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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St Martin's

THANKS TO: Fr Peter Maher for covering the weekday & 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

PEACE WALK 2018: Saturday 22nd September 2018. See poster in the porch for more details.

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.

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. All are welcome.

SUNDAY 26th August 2018	
Sat 6:30pm	Johnson Fernandes, RIP
9:00am	Liam Spillane, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish
Monday - St Monica, Memorial	
9:00am	Ann Morrisson Intention
Tuesday - St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor - Memoria	
9:00am	Mary & Addy Morrison Intention
Wednesday - The Passion of St John the Baptist (Mem.)	
6:30pm	Anne Barrett RIP
Thursday - Feria	
9:00am	Mary Somers Intention
Friday - NO Mass	
SATURDAY - MASS AT 6:30PM	
NEXT SUNDAY - 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sat 6:30pm	Maureen & Peter Finch 60 th Wedding Anniversary
9:00am	Tricia Grier 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

"Words of Eternal Life"

Many murmur, "This is intolerable language, How could anyone accept it?" If our approach to Christianity is based on our own preconceptions, we miss the point. As Pope Benedict XVI writes, "being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction". We are to look beyond the "saying" to the One who says. This is why we "give way to one another in obedience to Christ." It is not our own ideas, but the Lord's vision that we "wish to serve".

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 – Joshua 24:1-2,15-17,18

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: “ If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.” The people answered, “We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Responsorial Psalm – 33:2-3,16-23, R.v.9

“Taste and see that the Lord is good”

Second Reading – Ephesians 5:21-32

This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husband should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body- and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many complications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

“Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life”

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Gospel – John 6:60-69

Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

After hearing his doctrine many followers of Jesus said, “This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?” Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, “Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?”

“It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer, The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

“But there are some of you who do not believe..”

For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, “ This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.” After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, “ What about you, do you want to go away too?” Simon Peter answered, “Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message to eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.”



Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 5: Charlotte & Roy

Next Week: Team 6: Anne & Diane

Next Week: Team

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team3: Michael, Elizabeth & Benedicta

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

Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

Thanks to our Flower Arrangers

Useful Contact Details

- + Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)
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+ **Parish Hall Bookings:** Contact Maura on 01582 724623
between 6pm-8pm

Thanks for your offerings last week , we will post the total collection on the next issue of our newsletter