



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Welcome to St Martin's*

**TODAY** – is the World Day for the Poor.

**APPEAL THIS SUNDAY** – In recent weeks we have been pleased to welcome **Sister Juliana**, a sister from Kenya who belongs to the **Daughters of the Sacred Heart**.

- Today, Sister Juliana will make an appeal, inviting our support for the work of her order in East Africa.
- Our **second collection** will go directly towards the construction of a secondary school which will help give poorer people the opportunity of a good education.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE** – Advent begins next weekend and our Advent giving Tree offers us the opportunity to give small gifts to homeless people at Christmas. Simply take a tag from the tree, buy the item, and return it gift wrapped with the tag firmly attached. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW!** – Tickets for our Christmas Draw in aid of church funds are now on sale at **ONLY £1 PER BOOK of 5**.



**APPEAL FOR RAFFLE PRIZES** - *Please bring any (brand new) bottles, boxes of chocolates, posh toiletries, children's toys and more to the sacristy which will become raffle prizes!!!*



**CHRISTMAS MASSES** – Christmas falls on a Monday this year which makes for a particularly busy weekend! There will be the usual weekend Masses, followed by Mass at **6:30pm** on **Sunday 24th December**, then **Midnight, 9am** and **11am** on **Monday 25th December**.

**CHRISTMAS DAY 2017** - Share Christmas Dinner with others at St. Martin de Porres Hall on Christmas Day 1.30-5pm! Mary Maybury invites those you who would be alone, or unable to prepare a full dinner, to come along. Cost: £5 or donation. Please contact Mary on 01582 754850 or 07866 989254.

**CONFIRMATION APPLICATION** – Children in year 8 and above are invited for preparation for Confirmation (which will be celebrated by Bishop Peter on **Tuesday 22nd May 2018**). Please see Fr Michael for the form after Mass, and return no later than **Thursday 30th 30th November**.



**REPOSITORY** – is open this weekend in the parish hall.

**NEXT SUNDAY** – there will be a second collection for the sick and retired clergy of the diocese.

### SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2017

Sat 6:30pm	Contreras family's intentions
9:00am	Lyndsey Fenlon, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish
<b>Monday – St Edmund, King &amp; Martyr</b>	
9:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Tuesday – Presentation of the BVM</b>	
<u>10:00am</u>	Requiem Mass: John Kelly
<b>Wednesday – St Cecilia, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>	
<u>6:30pm</u>	Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00-7:30pm	Adoration & Confessions
<b>Thursday - Feria</b>	
9:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<u>5:00pm</u>	Reception in Church of James Dunne, RIP
<b>Friday – St Andrew Dung Lac &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>	
<u>9:30am</u>	Requiem Mass: James Dunne
<b>SATURDAY – CONFESSIONS AT 5:30PM</b>	
<b>SATURDAY – MASS AT 6:30PM</b>	
<b>Next Sunday – CHRIST THE KING</b>	
Sat 6:30pm	Sammy Arnold, RIP
9:00am	Phil Maguire, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish

**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.

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH

# SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER

ST. MARTIN'S PARISH HALL  
**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DEC. 2017**  
**1.30pm for 2pm start**  
 (ending at 4.30pm)  
**TICKETS ON SALE £7.50**



Our parish is now on Facebook. Search for:

St. Martin de Porres RC Parish Luton

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9AM & 11AM MASSES**

# This Sunday's Readings

## First Reading – Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

*A perfect wife—who can find her?*

A perfect wife – who can find her?

She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her,

from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him

all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax,

she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff,

her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor,

she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;

the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,

and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

## Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 127(128):1-5

*O blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

## Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

*Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

## Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.*

## Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30

*You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

"The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them.

The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."



### 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 3: Michael, Benedicta & Elizabeth

Next Week: Team 4: Sunny, Clara, Charlotte & Paul

### 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 12th November – **£1038.39**