



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St Martin's

Dear Friends,

On the first weekend of next month, Bishop Peter will be making his formal visitation to our parish. He will celebrate our St Martin's Day Mass (Friday 3rd November at 7:30pm) and also the three weekend Masses (Sat 4th & Sun 6th Nov). There will be the opportunity to meet Bishop Peter in the hall afterwards. This will be a special weekend in the life of our parish!

Fr Michael

CAFOD FAST DAY - Friday is the Harvest CAFOD Fast Day. Envelopes will be distributed today, and may be returned in the second collection next Sunday,

MASS COUNT - During October we will be counting our congregations at the weekend Masses. This is done throughout the church nationally and submitted to Rome. We need volunteers at each Mass for this to happen efficiently.

NEW ROTAS - available from the small noticeboard.

HALL KITCHEN - two pots are missing. Might you have borrowed them?

ADULTS WANTING TO BECOME CATHOLIC: 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.

CATHEDRAL LIVE ONLINE! Visit the following link:
<https://www.churchservices.tv/northamptoncathedral>



ST MARTIN'S DAY MEETING - There will be a meeting on **Monday 9th October at 7:30pm** in the Parish Hall to make arrangements for our St Martin's Day celebration (Friday 3rd November). In our traditional way, could representatives from different communities attend and help to 'spread the word.' **Bishop Peter is celebrating this Mass so it is a particularly special celebration of our patronal feast this year!**

OLIVIA FALOONE RIP - Olivia lived in Clydesdale Road and died on Tuesday after a long illness. May she rest in peace.

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.

Please see Fr Michael with any queries.

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2017

Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Eileen Woodstock, RIP
11:00am	Josephine & Brendan McConnellogue, RIP
3:00pm	Special Needs Mass
Monday - Holy Guardian Angels	
9:00am	Mary McCann, RIP
Tuesday - Feria	
9:00am	Pat Brady, RIP
Wednesday - No Mass Today	
Thursday - Feria	
6:30pm	Marco Barreca, RIP
Friday - Feria (CAFOD Fast Day)	
9:00am	Eileen O'Brien, Ints.
Saturday - Our Lady of the Rosary	
10:00am	Christopher McCann, RIP
10:30pm-11:00am	Adoration & Confessions
5:30pm-6:00pm	Confessions
Next Week - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Michael MacDonald (get well soon)
11:00am	Danny Dever, RIP
Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.	
Legion of Mary: Friday 7:30pm in the Hall.	
Lunch Club: Fridays 11:30am onwards.	

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...

PARENTS' HELP APPRECIATED ON THE NIGHT!

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

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.



This Sunday's Readings

'Once a sinner, always a sinner.' That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: 'Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.' All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.



First Reading – Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm – 24(25):4-9

REMEMBER YOUR MERCY, LORD.

Second Reading – Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*IF ANYONE LOVES ME HE WILL KEEP MY WORD,
AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM,
AND WE SHALL COME TO HIM.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 21:28-32

He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 1: Anne Mead & John Jephcott

Next Week: Team 2: Abiola, Linda & Clara

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)

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Collection: Sunday 24th September – **£1169.36**