



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St Martin's

TODAY – before the final blessing, young members of our parish will tell us about their forthcoming “strictly” event – and explain the work that their chosen charity ANCOP does.

FIRST COMMUNION APPLICATION – Parents of children in year 3 and above are invited for preparation for first Confession and first Holy Communion. Please see Fr Michael for the form after Mass, and return no later than Sunday 17th September.

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER HOLY HOUR – A month of new beginnings. This Friday there will be a holy hour in Church from 7pm-8pm to pray for all our needs and intentions.

GARDENING/GROUNDS WORK – Our parishioners Tabitha, Prisca and Adeola are asking for help on **Saturday 9th September** at **12 noon**. There are various tasks needing attention in the church grounds and all help would be gratefully received.

ACT OF WITNESS – in support of life and against abortion outside the Luton & Dunstable hospital on **Saturday 9th September** from 1pm to 2pm.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE for the sanctity of life led by Bishop Robert Byrne on **Sunday 17th September**. Adults £15, children & students £7. See poster. Contact Catherine 01582 581917 / 07789 243 453 c.bolam2@ntlworld.com

WEDDING BANNERS – Dale Montesclaros of this parish and Phillip Buchan of Northampton Cathedral Parish are to be married here on **Friday 8th September** at **4pm**.

LEGION OF MARY – meetings begin again on **Friday 15th September** at **7:30pm**.

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB – from **11:30am** on **Friday 15th September**.

OUR PRAYER GARDEN GROTTTO – has the first layer of bricks laid! Many thanks to James Johnson and all involved in the project.



PARISH BOOK BASKET – in the porch



There are lots of good spiritual books in various cupboards (and Fr Michael's garage) going unread! Please help yourself to a book and make a donation (e.g. £1 or 50p).

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST 2017

Sat 6:30pm	Liam Spillane, RIP
9:00am	Susan Maguire, RIP
11.00am	The People of the Parish
Monday – St Augustine	
9:00am	Stephen Collins, RIP
Tuesday – The Passion of St John the Baptist	
9:00am	Philomena Smedley, RIP
<i>Wednesday – No Mass Today</i>	
Thursday – St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne	
6:30pm	Sister Adelina O. Terrado (60 years)
Friday – Feria	
9:00am	Mary Mulroy, RIP
7:00pm	September Holy Hour
Saturday – Feria	
10:00am	Eileen Lana Burford, RIP
10:30-11:00am	Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration
5:30pm-6:00pm	Confessions
Next Week – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 6:30pm	Anna Cullinane (In thanks)
9:00am	Frank Burns, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish

YFC

Inspired by UK's TV show
"Strictly Come Dancing"

PRESENTS

YFC Does Strictly

Tickets Prices

Under 5's: Free Entry

6's - 18's: £2.00pp*

19+ : £5:00pp*

+ Raffle tickets sold on the day + Food

Date: 2nd September 2017

Time: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Where: Eaton Bray, Village Halls, LU6 2DJ

*The money raised will help a charity will go towards ANCOP a charity that helps uplift the lives of poor families in developing countries, alongside raising money for YFC (Youth For Christ) helping to have events like this in the future and helping the youth to understand their faith.

For more information about the event please contact:
Albert & Recil Repospolo (YFC & CFC Coordinator) - 07427668811



This Sunday's Readings

There is a very simple theme to this Sunday's readings: it is the principle of authority in the community of the Church: we are introduced to the idea that God gives authority to someone in the first reading, where Shebna is dismissed by God and replaced. This is a prelude to the Gospel story of Peter being given authority: not because he is powerful or wise in the world's sense, but because he was able to profess his faith in the one sent by the Father. This is the principle of all authority in the Church: it is to spring only from God and our faith in God, professed by our way of life and rooted only in Christ, for 'to him all authority, in heaven and on earth, has been given.'



First Reading – Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm – 137(138):1-3,6,8

*YOUR LOVE, O LORD, IS ETERNAL,
DISCARD NOT THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS.*

Second Reading – Romans 11:33-36

All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 2: Abiola, Linda & Clara

Next Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

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@stmartindeporeschurch.org.uk

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Collection: Sunday 20th August – **£1053.45**