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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St Martin's

THANKS TO: Fr Shyju Chako for covering Last weekend masses and Fr Peter Maher for the weekday masses

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST: Fr Simon Penhalagan .

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Theresa Dowd & Ernie Llamas, our parishioners 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 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.

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

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.

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



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

Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.

Legion of Mary: will resume 14th September.

Friday Lunch Club: will resume 14th September.

Please Note: of our new Mass Times for the weekdays

SUNDAY 9th Sept 2018

Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Alice (Carlin) Nugent Intention
11:00am	Mick Doran RIP
Monday - Feria	
9:30am	Esther Mc Donnell RIP
Tuesday - Feria	
9:30am	Celestine Ford RIP
Wednesday - NO MASS	
Thursday - St John Chrysostom (Memorial)	
6:30pm	Mercy Paul Thanksgiving
Friday- THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	
9:30am	Tommy Burns RIP
SATURDAY - MASS AT 6:30PM	
NEXT SUNDAY - 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sat 6:30pm	Eugene Mc Sweeney RIP
9:00am	Kevin Byrne RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish

The Word this Week

What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world it was miracles - signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of Gods Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Isaiah 35: 4-7

*The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb
sing for joy*

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm – 145:7-10, R.v.1 "My soul, give praise to the Lord"

Second Reading – James 2:1-5

*God chose the poor according to the world to
be rich in faith*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the
message of eternal life.*

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Gospel – Mark 7:31-37

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

*Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 1: Anne & John

Next Week: Team 2: Abiola & Linda

*Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 5: Margaret, Mary & Linda

Next Week: Team 1: Betty, Anne & Mary

*Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Maureen, Mandy / Anne

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

*Thanks to our Flower Arrangers

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

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)
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+ Oliver Pena (Sacristan/ Newsletter Editor)
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+ **Parish Hall Bookings:** Contact Maura on 01582 724623
between 6pm-8pm

Thanks for your offerings Last week: £ 1,216.51