



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St Martin's

THANKS TO: Bishop Peter Doyle for covering the weekend masses and Fr Kevin Mc Ginnell for covering the weekday masses last week.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Wednesday 15th August, there will be 9:00am and 7:30pm Mass.

Fr Michael Patey:

“Thank you for your kindness on Monday evening and over the last four years. Thank you for the very generous leaving gifts and for cards and kind words. I will miss you. Every blessing in the future and see you again one day.”

MASS INTENTIONS: Due to overload of outstanding mass intentions some will be sent to mission or other churches to be said. List will be displayed on the porch.

GROWING IN FAITH (R.C.I.A.) Over at St Joseph's, there will be a course of weekly talks for Catholics and non-Catholics who are interested in learning about, or becoming members of the Catholic Church. This will begin on **Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30pm** in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Gardenia Avenue, Luton LU3 2NS. Please contact St Joseph's if you are interested in attending. *(For adults at St Martin's wishing to be baptised/ confirmed, this is the course for you – and speak to the parish priest about joining the Church at Easter!)*

SAVE THE DATE - Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life - Sunday 7th October, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Adults £17.50, Children & Students £8.00. For more info: www.prolifepilgrimage.org. To book contact Catherine on 07789 243453.

ST ALBAN CATHOLIC ACADEMIES TRUST: (Cardinal Newman, St Margaret's, St Martin de Porres, St Mary's Caddington & St Vincent's Houghton Regis) are seeking to recruit volunteers to their school committees (the equivalent of the Governing body in an Academy). For further information contact Debbie Main 01582 723312 or email main@nores.org.uk.

NOAH RECRUITMENT ADVERT: NOAH is currently seeking to recruit teachers and teaching assistant who are able to live out our core values of care, compassion and commitment in helping those most in need in following areas: Employability and positive psychology, IT Skills, DIY, ESOL

Please call Warren Edwards on 01582 726152 or email: warren.edwards@noahenterprsie.org

SUNDAY 12th August 2018	
Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Derek Caton RIP
11:00am	Ethna & James Tuite RIP
Monday – Feria	
9:00am	Gaberial D Silia RIP
Tuesday – St Maximillian Mary Kolbe	
9:00am	Dominic Conolly RIP
Wednesday – ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
9:00am	Anna Ficeto RIP
7:30pm	Bertie Kelly RIP
Thursday – Feria	
9:00am	Margaret Henly
Friday – NO Mass	
SATURDAY – MASS AT 6:30PM	
NEXT SUNDAY – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sat 6:30pm	John Little RIP
9:00am	Edris Thomas , RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish
Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.	
Legion of Mary: will resume September	
Friday Lunch Club: will resume 14th September.	

The Word this Week

"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven."

The bread that comes down from heaven is not just a bread which nourishes the body, but one which gives renewed life - be this in the form of energy and purpose (as we see in the story of Elijah) or in the form of a gift of eternal life. As Jesus continues his discourse on the Bread of Life, he faces the complaints and criticism of the crowd, who take a very short-sighted view of what he says, and affirms for them that true life, a life that will never end, is found in him, he is the one who has come from the Father, and so is the living bread which gives life. Jesus here makes an explicit link between "belief" and "eating the bread of life": the two lead to each other, and they both bring about that which man most desires - to live for ever. The Response to the Psalm in many ways sums this up: "Taste and see that the Lord is good."



COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth

Invites you to join the next session of the **Christian Life Program (CLP)** here in Luton. You can either join the **Friday evening sessions** or **Sunday afternoon sessions**. The Friday sessions will begin on **Friday 14th Sept**, and the Sunday Sessions start on Saturday **15th Sept** due to ANCOF Walk happening on 16th September.

For more details, please contact Bro. Oliver Pena at **07894 876780** or email renver992002@yahoo.com or approach any of our members.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – 1 King 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food he walked until he reached the mountain of God

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm – 33:2-9

"Taste and see that the Lord is good"

Second Reading – Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever."

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Gospel – John 6:41-51

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son

of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.

'I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come
down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.'

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

Next Week: Team 4: Breda & Ann

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 1: Betty, Anne & Mary

Next Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Charlotte Seery/Couples for Christ

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)
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+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator)
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Monday-Thursday 9.15-1.15

+ Oliver Pena (Volunteer Newsletter Editor)
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+ **Parish Hall Bookings:** Contact Maura on 01582 724623
between 6pm-8pm

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Sunday 5th August – £863.08