



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today is 'Good Shepherd' Sunday
or 'Vocations Sunday'

THIS SUNDAY – a second collection for the Priest's Training Fund will be held – we need more priests!

- Bishop Peter has sent a pastoral letter this Sunday, which will be read in place of the homily.

SATURDAY MASS AND CONFESSIONS – is cancelled this week in view of the preparations needed for the first communion celebrations.

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!

THE NEW SOUND SYSTEM is in place. There is an additional speaker in the porch, new speakers, some new microphones alongside the old ones, re-wiring and the internal workings have been refreshed. The speaker in the Lady Chapel will be improved during this week. All 'feedback' is welcomed.

THE NEXT CHCF MASS for those with special needs is on Sunday 14th May at 3pm in St. Joseph's Church, Gardenia Avenue, Luton, LU3 2NS.

STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA is on order for the proposed prayer garden. This Saturday 13th May is the centenary of the apparitions in Fatima, so straight after 6:30pm Mass, we will bless the location where the 'grotto' will be built and refreshments will be served in the hall.

IN HOSPITAL? In the event that you are admitted to the L&D hospital, please be sure to inform ward staff that you are a 'Roman Catholic' and that this information is included in your record on the hospital system – then our volunteers will be able to arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to you and we will know you are there.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sean Twitchen who died on Tuesday 2nd May aged 89. Sean's body will be brought into Church on **Sunday 21st May** at 5pm, and his requiem will be on **Monday 22nd May** at 10:30am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

THE VINE – Your free Diocesan newspaper is available.

NORES LECTURE at Holy Ghost Church, Sunday 21 May, 3-4.30pm Lecture and cream tea. *Do you need theology to live a Christian life?* Professor Tom O'Loughlin, Professor of Historical Theology Nottingham University ALL WELCOME.

YOUCAT YOUTH – Will return later in the month. Watch this space.

SUNDAY 7th MAY 2017

Sat 6:30pm	John Fitzgerald, RIP
9:00am	The People of the Parish
11.00am	Mr & Mrs Augustin
Monday – Weekday of Easter	
9:00am	Evelyn Kehoe (belated birthday)
Tuesday – Weekday of Easter	
9:00am	Pat Arnold
<i>Wednesday – No Mass Today</i>	
Thursday – Weekday of Easter	
<u>6:30pm</u>	Thomas Varghese, RIP
Friday – Weekday of Easter	
9:00am	John Morris, RIP
5:00pm	1st Communion Rehearsal & Confessions
Saturday – Our Lady of Fatima	
*** NO 10AM MASS OR CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY ***	
3:00pm	First Holy Communion Mass (week 2)
5:30pm-6:00pm	Confessions
Next Week – 5th Sunday of Easter	
Sat 6:30pm	Patrick & John McLoughlin, RIP
9:00am	John Malone, 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: Fridays 11:30am onwards.



COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth

COUPLES FOR CHRIST (CFC) invites you to join the 8th session of the **Christian Life Program (CLP)** here in Luton. You can either join the **Friday evening sessions from 7pm** or **Sunday afternoon sessions from 2pm**. The Friday sessions start **May 12** and Sunday Sessions start **May 14**.

- ❖ "CFC" is a family ministry with international scope and is fully recognized by the Church as one of the **Roman Catholic International Associations of the Faithful of Pontifical Right**.
- ❖ Our vision: *Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth*. Our mission: *Building the church of the home and the poor*.

For more details, please contact Bro. Oliver Pena at **07894 876780** or email renver992002@yahoo.com or approach any of our members.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading - Acts 2:14,36-41

God made him both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm -22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 2:20-25

You have come back to the shepherd of souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel - John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life

Congratulations to Elden & Joanie
Paciente who were married on Saturday!



May God's blessing be upon all our children as they receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Thank you to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 4: Breda Gavigan & Anne Harding

Next Week: Team 5: Charlotte Seery & Roy Boxall

Thank you to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 5: Margaret, Mary & Linda

Next Week: Team 1: 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 30th April - £986.40