



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St Martin's.

Please pray for Deacon Michael Bates from Daventry who will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Peter for our diocese this Saturday.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** - to the Apostleship of the Sea, providing welfare and support for seafarers visiting UK.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES** - today (Sunday), 3.00pm at the Vale.

**OLIVEWOOD SALE NEXT SUNDAY** - We welcome back our friends from the Holy Land (Community Partnership Association) who will be selling handmade holy items).

**NO SATURDAY MASS THIS WEEK** ...owing to the ordination to the Priesthood of Michael Bates at St Augustine's Parish in Daventry. Priests of the diocese gather to support and welcome the new priest on such occasions.

**HOLY ROSARY** - will be prayed before Mass this Thursday 13th July at **6:15pm** (centenary of the Fatima apparitions).

**NEW ROTAS** - may be found on the small noticeboard in the porch (near the hymn books).

**THANKS FROM ANNE JEPHCOTT** - to parishioners and Fr Michael for all their practical help, kind wishes, cards and Mass offerings following her mother's recent death.

**THANKS FROM SISTER KATHLEEN** - Sister Kathleen would like to say a sincere and heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone who made her Diamond Jubilee such a beautiful and special celebration. All your intentions will be held in the Sisters' prayers. Mass will be offered in gratitude. Thanks again.

**LUCY BRAJKOVIC RIP** - Lucy died last Sunday morning 2nd July. Her funeral Mass will take place on **Monday 24th July at 10am**. May she rest in peace.

**SAVE THE DATE** - *Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life*, Sunday 17th September. Adults £15, children & students £7. For more information please see poster. Contact details: 01582 581917 / 07789 243 453 / [c.bolam2@ntlworld.com](mailto:c.bolam2@ntlworld.com).

**ST HUGH'S** - Our friends from the local Church of England community are celebrating 50 years. As part of the celebration, they are holding a **Community Cultural Diversity Day** on Saturday 22nd July from 1-6pm. This is an opportunity to promote community cohesion. They write:

*"We are inviting you and other groups to come and showcase food, music, costumes and story-telling. In the light of all that is happening in this country, it is crucial we come together to tell a different story - one of love, friendship and mutual respect."*

Please see the poster on the noticeboard - if you would like to showcase your culture, you can book a table with Sylvia on 07773 119085.

**TUESDAY 15th AUGUST** - Holy day - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses at 9am and 7:30pm.

### SUNDAY 9th JULY 2017

Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Laura Pike, Int.
11.00am	Kenneth Uchenna Ajulufoh, RIP
<b>Monday - Feria</b>	
9:00am	Anne Barrett, RIP
<b>Tuesday - St Benedict</b>	
<u>10:00am</u>	Requiem: Patricia Moon
<i>Wednesday - No Mass Today</i>	
<b>Thursday - Feria</b>	
6:15pm	Recitation of the Rosary - Fatima centenary
6:30pm	Private Intention (Dominic)
<b>Friday - Feria</b>	
9:00am	Joyce O'Callaghan, RIP
<b>Saturday - St Bonaventure</b>	
<b><u>NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY</u></b>	
<b>Next Week - 15th Sunday of the Year</b>	
Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Kathleen Henry, Int.
11:00am	Bernadette Simpson, RIP
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm</b> in the Lady Chapel.	
<b>Legion of Mary: Friday 7:30pm</b> in the Hall.	
<b>Lunch Club: Fridays 11:30am</b> onwards.	

Apostleship of the Sea  
**Sea Sunday 2017**

Help a seafarer this Sea Sunday  
Please give generously

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# This Sunday's Readings

## First Reading – Zechariah 9:9-10

*See now, your king comes humbly to you.*

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth

## Responsorial Psalm – 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

*I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOR EVER, O GOD MY KING.*

## Second Reading – Romans 8:9,11-13

*If by the Spirit you put an end to  
the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

## Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.*

## Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Gospel – Matthew 11:25-30

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,

and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

## The Word this Week

Today's Gospel in an answer to a very simple question: who is this Jesus we follow? What is he like? He tells us himself: he is gentle, and humble of heart. There is a simplicity about this Gospel which speaks very clearly to tired hearts. Indeed, it is often the case that we overlook the simplicity of the Gospel message - which is why it is valuable to be as children, constantly wondering and marvelling at the beauty and fascination of Jesus. How much God must love us: the message of salvation is so easy to receive, the promise is so welcome. This is a Sunday to wallow in the wonder of a God who is 'kind and full of compassion'.

### Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 1: Anne Mead & John Jephcott

Next Week: Team 2: Abiola, Linda & Clara

### Thanks 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)

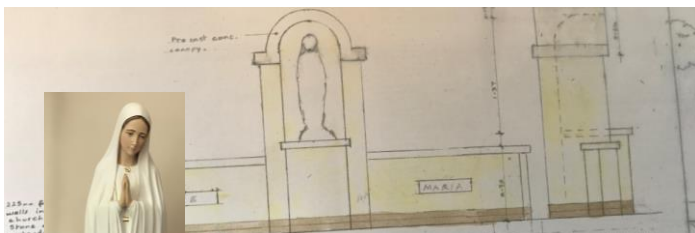
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+ **Parish Hall Bookings:** Contact Maura on 01582 724623 between 6pm-8pm.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Collection: Sunday 2nd July – **£862.45**

Peter's Pence – **£239.84**



order. Spare time has been pledged for works by our skilled planning team, all of whom come from among our parishioners. The project is coming together!

**Bishop Peter has accepted our invitation to preside at Mass on the Feast of St Martin de Porres, Friday 3rd November 2017 (7:30pm). On this occasion, he will bless the completed grotto. Please put the date in your diary!**

## PRAYER GARDEN PROGRESS

On May 13th we blessed the ground ready for our new grotto. The blueprint was made. The 48" statue of Our Lady of Fatima has arrived (pictured). The (very heavy) crowning arch has been beautifully designed and a manufacturer identified. The bricks and cement are on