



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St Martin's

CAFOD TALK – at the end of this weekend's Masses, Andrea Paul will speak to us about the CAFOD fast day and will say a little about how our donations help. This Lent we are asked to think about our poorest sisters and brothers who work hard every day of their lives to give their children a future. Envelopes will be distributed at the end of Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION – this will be our opportunity to return the CAFOD fast day envelopes.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – These will be available for collection next Sunday, with an opportunity to complete gift aid forms (if you are a tax payer). Standing order forms will be available if you would prefer to give that way.

THE REPOSITORY – is open in the hall for all your St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter cards & gift items.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – are prayed in our Church at 6:30pm on each Friday of Lent.

COME BACK TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART – Confessions are on Saturdays 10:30-11:00am and 5:30pm-6:00pm. Luton reconciliation service on 10th April at St Joseph's (Monday of Holy Week) with all the priests of the town available.

FOODBANK CONTAINERS – Lent seems a good time to think about donating non-perishable items to the containers in the porch that will then be taken to NOAH.

THE NEXT CHCF MASS – for those with special needs is on Sunday 12th March at 3pm here at St. Martin's

ST PATRICK'S DAY – Fri 17th March. Irish music and dancing at Irish Forum 11-4. Sun 19th – Parade. See poster/flyers or visit www.lutonirishforum.org for details.

KEECH HOSPICE WALK – Saturday 25th March. For more details visit www.keech.org.uk or see Anne Mead.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND – at Northampton Cathedral 7-9 April Is the Lord calling you to the Priesthood? Please contact Fr. Mark Floody on 01604 714556, or speak to your Parish Priest. Please remember our seminarians (including Kevin Ryan) and those attending the weekend in your prayers.

DEEPENING THE WORD OF GOD – Sunday 19th March 3-5pm at the RE Centre, Holy Ghost Parish. An afternoon for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and all involved in any ministry in the Church today, to explore to explore what *Lectio Divina* (Divine Reading) means for our prayer life especially in this Lenten time. Please contact the presbytery to book a place.

NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS – Thursday 9th March 7:15pm

NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS – Fri 10th March, 5:30pm (Group 1) and Sat 11th March, 11am (Group 2)

WE ADORE YOU O CHRIST AND WE BLESS YOU

Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2017

Sat 6:30pm The People of the Parish

9:00am Margaret Foley, RIP

11.00am Patricia Carr, RIP

Monday – Weekday of Lent

9:00am Peter Conway

7:15pm DVD: *St Francis of Assisi (Pivotal Players)*

Tuesday – St Perpetua & Felicity

9:00am Patrick Kelly, RIP

Wednesday – Weekday of Lent

9:00am Maureen Finch (in thanksgiving)

Thursday – St Frances of Rome

6:30pm Teresa Devane, RIP

Friday – St John Ogilvie – CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY

9:00am Joey Roxas, RIP

6:30pm *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday – Weekday of Lent

10:00am Winifred Gaughan, RIP

10:30-11:00am *Confessions & Adoration*

5:30pm-6:00pm *Confessions*

Next Week – Second Sunday of Lent

Sat 6:30pm Kathleen Donaghy, RIP

9:00am The People of the Parish

11:00am Patricia Udofia, RIP

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.

DVD evenings in the Hall this Lent

Mondays from 7:15pm – 8:30pm

Over the six **Mondays of Lent** you are invited to come and see **Bishop Robert Barron** present beautiful films shot on location about... *St Francis of Assisi (6th March)*, *St Thomas Aquinas (13th March)*, *Blessed John Henry Newman (20th March)*, *St Catherine of Siena (27th March)*, *G. K. Chesterton (3rd April)* and *Michelangelo (11th April—last one is on Tuesday.)*

This Monday's episode...

ST FRANCIS – The Reformer

Rebuild my Church! That's the mission Christ gave to St. Francis and it's the perennial task of the Church in every age of its life. But how is the reform and renewal of the Church to be accomplished? The life of St. Francis demonstrates that



Christ intends the foundations of true and lasting reform to be built on the solid rock that is the radical witness of the saints. **COME AND SEE!**

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na
in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. *third time...* grant us peace.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading - Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

The creation and sin of our first parents.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." ' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm - 50(51):3-6,12-14,17.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading - Romans 5:12-19

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous.

Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

*Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

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Gospel - Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

*Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

*He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'*

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

*You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'*

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Thank you to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Anne Mead & Diane Casey

Next Week: Abiola, Linda & Clara

Thank you to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Charismatic Prayer Group

Next Week: Michael Williams

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Collection: Sunday 26th February - **£1022.44**