



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St Martin's

THANKS TO: Fr Peter Maher for covering the weekday masses and Fr Ken Bowen for covering the weekend masses last week.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mrs. Bridget Keohane known as "Breda", one of our parishioner who died 2nd of August 2018. Funeral will be on Wednesday 29th of August 2018 at 10am here at St. Martin de Porres and Burial at The Vale Cemetery.

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!)*

CONFIRMATION & 1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: Applications are available in the sacristy

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

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.

PARISH EVENT: Peter & Maureen Finch 60th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 1st September 2018 at 6:30 Mass reception afterwards in the Hall. All are welcome

LEGION OF MARY: September function on Thursday 13th September 2018 at 6:30pm, Start with a Rosary in the Grotto of our lady and followed by Holy Mass and Adoration.

HOLY ROSARY PRAYER SERVICE: At L&D Hospital Chapel every Last Friday of the Month at 12:30pm. Everyone's welcome.

SUNDAY 19th August 2018	
Sat 6:30pm	John Little RIP
9:00am	Edris Thomas , RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish
Monday - St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor Memorial	
9:00am	Francis (Frank) Carlin
Tuesday - St Pius X, Pope Memorial	
9:00am	Varkey Paul RIP
Wednesday - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mem.)	
6:30pm	Mr & Mrs Hodgins' Intentions
Thursday - St Rose of Lima, Virgin - Memorial	
9:00am	Lizzie Hennessy Intention
Friday - NO Mass	
SATURDAY - MASS AT 6:30PM	
NEXT SUNDAY - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sat 6:30pm	Johnson Fernandes, RIP
9:00am	Liam Spillane, 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 14 th September.	

The Word this Week

Eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared for you."

Unless we are given a way for Jesus Christ to be within us, we will turn Christ into an abstraction. "If you do not eat" the "real food" and the "real drink" of the Eucharist "you will not have life in you". The Sacrament in God's method for enabling us to remain in him and him in us. It is imperative for us to "recognise what is the will of the Lord". To conjecture any other means for remaining in Christ is to induce a "folly" that you must "leave" so that "you will live". To the one who lacks understanding. Wisdom commands, "eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared".

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 ANCOP 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 – Proverbs 9:1-6

Eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared for you

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: "Who is Ignorant? Let him step this way." To the fool she says, "Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception."

Responsorial Psalm – 33:2-3,10-15, R.v.9

"Taste and see that the Lord is good"

Second Reading – Ephesians 5:15-20

Recognise what is the will of God

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in him, says the Lord."

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Gospel – John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd: "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." Then the Jews started arguing with one another: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" They said. Jesus replied: "I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This the bread comedown from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever."

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 4: Breda & Ann

Next Week: Team 5: Charlotte & Roy

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team2: Charismatic Prayer Group

Next Week: Team 3: Michael, Elizabeth & Benedicta

Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Charlotte

Thanks to our Flower Arrangers

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 12th August – £884.68