

St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St Martin's

NEW SUNDAY ROTAS for readers and minsters of Communion may be found in the porch.

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL PTA - The Newman Fundraising Group of parents & carers are hosting an evening of live music and a raffle at O'Shea's Bar & Grill on Friday 24th February 2017 from 8-late. First prize is two executive box tickets at a London Irish Rugby home match! Please come along and show your support.

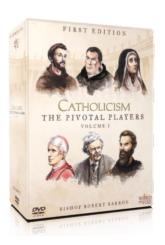
CATHEDRAL CENTRE BROCHURES may be found in the porch. Bishop Peter wants to raise the money for a new cathedral centre for the benefit of the whole diocese, and is hoping many of us will be able to give a small amount each month by standing order. Please give if you can, and we hope to hold some fundraising events in the parish too.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH COACH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

23-29 July 2017 mixed-board (full board in Lourdes, bed & breakfast 2 nights) <u>no overnight travel</u>. Visiting Chapel of Miraculous Medal & shrine of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris, and shrine of St. Bernadette in Nevers. Cost: £529 + ins. per person sharing, £709 for single room + ins. Please contact St. Joseph's Presbytery for information 01582 571187.

CHARITY CLOTHING SALE - All brand new items, on **Sunday 26th February** after the 11am Mass, in aid of CAFFE.

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.



Fr Michael would like to invite you to some DVDs entitled **Pivotal Players** – about key figures of our Church. Each episode is presented by Bishop Robert Barron, a world-renowned figure of the New Evangelisation. The evenings will begin on the Mondays of Lent, beginning **Monday 6th March at 7:15pm** and will run for six Mondays,

NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS – Thursday 23rd Feb 7:15pm

NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS – Friday 24th Feb, 5:30pm (Group 1) and Saturday 25th Feb, 11am (Group 2).

YOUCAT YOUTH (14+) - pre-Lenten get together on Monday 27 February with pizza and a film, Starting at the earlier time of 6:30pm so we don't finish too late with the film. The plan is for the evening to conclude around 9pm.

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2017	
Sat 6:30pm	Margaret Little, RIP
9:00am	Tony Devlin, RIP
11.00am	The People of the Parish
Monday - Feria	
9:00am	Martin & Mary Mulhern, RIP
Tuesday - Feria	
<u>10:00am</u>	Requiem: Margaret Shand
Wednesday – No Mass Today	
Thursday - St Polycarp	
<u>6:30pm</u>	Justin Calignawan (birthday)
Friday - Feria	
9:00am	Noreen McGinnell, RIP
Saturday - Votive Mass of Our Lady	
<u>10:00am</u>	Sean Sheridan, RIP
10:30-11:00am	Confessions & Adoration
5:30pm-6:00pm	Confessions
Next Week - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	

LENT 2017

Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.

Alice (Carlin) Nugent, Int.

The People of the Parish

Sat 6:30pm James Kissane

Legion of Mary: Friday 7:30pm in the Hall. **Lunch Club**: Friday 11:30am in the Hall.

9:00am

11:00am

AT ST MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH - MASS AT 9AM AND 7:30PM

❖ MONDAYS OF LENT 7:15PM. All are invited to watch Catholicism: The Pivotal Players DVDS presented by Bishop Robert Barron. Each episode is about saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. The first episode is about St Francis of Assisi on Monday 6th March.

See **pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org** for previews!

- ❖ WEDNESDAYS OF LENT 9AM. There will be an additional weekly Mass thanks to Fr Peter Maher.
- FRIDAYS OF LENT 6:30PM. Stations of the Cross will be prayed each week.
- * FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB 11:30 onwards in aid of CAFOD.
- SATURDAYS OF LENT. Confessions are at 10:30am and 5:30pm. Adoration is from 10:30am-11:00am.
 - Friday 10th March. CAFOD Lenten Fast Day.
 - Monday 10th April 7pm The deanery Reconciliation Service with all the priests of Luton at St Joseph's.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading - Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:

"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13.

The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'



Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

The Word this Week

Love your neighbour as yourself. These are words we associate so clearly with the teaching of Jesus and the way of life the Gospel calls us to. But it may be a surprise to some people to hear that these words come first from the Old Testament, in the mouth of Moses himself. Moses was speaking the Lord God's instruction for the community - the community of the people of Israel in flight from Egypt in their long sojourn in the wilderness. instructions God's were about how community had to work - without grudges, resentment or vengeance, but with love and forgiveness and tolerance. When Jesus comes with the message of the Kingdom of heaven, it is the same - instruction for a perfect, God-guided society, which depends on how each of us lives with others. The 'wisdom of this world', which Saint Paul mentions in the Second Reading, will not teach us this: the world will believe in vengeance, and friendship only for your friends. Each of us must ask how we can embrace the apparent folly of Jesus' teaching: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Thank you to our Offertory Counters

<u>This Week</u>: Anne Harding & Breda Gavigan <u>Next Week</u>: Charlotte Seery & Roy Boxall

Thank you to our Church Cleaners

<u>This Week</u>: Margaret, Mary & Linda <u>Next Week</u>: 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 12th February - £918.33