



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE

This takes place on Saturday 9th September from 10am to 6pm, in aid of ‘Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.’

- ❖ Have fun visiting over 600 churches and chapels.
- ❖ Raise funds for your local churches.
- ❖ Help support other churches in Beds and Herts.

For more information and sponsor forms please email Charlotte on secretary@stmartindeporeschurch.org.uk

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

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

IRISH PERSON OF THE YEAR 2017 – contact Anne Mead.

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!**

PRAYER GARDEN – Works are continuing over the summer, in between work & summer holiday commitments. Watch this space!

Please continue to be vigilant with children in the area of the works and the building materials. Thank you.



SUNDAY 30th JULY 2017

Sat 6:30pm	Agnes Sweeney, RIP
9:00am	Tony Devlin, RIP
11.00am	The People of the Parish
Monday – St Ignatius of Loyola	
9:00am	Gertrude Mulhern, Int.
Tuesday – St Alphonsus Liguori	
9:00am	Mary Castelman, RIP
<i>Wednesday – No Mass Today</i>	
Thursday – Votive Mass: Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart	
6:30pm	Shibu family
Friday – St John Vianney	
9:00am	Betty Rooney, RIP
Saturday – St Martha	
10:00am	Teodoro Manalo, RIP
10:30-11:00am	Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration
5:30pm-6:00pm	Confessions
Next Week – The Transfiguration of the Lord	
Sat 6:30pm	Sherman Calignawan (In thanksgiving)
9:00am	Shibu family
11:00am	The People of the Parish

Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.

Legion of Mary: Summer break: returns 15th September.

Lunch Club: Summer break: returns 15th September.



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



ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH
SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH – 5.15pm
ROSARY ✕ MASS ✕ RECEPTION
∞ ALL ARE WELCOME ∞

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

You have asked for a discerning judgment for yourself.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm – 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

LORD, HOW I LOVE YOUR LAW!

Second Reading – Romans 8:28-30

God intended us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the

good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

He sells everything he owns and buys the field

What a gift it is, to be able to recognise the true value of things, and choose those which will last forever and bring us true happiness! Solomon, renowned for wisdom, is able to make the right choices when offered the chance to have anything he wants. What would we choose? The parable in the Gospel tells us that, in a sense, the choice is already before us: we can see the kingdom of heaven waiting for us: it is of greater value than anything else, and so all our hearts should be set on it. Nothing should stand in our way.

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 4: Breda Gavigan & Anne Harding

Next Week: Team 5: Charlotte Seery & Roy Boxall

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

Next Week: Team 3: Michael Williams

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 23rd July – **£1042.76**