



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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The Ascension of the Lord

Welcome to St Martin's

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – for the work of the Church in the Media, an important area of evangelisation.

THE VINE – your free diocesan newspaper available today.

THANK YOU – to all who have helped with the smooth running of the Confirmation, First Holy Communion Masses, Our Lady of Fatima procession and Monday's funeral. Our parish thrives at such times of service and cooperation.

OUR CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP INVITE YOU... to join them for refreshments in the hall after next Saturday evening's Mass (Vigil of Pentecost). They are celebrating 10 years of their prayer group.

VACANCIES AT OUR SCHOOL – St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School is seeking to appoint Class Teachers for September 2017. Please visit contact Cheryl Harris, PA to Head Teacher on 01582 617600. Further details online at: <https://jobs.luton.gov.uk/external/details.html?jobId=524>

NEW ALTAR SERVERS – Congratulations to all the children who received their first holy communion this month. Those who wish can now train to be altar servers. This opportunity will be given in September, so watch this space!

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (St John's & Holy Family) – Ages from 17, 20s and 30s with food, adoration, discussion and social, please call Deepak on 07868573696 or check "Frassati Luton" on Facebook or email Frassati_Luton@Hotmail.com for future dates, times and location of meetings. (See Poster – next meeting is 6th June).

SEE POSTERS ON THE NOTICE BOARD – for details of the diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage (10th June), the town Corpus Christi Procession (18th June at Our Lady's Castle St.), St Alban's Day Mass (20th June at Holy Ghost).

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen Faulkner (Anne Jephcott's mother) who died on Wednesday morning aged 103. Please also remember Bob Gibb, a former parishioner who died this week. Funeral details for both will be announced when they are known.

YOU'AT YOUTH – our next meeting is on Monday 5th June at 7:15pm (with a Pentecost flavour). Year 10 upwards and young adults welcome.

SUNDAY 28th MAY 2017

Sat 6:30pm Fernandes family, RIP

9:00am Tony Faulkner, RIP

11.00am The People of the Parish

Monday – Weekday of Easter

9:00am Eusebio Damata Gomes, RIP

Tuesday – Weekday of Easter

9:00am Annamma John, RIP

Wednesday – No Mass Today

Thursday – St Justin, Martyr

6:30pm Special Int.

Friday – Saints Marcellinus & Peter

9:00am Mary Raphael Chakkery, RIP

Saturday – St Charles Lwanga & Companions

10:00am Pena & Manuel families (In Thanks)

10:30-11:00am Confessions & Adoration

5:30pm-6:00pm Confessions

Next Week – Pentecost Sunday

Sat 6:30pm Sean Twitchen, RIP

9:00am The People of the Parish

11:00am Brendan Peter Malone, 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.



**ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH GARDEN
SATURDAY JUNE 10TH ❖ 12noon - 5pm**

OUR FAMILY FUN DAY... is in a couple of weeks (Saturday June 10th). We need good raffle prizes and cake donations as well as helpers on the day. Please see Charlotte Seery or email her at secretary@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading - Acts 1:1-11

He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm - 46:2-3, 6-9 r. 6

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Second Reading - Ephesians 1:17-23

He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations.

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

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Gospel - Matt 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Word this Week

Ascension is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: 'I am going to prepare a place for, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me.' The resurrection presumes the Lord's return to the Father. This is therefore a feast of hope: *our hope* in the Lord's return, as he went. *Our hope* that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. *Our hope* that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.

Thank you to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 2: Abiola, Linda & Clara

Next Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

Thank you to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 3: Michael Williams

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

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 21st May - **£1081.20**

VMM Mission Appeal - **£344.33**