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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St Martin's

Dear Friends,

Next Sunday, we will welcome children & staff from St Martin de Porres Primary School and their families. The children will sing and play at 9am Mass, and sing too with our 11am choir. Let us be especially welcoming on this occasion!

Fr Michael



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!**

BISHOP'S VISITATION - Bishop Peter will be visiting our parish and celebrating all the Masses on the weekend of 4/5 November. Could we be sure that our various ministries are carried out as normal and as per the ministry rotas.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION - is for the harvest CAFOD fast day. **CAFOD** Envelopes are available at the back of Church.

DIVINE RETREAT AND HEALING PRAYER - Fr Rajeevan will be here from 3:45pm to 8:00pm today (Sunday). He is from the Tamil Divine Retreat Centre. All welcome.

NORES LECTURE 2017 - Called and Chosen Open Invitation to our NORES Lecture **Sunday 15th October** 4pm at NORES, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD. The lecture will be given by Rev. Canon Dr. David J. Oakley, Rector of St. Mary's Seminary, Birmingham

MASS COUNT - Thanks to those helping count our congregations during October. Please continue to record these details for the diocese.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES

The first classes take place:

Group 1 - Fri 13th October, 5:30pm-7pm

Group 2 - Sat 14th October, 11am-12:30pm



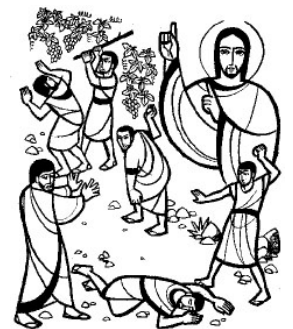
The **First Holy Communion children's** "Worshipping Jesus at Mass" cards need to be stamped.

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2017

Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Michael MacDonald (get well soon)
11:00am	Danny Dever, RIP
3:45pm	Divine Retreat & healing prayer (Tamil)
Monday - Blessed John Henry Newman	
9:00am	Paulose, RIP
Tuesday - Feria	
9:00am	Maurice O'Connor, Int.
Wednesday - No Mass Today	
Thursday - Pope St John XXIII	
6:30pm	Shibu family
Friday - Votive Mass of Our Lady of Fatima	
9:00am	Anne Meaney, RIP
Saturday - Votive Mass of Our Lady	
10:00am	Norman Ingram (good health)
10:30pm-11:00am	Adoration & Confessions
5:30pm-6:00pm	Confessions
Next Week - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Holy Souls in purgatory
11:00am	Leocadio Ramos, 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.	

The Word this Week

Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heart-breaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending then and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?





This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm – 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

*THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD
IS THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.*

Second Reading – Philippians 4:6-9

The God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and

pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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 21:33-43

He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 2: Abiola, Linda & Clara

Next Week: Team 1: Josephine & Tabitha

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

Next Week: Team 3: Michael, Benedicta & Elizabeth

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 1st October – **£1023.02**