



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

**THIS SUNDAY  
8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL -  
DIVINE MERCY  
SUNDAY:**

(Adoration,  
Confession + Sung  
Chaplet) Held at  
**Our Lady's** in  
Luton 3pm-4pm.



**REQUIESCANT IN PACE** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of John McLaughlin, RIP who died on 21<sup>st</sup> March, aged 73. John's funeral Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am**, with reception at 6pm on Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

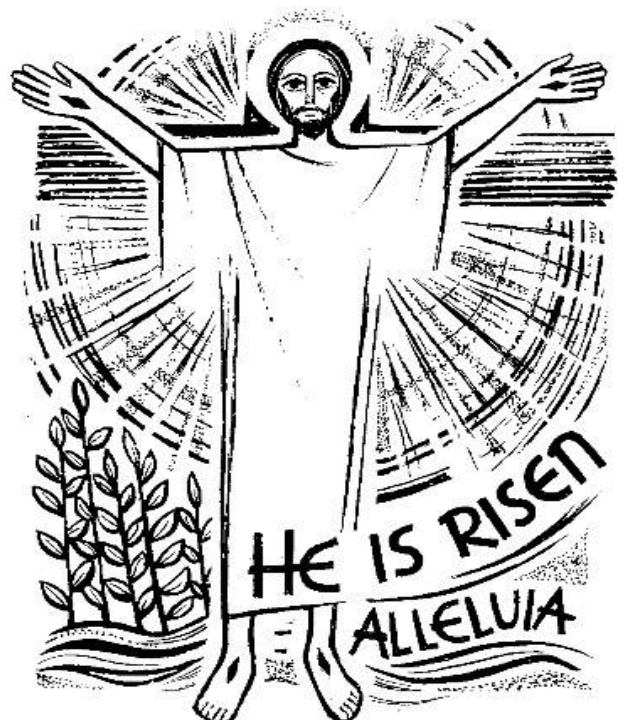
**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS (CHCF)** - Our next Mass is here at St Martin's on **April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**. Any further information, contact Sean Ballantyne on 07930 305362.

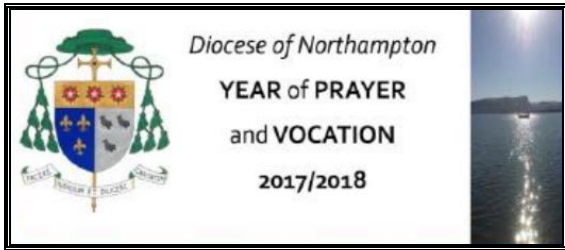
**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE DATES** -  
**Sat 21st April & Sat 26th May. 3.00 - 5.30pm.**

**LUTON IRISH FORUM'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP** meets at 102 Hitchin Road Luton LU2 0ES every **Friday from 9.30am** to 11.30am during term time. Come along to meet other parents/grandparents/carers and children and have fun through play and song! For further information, please call 01582 720447.

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND** - A Vocations Weekend is planned for **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April** at Northampton Cathedral for men thinking of a possible priestly vocation. For more details, please contact Canon Mark Floody on 01604 714556 or [frmark@northamptoncathedral.org](mailto:frmark@northamptoncathedral.org) or Fr Andy Richardson on 01628 605 764 or [frandyrichardson@gmail.com](mailto:frandyrichardson@gmail.com)

SUNDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	
Sat 6.30pm	Jim Fenlon, RIP
9:00am	Beatrice & Baptist Alleyakane, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish
<b>Monday - Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
9.00am	Lesley O'Connor, RIP
<b>Tuesday - Weekday of Easter</b>	
9.00am	Elsy, RIP
<b>Wednesday - St Stanislaus</b>	
<u>6:30pm</u>	Jumao family: Alexa Joice Jumao, B'day Matilde Mangitngit, RIP
<b>Thursday - Weekday of Easter</b>	
9.00am	Jim Spillane
<b>Friday - NO MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>SATURDAY - CONFESSIONS 5:30PM - 6:00PM</b>	
<b>SATURDAY - MASS AT 6:30PM</b>	
Next Sunday - Third Sunday of Easter	
Sat 6:30pm	Ellie & Peter Sheridan, RIP
9:00am	Monica McIntyre,
11:00am	The People of the Parish
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm</b> in the Lady Chapel.	
<b>Legion of Mary: Friday 7:30pm</b> in the Hall.	
<b>Lunch Club: Friday 11.30am</b> onwards.	





## This Sunday's Readings

### First Reading – Acts 4:32-35

*The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

### Responsorial Psalm – 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

*GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, FOR HIS LOVE HAS NO END  
OR ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!*

### Second Reading – 1 John 5:1-6

*Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

### Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'*  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### Gospel – John 20:19-31

*Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

#### Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

Next Week: Team 4: Breda & Anne Harding

#### Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 3: Michael, Elizabeth & Benedicta

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

#### Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

[secretary@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk)

+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator)

[admin@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk)

Monday-Thursday 9.15-1.15

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

**Thank you for your very generous Easter offerings**