



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Welcome to St Martin's

**THANKS TO:** Fr Peter Maher for covering the weekday & weekend masses last week and Fr Shyju Chako this weekend

**WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Simon Penhalagan who will be celebrating his first mass in the parish on the 8<sup>th</sup> September on the vigil mass of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Ordinary Times.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Theresa O Dowd one of our parishioner who recently died

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 & 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION 2019:** Applications are available in the sacristy

**PEACE WALK 2018:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018. See poster in the porch for more details.

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

**PRAYER & ACT OF WITNESS:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of September 1`-2pm in front of L&D Hospital , in support for life & against abortion.

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

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**IRISH FORUM :** Keen to recruit new members for their choir and pipe band . You don't need to Irish or Irish descent to join - Everyone is welcome! See poster in the porch for more details.



**COUPLES FOR CHRIST :** Christian Life Program starts 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September. See poster in the porch for more details - Everyone is welcome!

### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2018

Sat 6:30pm	Maureen & Peter Finch 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
9:00am	Tricia Grier Bowers RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish
<b>Monday - St Gregory the Great (Memorial)</b>	
9:00am	Karen and Jacob Intention
<b>Tuesday - Feria</b>	
9:00am	Rosemarie Barsaba Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday - Feria</b>	
6:30pm	Edris Thomas RIP
<b>Thursday - Feria</b>	
9:00am	Michael Donaghy RIP
<b>Friday - Feria</b>	
9:00am	Mick Doran RIP
<b>SATURDAY - MASS AT 6:30PM</b>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY - 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Alice (Carlin) Nugent Intention
11:00am	Mick Doran RIP
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group:</b> Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.	
<b>Legion of Mary:</b> will resume 14 <sup>th</sup> September.	
<b>Friday Lunch Club:</b> will resume 14 <sup>th</sup> September.	
<b>Wednesday Bingo:</b> will resume 5 <sup>th</sup> September	

### The Word this Week

*We now return to Saint Mark, for the rest of the year. The Gospel brings out one of the central problems of all religion: the way in which peripheral laws and customs gradually take over the more fundamental commandments, and the way in which "externalism" and a concern with superficialities gradually suffocates a true "internal" faith which is lived out. Here we see the angry Jesus: he calls them "hypocrites", as he condemns their "worthless worship". He teaches a central truth: it is what comes from within that determines whether we are clean or unclean, good or evil. The commandments of God, which Moses puts before the people with such great pride, become the source of justice when they are given a place in the heart. When other rules and regulations about how to wash and what to eat displace them, then they are stifled and justice is practised no longer.*

# This Sunday's Readings

## First Reading – Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

*Observe these laws and customs, that you may have life*

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

## Responsorial Psalm – 14:2-5, R.v.1

*"The just will live in the presence of the Lord"*

## Second Reading – James 1:17-18, 21-22,27

*Accept and submit to the word*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

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

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## Gospel – Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

*You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating

with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

### \*Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 6: Anne & Diane

Next Week: Team 1: Anne & John

### \*Thanks to our Church Cleaners

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

Next Week: Team 5: Margaret, Mary & Linda

### \*Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Couples for Christ

Next Week: Maureen, Mandy & AnneTeam

### \*Thanks to our Flower Arrangers

**\*New Rotas For Eucharistic Ministers & Readers available in the porch**

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+ **Parish Hall Bookings:** Contact Maura on 01582 724623  
between 6pm-8pm

**Thanks for your offerings last 22<sup>nd</sup>: £1,028.46, & Last week: £809.29**