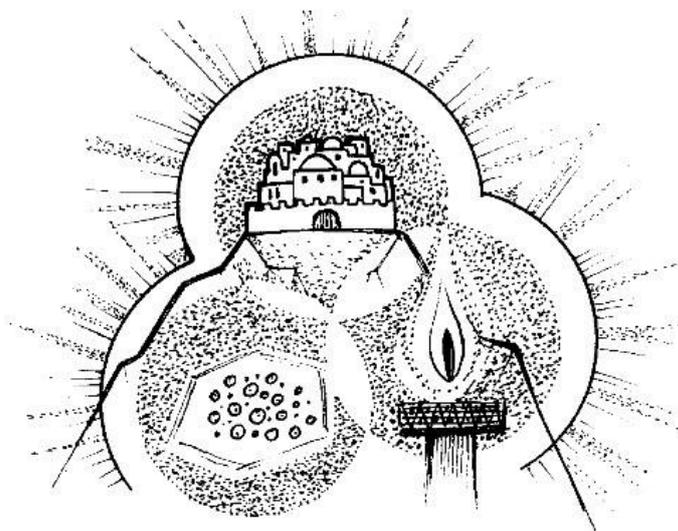
*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

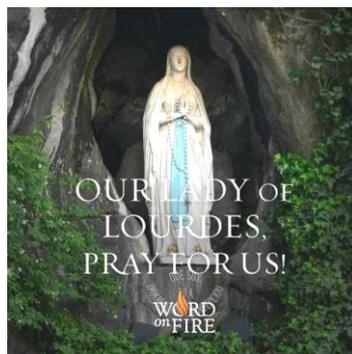
**ON FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY** – please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting; [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

A poster has further details in the Church Porch.



## The Word this Week

While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith – to be a people of 'good deeds', as Jesus teaches in today's portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world's criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with 'the word' - we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world's gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found – their way to the Father.



### **Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.**

Her feast day is on Saturday 11th February.

*Mass at 10am followed by adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and confessions.*

### **Thank you to our Offertory Counters**

*This Week:* Abiola, Linda & Clara

*Next Week:* Josephine & Tabitha

### **Thank you to our Church Cleaners**

*This Week:* Michael Williams & Tania Clarke

*Next Week:* Sunny, Clara, Charlotte & Paul

### **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 29th January - **£1011.02**