



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Welcome to St Martin's

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER

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

TODAY - there will be a second collection for the sick and retired clergy of the diocese.

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!

FOOD FOR NOAH - as winter begins to be felt, please continue to put non-perishable food in the containers in the porch.

SITUATION VACANT - Midday supervisor role. See: <http://www.stmartindeporesluton.co.uk/job-vacancies/>

THE VINE - diocesan newspaper, freely available today.

THE NEXT CHCF MASS for those with Special Needs is on Sunday 3rd December, 3pm at St. Joseph's.

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

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

REPOSITORY - is open on Sunday morning in the parish hall. 2018 St Paul's Missals will soon be available - a sign-up sheet will be provided soon. Anne Mead has a catalogue if there is something you would like her to order.

CAROL SERVICE - Saturday 9th December 2017, 6pm at Our Lady, Help of Christians, Castle Street, Luton, LU1 3AG Light Refreshments afterwards. For more information please ring 01582 738764.

MARRIAGE COURSE - 24th Feb 2018 at St Joseph's, Gardenia Avenue. Book now if you are marrying in 2018 or later. It is compulsory whether you are marrying here or anywhere else (e.g. abroad).

THANK YOU - for the very generous collection for Sister Juliana's school last Sunday - raising an amazing £863.07!

CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW! - Tickets for our Christmas Draw in aid of church funds are now on sale at **ONLY £2 PER BOOK of 5**. Please sell tickets to friends and neighbours!

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2017

Sat 6:30pm	Sammy Arnold, RIP
9:00am	Phil Maguire, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish
Monday - Feria	
9:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY - NO MASS TODAY	
Wednesday - Feria	
6:30pm	Chinamma Abraham, RIP
7:00-7:30pm	Adoration & Confessions
Thursday - ST ANDREW	
9:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
10:00am	Funeral Service for Colin Phipps
Friday - Feria	
9:00am	Shibu family
SATURDAY - CONFESSIONS AT 5:30PM	
SATURDAY - MASS AT 6:30PM	
Next Sunday - ADVENT SUNDAY	
Sat 6:30pm	Liam Spillane, RIP
9:00am	Ron Curtis, 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.



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!!!



Our parish is now on Facebook. Search for:

St. Martin de Porres RC Parish Luton



CHRISTMAS MASSES 2017

Christmas Eve: 6:30pm and Midnight
(carols from 11:30)

Christmas Day: 9:00am and 11:00am

This Sunday's Readings

"Shepherd-King o'er mountain steep, homeward guide thy wand'ring sheep." This hymn which we will probably sing today captures the readings perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church's year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. The judgement of the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives, longing for the day of the lord to come.

First Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm – xxx

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

Next Week: Team 4: Breda & Anne

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

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

Next Week: Team 5: Margaret, Mary & Linda

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

secretary@stmartindepordeschurch.org.uk

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Collection: Sunday 26th November – **£886.48**

2nd Collection for Sister Juliana – **£863.07**