



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## Third Sunday of Lent

### Welcome to St Martin's

#### NEXT SUNDAY - EVC Uganda Appeal.

EVC stands for Empowering Vulnerable Children This charity works with some of the poorest children in the world in order to take them out of hopeless poverty and provide them with real hope for the future through education. On the weekend of 25 and 26 March Judi Fawcett, a Trustee, will talk briefly during all the Masses about the work.

**SPIRING FORWARD** - Next Saturday night we will lose an hour of sleep but will enjoy lighter evenings as Easter approaches.

**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.

**FOODBANK CONTAINERS** - Please bring non-perishable items to the containers in the porch that will then be taken to NOAH.

**REPOSITORY** - Open on Saturday PM, closed this Sunday.

**WILL YOU SPONSOR ANNE MEAD?** Anne is doing a sponsored walk next Saturday 25th March for Keech and her sponsor form is in the porch. Please see Anne or phone her on 508699.

**THIS MONDAY'S DVD** at 7:15pm in the Hall

#### Saint Catherine of Siena - *The Mystic*

Is the physical world all there is? Is science the only path to finding truth? St. Catherine of Siena witnesses to a higher world beyond the material. Though the fourteenth century mystic never studied theology, and never learned how to read or write, her life constitutes a powerful challenge to the flattened-out secularism of our time.



#### LUTON DEANERY RECONCILIATION

**SERVICE** on 10th April at St Joseph's, Gardenia Avenue (Monday of Holy Week) with many priests available.

### SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2017

Sat 6:30pm	Hugh Lyons, RIP
9:00am	Patrick Kelly, RIP
11.00am	The People of the Parish

#### Monday - ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE B.V.M

9:00am	Mary Gallagher, RIP
7:15pm	DVD: <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>

#### Tuesday - Weekday of Lent

9:00am	In Thanksgiving (Alvero family)
1:00pm	Requiem: Deborah Tarleton

#### Wednesday - Weekday of Lent

9:00am	Mary & Christopher McCann, RIP
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#### Thursday - Weekday of Lent

6:30pm	Hannah McElligott, Int.
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#### Friday - Weekday of Lent

9:00am	Pamela Coelho, RIP
6:30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>

#### Saturday - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE B.V.M.

10:00am	Rochford family's intentions
10:30-11:00am	<i>Confessions &amp; Adoration</i>
5:30pm-6:00pm	<i>Confessions</i>

### Next Week - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat 6:30pm	Paddy & Tom Walsh, RIP
9:00am	The People of the Parish
11:00am	J.T.Esuai koh, 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.

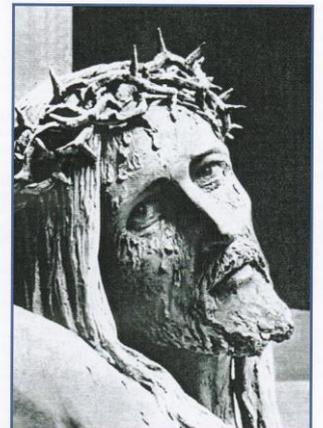
**NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS** - Thur 23rd March 7:15pm

**NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS** - Fri 24th March 5:30pm (Group 1) and Sat 25th March, 11am (Group 2)

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.



*I Thirst For You*

Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside them, welling up to eternal life.

# This Sunday's Readings

## First Reading - Exodus 17:3-7

*Give us water to drink.*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

## Responsorial Psalm - 94(95):1-2,6-9

*O that today you would listen to his voice:  
'Harden not your hearts.'*

## Second Reading - Romans 5:1-2,5-8

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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

*Lord, you are really the saviour of the world:  
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.*

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## Gospel - John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42

*A spring of water welling up to eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering  
and who it is that is saying to you:  
Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask,  
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water  
will get thirsty again;  
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give  
will never be thirsty again:  
the water that I shall give  
will turn into a spring inside him,  
welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman,  
the hour is coming  
when you will worship the Father  
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.  
You worship what you do not know;  
we worship what we do know:  
for salvation comes from the Jews.  
But the hour will come  
- in fact it is here already -  
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:  
that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.  
God is spirit,  
and those who worship  
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

## Holy Week Services

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

**Good Friday 14th April: AM** - Walk of Witness from St Hugh's to St Martin's via Dominic Square. **3:00pm** Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord. **7:30pm** - Stations of the Cross

**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: Josephine & Tabitha

Next Week: Anne & Breda

## Thank you to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Sunny, Clara, Charlotte & Paul

Next Week: Margaret, Mary & Linda

## 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 12th March - **£935.56**

CAFOD Fast Day Collection - **£534.06**