



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Welcome to St Martin's

**WELCOME TO FR VINCENT OATES** – This weekend we welcome Fr. Vincent Oates MHM to our Parish. Fr. Vincent will be making the 5-yearly APF - Mill Hill Thank You & Appeal for new members. He will explain how we can all be involved in the Mission of the Church in our homes and families by responding to Fr. Vincent's Appeal this weekend, we can truly be a parish 'involved in the Mission of the Universal Church'. It would be fantastic if every home was involved in this work of the Church by supporting Missionaries throughout the world.

**CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL** – Next Sunday, the second collection is to support Cardinal Newman's 50th Anniversary celebrations.

**REPOSITORY** - Open this weekend! Don't forget your confirmation and first holy communion gift items.

#### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- James Emerson, RIP. His funeral will take place here on **Tuesday 8th May at 10am**, with vigil at 7pm on Monday 7th May.
- Larry Farrell, RIP. His funeral will take place here on **Thursday 24th May at 10am**, with vigil at 6:30pm Mass on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
- We pray for Dolores Steer who died on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Funeral details to follow.

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLY DAY)** – a reminder that **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm. Contact Mary Maybury 07866989254.

**DUNSTABLE AREA HOSPICE AT HOME VOLUNTEERS** are looking to recruit new volunteers for this worthy cause. If you have a couple of spare hours a week please get in touch 666996 or [dunstablehvh@gmail.com](mailto:dunstablehvh@gmail.com). See poster for more details.

**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS (CHCF)** – Our next Mass is at St John's, Sundon Park on **Sunday 6th May at 3pm**. Further information from Sean on 07930 305362.

**CONFIRMATION MASS** is on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm**.

#### SUNDAY 29TH APRIL 2018

Sat 6.30pm	Mary O'Toole, RIP
9:00am	Patrick Devlin, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish

#### Monday – Weekday of Easter

9.00am	Doll Shea, RIP
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#### Tuesday – St Joseph the Worker

9.00am	Mrs Vincent, thanksgiving
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#### Wednesday – St Athanasius

<u>6:30pm</u>	Mary Josepin, RIP
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7:00-7:30pm	Adoration & Confessions
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#### Thursday – SS PHILIP AND JAMES

9.00am	Jonathan Lenihan, RIP
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#### Friday – Martyrs of England and Wales

5.30pm	First Holy Communion Rehearsal
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#### Saturday – Weekday of Easter

<u>3.00pm</u>	<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 1</b>
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#### NEXT SUNDAY – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 6:30pm	John Fitzgerald, RIP
9:00am	Vincent Devane, 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.

#### SIGN UP SUNDAYS – 2018 – ATTENDANCE CARDS

- To all parents applying for a place in any Luton [or other] Catholic Schools for September 2019.
- So that priests can have verifiable evidence when asked to certify that a child comes from a practising Catholic family [attending mass weekly] you will need to obtain a card for each child which will be stamped at Mass on the given Sundays in June, July and September 2018.
- You must bring the card each time as no other form will be accepted and it will only be stamped at the Mass you attend, not at any other time.
- If you are away you must ask the priest at the church you attend to stamp or sign the card.
- The expectation is that you will naturally be at mass on all the Sundays listed.
- Cards will be available from your parish from May 20th, 2018.** The Sign Up Sundays will be: June 10, 17, July 1, 8, 15, 22, September 9, 16, 23, 30.

**CLASS TEACHER VACANCY** – at St Martin's School. are seeking to appoint a Class Teacher. For further information please visit our website [www.stmartindeporesluton.co.uk](http://www.stmartindeporesluton.co.uk)

**ST MARTIN DE PORRES NURSERY** currently have places available for children born between 01.09.2014 and 31.08.2015. For further information, please contact Miss Blackwood on 01582 617600 or come along and visit the school. All visits are warmly welcome.

# This Sunday's Readings

## First Reading – Acts 9:26-31

*Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm – 21:26-28, 30-32 r. 26

*YOU, LORD, ARE MY PRAISE IN THE GREAT ASSEMBLY.*

## Second Reading – 1 John 3:18-2

*His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.*

My children,  
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.  
We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

## Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME, AS I MAKE MINE IN YOU.  
WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME BEARS FRUIT IN PLENTY.*

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## Gospel – John 15:1-8

*I am the vine, you are the branches.*

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit

he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,

but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.

If you remain in me

and my words remain in you,

you may ask what you will

and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear  
much fruit,

and then you will be my disciples.'

## HOLY TRAVELS IN 2018

- **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory – Adults £14, Children £7. (see poster in the porch).
- **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Fiona@nymo.org) or call 01582 720627.

## Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 6: Anne Jephcott & Diane

Next Week: Team 1: Anne Mead & John

## Thanks to our Church Cleaners

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

Next Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

## Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Maureen and Charlotte

Next Week: Couples for Christ

## 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 OFFERINGS

**Sunday 22nd April – £1014.66**

**Priests Training Fund – £362.13**