



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St Martin's.

NEXT SUNDAY - a second collection for the **PRIEST'S TRAINING FUND** will be held - we need more priests!

SATURDAY MASS AND CONFESSIONS - is cancelled for the next two Saturdays in view of the preparations needed for the wedding and first communion celebrations.

LEGION OF MARY is cancelled this Friday, owing to rehearsals for the Wedding and First Holy Communion.

NEW ROTAS for ministers and readers are available from the small noticeboard in the corner of the porch (on the left as you enter Church).

REPOSITORY - is open after all Masses this week. Please collect your ordered items today!

KEECH HOSPICE WALK - please see Anne Mead in the hall if you owe sponsor money.

SACRED HEART PRIMARY have a vacancy for a class teacher required for September 2017. Please contact the school for further information by phone 01582 730781.

CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL are celebrating following their recent Diocesan Inspection. The school was judged to be outstanding in all areas. The report celebrates a great many strengths of the school and particularly notes, *'The distinctive Catholic nature of the school is visible and vibrant in the relationships between pupils and teachers, the high quality prayer and collective worship.'* It continues, *'Pupils are rightly proud of their school and appreciate the inclusive nature of their community where all are made to feel welcome and valued.'* Thank you to the Catholic community of Luton and Dunstable for continued support for our school.

FUNDRAISING ITALIAN NIGHT in aid of Glanfield Children's Lourdes group at St Joseph's parish centre. Friday 5th May from 8pm till late. Tickets £8 per adult, £6 children under 16 years. Price includes Italian meal (English on request) and live entertainment. Tickets available from Mary Maybury 01582 754850 or 07866 989254.

SOUND SYSTEM - work to improve the microphones and amplification system in the church begins this week.

A **'GROTTO' OF OUR LADY** is planned for the Church grounds. This will be central to the 'prayer garden' chosen as our parish project for the 'Together in Faith' fundraising that many so generously contributed to. The statue will be of Our Lady of Fatima in the centenary year of the apparitions (May 13th 1917 - May 13th 2017).

YOUCAT YOUTH - Monday (tomorrow) at 7:15pm in the Hall! Year 10+ and all young adults are welcome.

SUNDAY 30th APRIL 2017

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| Sat 6:30pm | Mary O'Toole, RIP |
| 9:00am | Patrick Devlin, RIP |
| 11.00am | The People of the Parish |

Monday - St Joseph the Worker

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| 9:00am | Severino S. Pulay, RIP |
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Tuesday - St Athanasius

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| 9:00am | Bridget Seery, RIP |
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Wednesday - No Mass Today

Thursday - MARTYRS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

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| <u>6:30pm</u> | Tommy Hannigan, RIP |
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| 7:15pm | Confirmation Class |
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Friday - Weekday of Easter

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| 9:00am | Mary Raphael Chakkery, RIP |
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| 5:00pm | 1st Communion Rehearsal & Confessions |
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| 7:00pm | Wedding Rehearsal |
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Saturday - Weekday of Easter

*** NO 10AM MASS OR CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY ***

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| 12:00pm | Marriage of Eldon & Joanie Paciente |
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| 3:00pm | First Holy Communion Mass |
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| 5:30pm-6:00pm | Confessions |
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Next Week - 4th Sunday of Easter

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| Sat 6:30pm | John Fitzgerald, RIP |
| 9:00am | The People of the Parish |
| 11:00am | Mr & Mrs Augustin |

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

Legion of Mary: Friday 7:30pm in the Hall.

Lunch Club: Fridays 11:30am onwards.

St Martins De Porres Charismatic Renewal Group



SEMINAR TOPICS

Seminar 1 - God's love- 21st April 2017.

Seminar 2- Salvation-28th April 2017

Seminar 3-New Life- 5th May 2017

Seminar 4- Receiving God's gift-12th May 2017

Seminar 5-Baptism in the Spirit-19th May 2017

Seminar 6-Growth-26th May 2017

Seminar 7-Transformation in Christ-2nd June 2017

COME! JUST AS YOU ARE AND BE BLESSED

This FRIDAY - the seminar topic is 'New Life.' NB: this week's seminar will be taking place in the Parish Hall.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading - Acts 2:14,22-33

It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy;
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 1:17-21

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the

only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Word this Week

During the Season of Easter we walk with the Risen Lord, enjoying his appearing to his disciples. Today's gospel is one of the loveliest accounts of his appearing - and one especially important for the reader. Jesus appears and teaches the two disciples, by reference to the Scriptures, the meaning of his death.

This is very close to the way in which the neophytes (newly baptised) would continue to be taught, through hearing the scriptures, during Easter. The reader should take to herself or himself the words of the Gospel Acclamation: 'Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.'

Thank you to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

Next Week: Team 4: Breda Gavigan & Anne Harding

Thank you to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 4: Sunny, Clara, Charlotte & Paul

Next Week: Team 5: Margaret, Mary & Linda

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 23rd April - **£1164.04**