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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONGRATULATIONS – to Evelyn & Martin Kehoe who celebrate 60 years of marriage. A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered this evening at 5:30pm, followed by a celebration in the hall comprising entertainment and food. All welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS – to James Bell, Cyrus Jison, Odinaka Umeano, Chidubem Umeano & Emmanuela Udofia who received the Silver Medal of the Guild of St Stephen for over 10 years as Altar Servers in our Parish!

TUESDAY: is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of the Assumption. Masses at 9am and 7:30pm.

ST MARTIN'S YOUTH does STRICTLY COME DANCING!!

This is happening on **Saturday 2nd September at 1pm**. Some of our young people are raising money for ANCOP (Answering the Cry of the Poor). The event will be filled with dazzling contestants ready to groove to the beat and steal the show with their spectacular performances.

- **TICKETS:** £5 for Adults, £2 for Children.
- **VENUE:** Eaton Bray Village Hall, LU6 2DJ.
- **SEE OVERLEAF FOR MORE DETAILS!**

BIBLE STUDY AT OUR LADY'S CASTLE STREET - commencing **Thursday 17th August 2017 at 7.30pm** – "The Bible Timeline" – a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. They will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. In the meeting room of the parish hall.



WELCOME SISTER MARY JACINTA TO THE PARISH!

Sister Mary belongs to the Daughters of Divine Love. She has recently qualified as a medical doctor, and will be spending the next 2 years

-serving 'foundation' at our hospital. **Sister Mary is looking for suitable accommodation for a fair rent.** If you think you might be interested, please see Fr Michael.

SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE

This takes place on **Saturday 9th September** from 10am to 6pm, in aid of 'Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.' For more information and sponsor forms please email Charlotte on secretary@stmartindeporeschurch.org.uk



A LARGE BUNCH OF KEYS – has been found. Could they be yours? Please see Fr Michael.



PRAYER GARDEN – the grotto is on the way. Watch this space.

SUNDAY 13th AUGUST 2017

Sat 6:30pm	Derek Caton, RIP
9:00am	Martin & Evelyn (60 years of marriage)
11.00am	The People of the Parish
5:15pm	Holy Rosary (Fatima centenary)
5:30pm	Diamond Jubilee Mass (Evelyn & Martin)
Monday – St Maximilian Kolbe	
10:00am	Requiem: Dorothy Pearce
Tuesday – ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)	
9:00am	Kevin & Sophie
7:30pm	Thomas Fernandes, RIP
Wednesday – No Mass Today	
Thursday – Feria	
6:30pm	Danny Kenny, RIP
Friday – Feria	
9:00am	Edward McConnell, RIP
Saturday – Votive Mass of Our Lady	
10:00am	Anna Ficeto, RIP
10:30-11:00am	Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration
5:30pm-6:00pm	Confessions
Next Week – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 6:30pm	John Little, RIP
9:00am	Frank Carlin, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish

The Word this Week

How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty - to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze. Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb, but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters.



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Stand on the mountain before the Lord.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of the Lord, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm – 84(85):9-14

*LET US SEE, O LORD, YOUR MERCY
AND GIVE US YOUR SAVING HELP.*

Second Reading – Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers.

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 14:22-33

Tell me to come to you across the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 6: Anne Jephcott & Diane Casey

Next Week: Team 1: Anne Mead & John Jephcott

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 6th August – £997.75

<p>YFC LUTON DOES </p> <p><i>Strictly Come Dancing</i></p>	
 <p>EATON BRAY VILLAGE HALL LU6 2DJ</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 02 SATURDAY 13:00 - 17:00</p> 
<p>ADULT TICKET £5</p> <p>PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS ANCOP</p>	
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