



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St Martin's

THE GROUND BREAKING – for the grotto in our prayer garden will take place this **Saturday 13th May** after the Vigil Mass. This date marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions in Fatima. Refreshments served in the hall after.



NEXT SUNDAY'S MISSIONS APPEAL – The Volunteer Missionary Movement (VMM) will be coming next weekend to make a Missions Appeal. If you are interested in learning about opportunities in overseas volunteer work, please ask.

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

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.

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, 11th – 15th June 2017. £599 per person sharing. Includes flight, taxes, transfers, 4 nights' Knock House Hotel with Breakfast and Dinner. All tours and entertainment included. Single room supplement £50.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557. Email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613. *Please see the Poster in the Porch.*

LAST CONFIRMATION CLASS is on **Thursday** at 7:15pm in the hall. (Date of confirmation: Tuesday 23rd May, 7:30pm).

CONFIRMATION PARENTS – are asked to pledge a food item for the 'do' in the hall after the confirmation Mass next week. Please sign up today for your contribution of food/drink for the occasion.

VACANCY – The diocese are currently seeking to appoint an Adviser for Secondary RE and Theological Development to support our secondary school RE provision and develop theological resources and support for teachers in all of our schools. *Full information for the position and an application form can be obtained by visiting the Diocesan Website www.northamptondiocese.org and going to The Diocese/Diocesan Departments/Human Resources.* The closing date for applications will be **Friday 19th May 2017.**



PARISH FAMILY FUN DAY – here in the grounds of St Martin de Porres Church on **Saturday 10th June!** Save the date!

SUNDAY 14th MAY 2017

Sat 6:30pm	Patrick & John McLoughlin, RIP
9:00am	John Malone, RIP
11.00am	The People of the Parish
Monday – Weekday of Easter	
9:00am	In thanksgiving for Fr Michael
Tuesday – Weekday of Easter	
9:00am	Parishioners of St Martin's
<i>Wednesday – No Mass Today</i>	
Thursday – Weekday of Easter	
<u>6:30pm</u>	Mercy & Paul (In Thanksgiving)
Friday – Weekday of Easter	
9:00am	Special Intention (Josemon)
5:00pm	1st Communion Rehearsal & Confessions
Saturday – Weekday of Easter	
10:00am	Edward Gaughan, RIP
10:30-11:00am	Confessions & Adoration
5:30pm-6:00pm	Confessions

Next Week – 6th Sunday of Easter

Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	John McCarthy, RIP
11:00am	Mrs Anne Scullion, RIP

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 already started on **May 12**, and the Sunday Sessions start this afternoon, **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 6:1-7

They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm - 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 r. 22

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

Second Reading - 1 Peter 2:4-9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel - John 14:1-12

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

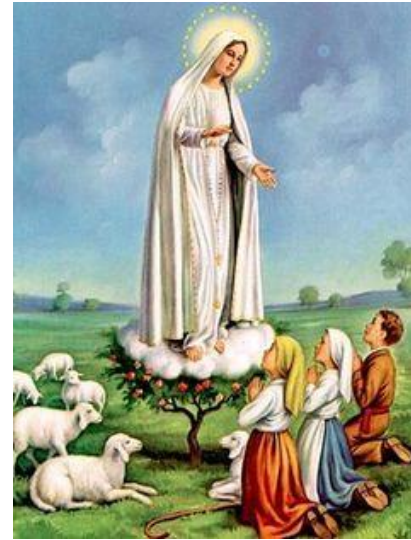
Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'



Our Lady of Fatima Pray for Us.

Prayers Given by Our Lady

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee!
My God, my God,
I love Thee in the Most
Blessed Sacrament!

SACRIFICE PRAYER

O Jesus, it is for love of You,
for the conversion of sinners,
and in reparation
for the sins committed against
the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

DECADE PRAYER

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of hell.
Lead all souls to Heaven, especially
those most in need of Thy mercy.
(Said after each decade of the Rosary)

Thank you to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 5: Charlotte Seery & Roy Boxall

Next Week: Team 6: Anne Jephcott & Diane Casey

Thank you to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 1: Sheila, Betty, Anne & Mary

Next Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

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 7th May - **£1052.82**

Priests' Training Fund - **£435.32**