



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## Second Sunday of Lent

### Welcome to St Martin's

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

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** – These will be available for collection this 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.

**ST MARTIN DE PORRES FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB** will be hosting a St Patrick's Day lunch this year. All are welcome. Cost £5. It starts at 11:30am until 2:30pm this **Friday 17th March**. If you need further information call Charlotte on 07883 848269.

**COME BACK TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART** – Confessions are on Saturdays 10:30-11:00am and 5:30pm-6:00pm.

**LUTON DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE** on 10th April at St Joseph's (Monday of Holy Week) with 8 priests 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** – today (Sunday), 3pm 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](http://www.lutonirishforum.org) for details.

**KEECH HOSPICE WALK** – Saturday 25th March. For more details visit [www.keech.org.uk](http://www.keech.org.uk) or see Anne Mead.

**CAFFE CHARITY** would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported our sale two weeks ago. We made over £700 which was wonderful. We would also like to thank Fr Michael for the use of hall. Bless you all.

**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 23rd March 7:15pm

**NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS** – Fri 17th March, 5:30pm (Group 1) and Sat 18th March, 11am (Group 2)

**WE ADORE YOU O CHRIST AND WE BLESS YOU:**

Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.



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

### SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2017

Sat 6:30pm Kathleen Donaghy, RIP

9:00am The People of the Parish

11.00am Patricia Udofia, RIP

#### Monday – Weekday of Lent

9:00am Pietra & Francesco Canatella, RIP

7:15pm DVD: *St Thomas Aquinas (Pivotal Players)*

#### Tuesday – Weekday of Lent

9:00am Jeffrey Melo, RIP

#### Wednesday – Weekday of Lent

9:00am Matilde Mangitngit, RIP

#### Thursday – Weekday of Lent

6:30pm Trinidad, RIP

#### Friday – St Patrick, Bishop

9:00am Patrick Kelly, RIP

6:30pm *Stations of the Cross*

#### Saturday – Weekday of Lent

10:00am Patrick McDonnell, RIP

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

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

### Next Week – Third Sunday of Lent

Sat 6:30pm Hugh Lyons, RIP

9:00am Patrick Kelly, 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.

## 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 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 THOMAS AQUINAS – *The Theologian*

The relationship of faith and reason is under intense scrutiny in an age beholden to the competing claims of fundamentalism and secularism. So called "new atheists" insist that the claims of religion amount to mere superstition, a retrograde holdover from a time long ago. Others insist that the life of faith is a retreat into emotions and subjectivism. St. Thomas Aquinas anticipated these objections and trends and demonstrated that to believe is to think, and that the life of the mind is integral to life in Christ.



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 12:1-4

*The call of Abraham, father of the People of God.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'  
So Abram went as the Lord told him.

### Responsorial Psalm - 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

*May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.*

### Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1:8-10

*God calls and enlightens us.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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

*From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'*

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### Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

## The Word this Week

Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special 'calling', to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

**Maundy Thursday 13th April: 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with watching until midnight.**

**Good Friday 14th April: 3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord.**

**Holy Saturday 15th April: 8:30pm Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection.**

**Easter Sunday 16th April: 9:00am and 11:00am Easter Mass of the Lord's Resurrection.**

### 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

Next Week: Sunny, Clara, Charlotte & Paul

### 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 5th March - **£1028.19**