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Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St Martin's

NEXT SUNDAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - so there will be a second collection will be for the priests' training fund, and a pastoral letter from Bishop Peter about priesthood and vocations.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - resume this Friday (Group 1 at 5:30pm) and Saturday (Group 2 at 11:00am).

CONFIRMATION

- Classes resume on Thursday at 6:45pm in the Parish Hall.
- **BLAZE** (confirmation retreat away day) is on **Saturday 28th April**. All confirmation candidates need to come to the church hall for 9:45am for the coach to Milton Keynes (with a packed lunch and water to drink) and will be back at the church for 5:45pm.



THE REPOSITORY will be open after the morning Masses today, Sunday 15th April. Please note that this Sunday will be the last chance to order First Holy Communion and Confirmation gift items from our supplier's catalogues - to ensure delivery in time for these two major events.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS (CHCF) - Our next Mass is here at St Martin's on **TODAY (Sunday) at 3pm**. For further information, contact Sean on 07930 305362.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLY DAY) - a reminder that **Thursday 10th May** is a Holy Day of Obligation - Masses that day at 9am, 10:30am (school) & 7:30pm.

GRATEFUL THANKS FROM CAFOD - Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

- We pray for John McLaughlin, RIP. John's funeral Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 24th April at 10am**, with vigil at 6pm on Monday 23rd April.
- We pray for James Emerson, RIP. James died on Friday 6th April. His funeral will take place here on **Tuesday 8th May at 10am**, with vigil at 7pm on Monday 7th May.

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

SUNDAY 15th APRIL 2018

Sat 6.30pm	Joe, Ellie & Petie Sheridan, RIP
9:00am	Monica McIntyre, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish
Monday - Weekday of Easter	
9.00am	Kristine Calignawan (In Thanksgiving)
Tuesday - Weekday of Easter	
9.00am	Neil & Sean Doherty, Ints.
Wednesday - Weekday of Easter	
<u>6:30pm</u>	Bridget Seery, RIP
7:00-7:30pm	Adoration & Confessions
Thursday - Weekday of Easter	
9.00am	Roger O'Donoghue, RIP
Friday - NO MASS TODAY	
SATURDAY - CONFESSIONS 5:30PM - 6:00PM	
SATURDAY - MASS AT 6:30PM	
NEXT SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Sat 6:30pm	Rosello Calignawan, RIP
9:00am	Margaret Moloney, 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: Friday 11.30am onwards.

The Word this Week

We continue to think about the Resurrection this week, from three different perspectives:

The Gospel gives us another story of Jesus appearing to his disciples - this time the beautiful story of the meeting in Jerusalem, when Jesus proves he is alive and no ghost by eating some grilled fish: he reminds the disciples that all he suffered and rise so the 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins' could be preached to the whole world.

The first reading shows us Saint Peter doing just that, as he addresses the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: he takes them through recent events (fifty days earlier), highlighting the important point, that he and the disciples can witness to the raising of Jesus from the dead, and calling them to 'repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The second reading brings this into our lives: the resurrection is not just a historical event, which we remember. By baptism (which we renewed at Easter) we become part of Jesus in his dying and his rising, as he 'becomes the sacrifice that takes our sins away'. So all that Saint John tells us about the commandments and avoiding sin is our way of living the Resurrection.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Acts 3:13-15,17-19

You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm – 4:2,4,7,9

LIFT UP THE LIGHT OF YOUR FACE ON US, O LORD.

Second Reading – 1 John 2:1-5

He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LORD JESUS, EXPLAIN THE SCRIPTURES TO US. MAKE OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US AS YOU TALK TO US.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 24:35-48

So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

HOLY TRAVELS IN 2018

- **Saturday 5th May** – Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory – Adults £14, Children £7. (see poster in the porch).
- **Saturday 9th June** – Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham – please see the poster in the porch for contact details and arrangements.
- **August 2018** – Pope Francis will be visiting Dublin, Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. NYMO are inviting young adults aged 16-30yrs to be a part of this amazing opportunity. If you are interested and for more information, please email Fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627.

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 4: Breda & Anne Harding

Next Week: Team 5: Charlotte & Roy

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@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk

+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator)

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Monday-Thursday 9.15-1.15

+ **Parish Hall Bookings:** Contact Maura on 01582 724623

between 6pm-8pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Sun 8th April - £1115.10 + £46.50 average S.O. per week