



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Welcome to St Martin's

**NEW ROTAS** – available from the small noticeboard.

**THE VINE** – The October issue is available – free.

**NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY MORNING** – Owing to the 'Fatima' Mass in the Cathedral (see below).

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMS** – There will be a Mass & Meeting on **Monday 25th September** at 7pm.

**VISITATION** of the World Apostolate of Fatima National Statue and Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to Northampton Cathedral on **Saturday 30th September**. The visitation begins with Mass celebrated by the Bishop in the Cathedral at **12 noon** on **Saturday 30 September**.

**THE NEXT CHCF MASS** for those with special needs is **Sunday 1st October** at 3pm here in St Martin de Porres.

**ITALIAN MASS & PROCESSION:** to honour St Francis of Assisi with blessing of animals & procession through the streets. **Sunday 1st October** 2.30pm, Holy Ghost, *Benvenuti a tutti*, all welcome.

**ADULTS WANTING TO BECOME CATHOLIC:** There will be a joint Pastoral Area course for people who want to become Catholics and for baptised adults who have not received the other Sacraments of Initiation at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. The course will start on **Monday, 2nd October** at **7.30pm** at St. Joseph's Parish, Gardenia Avenue, Luton LU3 2NS. *Please see Fr Michael if you would like to take part.*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS** Loreto College: Tues. 26th Sept. 6.00pm JFK: Tuesday 3rd Oct. 6.30pm Cardinal Newman: Thursday 12th Oct. 5.30pm.

**CATHEDRAL LIVE ONLINE!** The Diocese of Northampton are delighted to announce that Diocesan Liturgies and other services at the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas of Canterbury will now be streamed live on the internet from this address:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/northamptoncathedral>

The first Mass to be streamed will be the memorial Mass for Mgr Peter Hocken on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon. Listings of future streaming's will be placed on the Diocese of Northampton website.

#### FIRST COMMUNION – MEETINGS FOR PARENTS

To confirm your involvement in the First Communion & Confession programme, please attend your meeting. Parents of children with surnames beginning with letters:

**A – L: Friday 6th October at 5:30pm.**

**M – Z: Saturday 7th October at 11:30am.**

(It is essential that parents attend these meetings – if you know you can't make it, please see Fr Michael today.)

### SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Sat 6:30pm	Calignawan family (In thanks)
9:00am	The People of the Parish
11.00am	Nicolau Francisco Mascarenhas
<b>Monday – Feria</b>	
9:00am	Angelito Cimeni, RIP
<u>7:00pm</u>	Priest's Intention
7:30pm	<i>Holy Land Pilgrims' Meeting (hall)</i>
<b>Tuesday – Feria</b>	
9:00am	Christopher McCann, RIP
<i>Wednesday – No Mass Today</i>	
<b>Thursday – Feria</b>	
6:30pm	Philip C. Thomas
<b>Friday – SS. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</b>	
9:00am	Johnnie Browne, RIP
12:30pm	<b>Mass in Hospital Chapel</b>
<b>Saturday – St Jerome</b>	
<b>NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY</b>	
5:30pm-6:00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
<b>Next Week – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Eileen Woodstock, RIP
11:00am	Josephine & Brendan McConnellogue, RIP
3:00pm	<b>Special Needs Mass</b>

**YOUTH – Aged 11-18?** Please come to the LUX teachings on Monday 2nd October from 7:15-8:15pm! Please get a letter from Fr Michael... read on to find out more...

NYMO ✝ St. Martin De Porres, Luton present

## LUX teachings

### "Family values"

After the recent Synods on the family, the Pope wrote a letter to the whole church. Join us as we reflect on what he said and what it means for us today!

scan or visit [www.nymo.org](http://www.nymo.org)

**INCLUDING FREE PIZZA!\***

A free evening for young people aged 11-18  
 Mon 2nd Oct  
 7.15pm - 9.15pm  
 @ Martin de Porres Catholic Church,  
 366 Leagrave High St.  
 Luton, LU4 0NG  
 \*Hurray.

**PARENTS OF YOUTH** – Please support Fr Michael and the NYMO team with the above!

# This Sunday's Readings

We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thought are not our thoughts.



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## First Reading – Isaiah 55:6-9

*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

## Responsorial Psalm – 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

*THE LORD IS CLOSE TO ALL WHO CALL HIM.*

## Second Reading – Philippians 1:20-24,27

*Life to me is Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

**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 20:1-16

*Why be envious because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

### 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 5: Margaret, Mary & Linda

Next Week: Team 1: Sheila, Betty, Anne & Mary

### 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 17th September – **£962.65**

Home Missions: **£198.23**