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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St Martin's

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL – Welcome to our speaker. The second collection is to support Cardinal Newman's 50th Anniversary celebrations.

APF – MILL HILL MISSION THANK YOU APPEAL – Fr. Vincent Oates MHM wishes to thank you for your welcome last weekend. If you wish to have a Red Box, please contact the parish office.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- Larry Farrell, RIP. His funeral will take place here on **Thursday 24th May at 10am**, with vigil at 6:30pm Mass on Wednesday 23rd May.
- We pray for Dolores Steer, RIP. Her funeral will take place here on **Tuesday 22nd May at 10.30am**.

PENTECOST NOVENA – Following Ascension Day on May 10th, the Rosary will be prayed in the Church grounds each day from 11th-19th May. The Novena will start on Friday 11th May at 7:30pm next to the grotto of Our Lady of Fatima (or in the hall if wet). On Saturday & Sunday the rosary will be prayed before all Masses. Further details will be given next Sunday for the remaining days of the Novena.

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. See poster for more details.

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

Congratulations to the following children who received their first Holy Communion on Saturday afternoon!

*F Ephraim Alengo, Kelly Bissong,
 Khloe Bissong, Samuel Bledy,
 Rachel Cormican, Miguel Dumlaio,
 Joshua Esakalunga, Osse Esakalunga,
 Lorraine Gapusan, Finley Griffith-Seery,
 Jamie Haughton, Olivia Konopska,
 Anna Lukaszewicz, Elisabeth Schofield,
 Siobhan Seery, Ria Tan, Braven Villegas,
 Vanessa Williams, Nathan Zuchowski.*



SUNDAY 6TH MAY 2018

Sat 3.00pm FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 1

Sat 6.30pm	John Fitzgerald, RIP
9:00am	Vincent Devane, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish

Monday – Weekday of Easter

9.00am	Mary Harding, RIP
<u>7.00pm</u>	Reception of James Emerson, RIP

Tuesday – Weekday of Easter

<u>10.00am</u>	Requiem: James Emerson
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Wednesday – Weekday of Easter

<u>6:30pm</u>	Francis Howard, RIP
7:00-7:30pm	Adoration & Confessions

Thursday – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9.00am	Eileen O'Mahoney, RIP
<u>7.30pm</u>	Bolton, thanksgiving

Friday – Weekday of Easter

5.30pm	First Holy Communion Rehearsal
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Saturday – Weekday of Easter

3.00pm FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 2

NEXT SUNDAY – 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 6:30pm	Johnny Collins, RIP
9:00am	John Malone, 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.

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.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 97(98):1-4

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading – 1 John 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – John 15:9-17

*A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life
for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples:
'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments

and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you

and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love

than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me:

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

HOLY TRAVELS IN 2018

- **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.
- **24th-31st August 2018** – Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes – please see poster in the porch or contact Deacon Michael Fleming 01604 647750.

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 1: Anne Mead & John

Next Week: Team 2: Abiola, Linda & Clara

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

Next Week: Team 3: Michael, Elizabeth & Benedicta

Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Couples for Christ

Next Week: Maureen/Mandy, Anne

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

Sunday 29th April – £1185.85