



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St Martin's

TODAYS SECOND COLLECTION – For the mass media.

TOWN WIDE MISSION – On **Saturday 19th May** (the Royal Wedding Day). Free car washes at St Hugh's. Our Church will be open all day for prayer from **9am**. Ecumenical lunch for all helpers here at **1pm**. For more details visit: lutonchurchestogether.org.uk

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. **Rosary after all Masses Mon-Thurs**, also, Thurs at **6.30pm**, Fri **6.30pm** and before mass on **Sat 19th May**.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – **Sunday 3rd June at 3pm** at St. Joseph's Church. All parishioners welcome. First Holy Communion children are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion clothes. Refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards. All are invited to this act of witness.

REPOSITORY OPENING – after all Masses this weekend. All orders placed now in so please collect. Reminder that Confirmation items also available ahead of Bishop Peter's visit on **Tues 22nd May**.

THE GALWAY ASSOCIATION – holding its 13th annual BBQ on **Saturday 9th June** at The Holy Ghost Parish Centre. For further information and tickets please ring Anne Mead on 01582 508699.

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

- Jane Aharbi, Mikfred Bale
Vizaal Bastiampillai, Arvey Bulac
Miguel Calahi, Arnold Canares,
Theo Douglas Anojan Epenraja,
Zeus Fidelis, Adam Matusz
Jakub Matusz, Stephanie Mbuqua,
Richard Nsiah, Matthew Pacheco,
Saahil Pathan, Gabrielle Saquing,
Alana Viloria, Sophia Viloria, Dominik Zembrzuski.*



SUNDAY 13th MAY 2018

Sat 6.30pm	Johnny Collins, RIP
9:00am	John Malone, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish

Monday – St Matthias

9.00am	Paul family, INT
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Tuesday – Weekday of Easter

9.00am	Joseph Peter Nolosco, RIP
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Wednesday – Weekday of Easter

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

Thursday – Weekday of Easter

9.00am	Mathew Kurian, RIP
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Friday – NO MASS TODAY

NEXT SUNDAY – PENTECOST

Sat 6:30pm	Anna Cullinane, INT
9:00am	The People of the Parish
11:00am	Joseph Quarrie, RIP

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 1:15-17, 20-26

We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.

One-day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Responsorial Psalm – 102:1-2, 11-12, 19-20.

THE LORD HAS SET HIS SWAY IN HEAVEN.

Second Reading – 1 John 4:11-16

Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

My dear people,
since God has loved us so much,
we too should love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
but as long as we love one another
God will live in us
and his love will be complete in us.
We can know that we are living in him
and he is living in us
because he lets us share his Spirit.
We ourselves saw and we testify
that the Father sent his Son
as saviour of the world.
If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God lives in him, and he in God.
We ourselves have known and put our faith in
God's love towards ourselves.
God is love
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,
and God lives in him.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

*I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.*

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Gospel – John 17:11-19

That they may be one like us!

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father,

keep those you have given me true to your name,
so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them,

I kept those you had given me true to your name.

I have watched over them

and not one is lost

except the one who chose to be lost,

and this was to fulfil the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you

and while still in the world I say these things

to share my joy with them to the full.

I passed your word on to them,

and the world hated them,

because they belong to the world

no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world,

but to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world

any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth;

your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world,

I have sent them into the world,

and for their sake I consecrate myself

so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

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 2: Abiola, Linda & Clara

Next Week: Team 6: Anne Jephcott & Diane

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 3: Michael, Elizabeth & Benedicta

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

Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Maureen/Mandy, Anne

Next Week: Sunny, Angelin, Andrea & Marilyn/Mary

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

secretary@stmartindeporeschurch.org.uk

+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator)

admin@stmartindeporeschurch.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 6th May – £1187.57 2nd Collection CNS – £172.08