



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Work has begun on the grotto! Please could parents be sure to guide young children away from the fenced off area, and from the building materials at the hidden end of the car park. These areas could be hazardous.*

**'THANK YOU' FROM CHRIS (COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATION)** – to all who bought items from the olive wood stall last Saturday/Sunday. The sale made **£720** to support Christians in the Bethlehem area.

**THE HALL CAFÉ** – is usually closed during August, unless volunteers feel inclined to serve teas one weekend (no rota applies until September).

**REPOSITORY** – is closed this week, but if you need something please contact Anne Mead on 01582 508699.

**IRISH PERSON OF THE YEAR 2017** – contact Anne Mead.

**DOROTHY PEARCE RIP** – Dorothy's funeral Mass will take place here on Monday 14th August at 10:00am.

The **LEGION OF MARY & FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB** are both taking a break for the summer. They will return on Friday 15th September.

The annual **CANON O'LEARY MEMORIAL MASS** held for people with Special Needs and their families and carers takes place on Saturday 16th September 2017 at St Dominic Primary School Southdown Road Harpenden AL5 1PF. 2.30pm Mass, 3pm Tea party/picnic. The event is usually finished by 5pm. Everyone is welcome. So we have an idea of numbers, please RSVP to Ruth Webb on [01582 467989](tel:01582467989) or reply by email to [ruth.dave@btinternet.com](mailto:ruth.dave@btinternet.com).

**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).

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

### Altar Servers Mass, Pizza & Film evening



We will meet on the evening of **Tuesday 8th August 2017**. If you have served over the last twelve months, please see Father Michael for a letter and return the reply slip to book your place. **Some parental help would be appreciated on that evening!**

### SUNDAY 23rd JULY 2017

Sat 6:30pm	Fred Daly, RIP
9:00am	Maura Fahy, Int.
11.00am	The People of the Parish
<b>Monday – Feria</b>	
9:00am	Amy & Zyron Flores
<b>Tuesday – ST JAMES, APOSTLE</b>	
9:00am	Johnson Fernandes, RIP
<i>Wednesday – No Mass Today</i>	
<b>Thursday – Feria</b>	
12:30pm	Requiem: Lucy Brajkovic
6:30pm	Chris Murphy, RIP
<b>Friday – Feria</b>	
9:00am	Martin Parrett, Int.
12:30pm	Mass in Hospital Chapel
<b>Saturday – St Martha</b>	
10:00am	Alace Keefe, RIP
10:30-11:00am	Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration
5:30pm-6:00pm	Confessions
<b>Next Week – 17th Sunday of the Year</b>	
Sat 6:30pm	Agnes Sweeney, RIP
9:00am	Tony Devlin, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group:</b> <u>Friday 7:30pm</u> in the Lady Chapel.	
<b>Legion of Mary:</b> <u>Summer break: returns 15th September.</u>	
<b>Lunch Club:</b> <u>Summer break: returns 15th September.</u>	



Parish Celebration for the  
60th Wedding Anniversary of  
Evelyn & Martin Kehoe



**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> – 5.15pm**  
**ROSARY ✕ MASS ✕ RECEPTION**  
**☞ ALL ARE WELCOME ☞**

# This Sunday's Readings

## First Reading – Wisdom 12:13,16-19

*After sin you will grant repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly; Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

## Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

*O LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING.*

## Second Reading – Romans 8:26-27

*The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel – Matthew 13:24-30

*Let them both grow till the harvest.*

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

### Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

Next Week: Team 4: Breda & Anne Harding

### Thanks 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 16th July – **£1090.72**

## PRAYER GARDEN PROGRESS

***"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."***

(Matthew 7:24)

On the morning of Saturday 22nd July, work began on the foundations for the outdoor devotional area. The very heavy rainfall did not hinder the work of our skilled volunteers/experts for too long. The area was marked out, dug with a digger, and concrete prepared and used to provide a firm foundation. The area has been fenced off. *Children should be supervised and care should be taken in the area...*

**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. A date for the diary!**

