



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St Martin's

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

APF - MILL HILL MISSION THANK YOU & APPEAL -

At all Masses next weekend we welcome Fr. Vincent Oates MHM who will speak on behalf of APF - Mill Hill and their Missionary work. This thank you & appeal is not for money but for parishioners to become members and take a Red Mission Box.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES -

- **Friday 27th April** (Group 1 at **5:30pm**) and
- **Saturday 28th April** (Group 2 at **11:00am**).

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 & water to drink) & will be back at church for 5:45pm.



REQUIESCANT IN PACE

- We pray for James Emerson, RIP. His funeral will take place here on **Tuesday 8th May at 10am**, with vigil at 7pm on Monday 7th May.
- We pray for Fr Tony Harris, RIP who died on Tuesday morning at home.

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**.

FUNDRAISING ITALIAN NIGHT – in Aid of Glanfield Children Group to take sick children to Lourdes. Takes place at St Joseph Parish Centre Friday 11th May, 8pm till late. Italian Meal and live entertainment. Tickets available from Mary Maybury 07866989254 £8/£6.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE -
Sat 26th May 3.00 - 5.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSESS are on **Saturday 5th May** and **Saturday 12th May** at **3pm**.

CONFIRMATION MASS is on **Tuesday 22nd May** at **7.30pm**.

SUNDAY 22nd APRIL 2018

Sat 6.30pm	Rosello Calignawan, RIP
9:00am	Margaret Moloney, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish
Monday - ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND	
9.00am	Esther McDonnell, RIP
<u>6.00pm</u>	Reception of John McLoughlin, RIP
Tuesday - Weekday of Easter	
<u>10.00am</u>	Requiem: John McLoughlin
Wednesday - ST MARK, EVANGELIST	
<u>6:30pm</u>	Celestine Forde
7:00-7:30pm	Adoration & Confessions
Thursday - Weekday of Easter	
9.00am	Colin O'Donoghue
Friday - NO MASS TODAY	
SATURDAY - CONFESSIONS 5:30PM - 6:00PM	
SATURDAY - MASS AT 6:30PM	
NEXT SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Sat 6:30pm	Mary O'Toole, RIP
9:00am	Patrick Devlin, 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

Today is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the Gospel narratives (from John 10) read each year, in which Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock.

The Gospel in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. This he said before his passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true, and by his dying and rising he has truly saved his flock.

The first reading shows us Saint Peter is happy to tell people of Jesus' name and the power that his name gives: this is an opportunity to witness to Jesus, and Peter wants nothing more.

The second reading offers us encouragement and comfort. It provides us with a great sense of awe at the mystery of God's love and care, and great faith in an unknown future. Saint John gives us a vision of our future as we shall see God as he really is and we shall be like him!

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Acts 4:8-12

The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm – 117:1.8-9, 21-23, 26.28-29

*The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
or Alleluia!*

Second Reading – 1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – John 10:11-18

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock,

and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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 5: Charlotte & Roy

Next Week: Team 6: Anne Jephcott & Diane

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 5: Margaret, Mary & Linda

Next Week: Team 1: Betty, Anne Power & Mary

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

secretary@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk

+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator)

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 OFFERINGS

Sun 15th April - £1057.27