



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**CANDLEMAS** is celebrated next **Saturday 2nd February** at **6:30pm**. We will be blessing candles for use during the year. After Mass, the crib will be taken down.

**FOOD FOR NOAH** - please continue to put non-perishable food items in the containers in the porch. Thank you.

**DOWRY TOUR OF OUR LADY OF WASINGHAM - 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February**. Flyer detailing full schedule now available in the porch. Anyone interested in attending on **Friday** the **8<sup>th</sup>** is welcome to join Fr Simon, **11-3.30pm**, (following 9.30 Mass,) confirm through the office on 663706. Own transport will need to be arranged, however, if you are able to offer a lift or need a lift, contact Jenny on 663706 so arrangements can be made.

**REQUEST FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS** - if you are able to help with general maintenance, especially carpenters, electricians and plumbers, your services would be greatly appreciated! Either contact the parish office on 663706, e mail [admin@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk), or leave your contact details in the sacristy. Thank you.

**CONFIRMATION 2019** - parents meeting will be on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January** at **7.15pm**. A donation of £30 is requested which includes the cost of the work books and the Blaze retreat day. Please also bring your child's Baptism Certificate (if not Baptised here at St Martin's.) Information and dates of all classes will be provided at the meeting.

**NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 11.00am-12.30pm.**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** - next meeting takes place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2-4pm**. For further info, contact Charlotte Seery at the parish office on 663706.

**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS (CHCF)** - our next Mass is at Holy Ghost on **February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm**. Further info contact Sean Ballantyne on 07930 305362.

**IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!** It's the Galway Association Bedfordshire Annual Dinner Dance. To be held at The Holy Ghost on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019**, music by Mustang Band. Tickets still only £25.00 for a four course meal sit down 7.15, bar provided. For further details and tickets see Anne Mead or ring 01582 508699.

**CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

- **Concert at Luton Library Theatre - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**
- **Reunion Night - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Mass with Bishop Peter - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm**

For further details and ticket info about all events, please see the school website [www.cardinalnewmanschool.net](http://www.cardinalnewmanschool.net) and Facebook pages or ring the school on 01582 597125.

### SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

Sat 6:30pm	Jim Fenlon, RIP
9:00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Jane & Peter Fielding, RIP

#### Monday - *St Thomas Aquinas*

9.30am	Thresiamma Mathew, RIP
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#### Tuesday - *Feria*

9.30am	Souls in Purgatory
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#### Wednesday - *NO MASS*

#### Thursday - *St John Bosco*

6.30pm	Martin Armstrong, RIP
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#### Friday - *Feria*

9.30am	Elizabeth Hennessey, INT
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#### SATURDAY - *CONFESSIONS 5.30PM - 6.00PM*

#### SATURDAY - *MASS AT 6.30PM*

### NEXT SUNDAY - 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sat 6:30pm	Margaret Brady, INT
9:00am	John Collins, RIP
11.00am	People of the Parish

**Lunch Club:** Friday 11.30am onwards.

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Friday 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel.

**Christian Life:** Friday 7.00pm in the Hall.

**Legion of Mary:** Friday 7.30pm in the Hall.

#### 11-16<sup>TH</sup> FEB, MONDAY -THURSDAY 10-5PM, FRIDAY 12-5PM.

There will be ongoing daytime adoration facilitated by Vianney Ministries in intercession for Priests and Vocations to the Priesthood.

**CONCERT OF SACRED ARIAS - HOLY GHOST CHURCH AT 5PM, 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** - in aid of the Church Restoration fund and the Restoration of a 17<sup>th</sup> Century Statue of Our Lady in the Oratory of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Valetta Malta. See notice board for further details.

**CAFOD SUPPORTERS' EVENT - ALL WARMLY WELCOME** - hear about some of the hardest to reach most vulnerable communities in the world like those in Sierra Leone and Liberia and how your support is empowering them to overcome poverty.

- **Sat 2 Feb** - Immaculate Heart of Mary, 23 High Street, **Great Missenden** HP16 9AA
- **Sat 23 Feb** - Our Lady Help of Christians, West Street, **OLNEY**, MK46 5HJ

Days are from **10:15am - 2.30pm**. Please book a place - 01494 863 777 or [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk)

**CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL** are looking to recruit Exam Invigilators to supplement our experienced and committed team. For an informal chat about the role of an exam invigilator please contact the Exams Manager on 01582 597125.

# This Sunday's Readings

## First Reading – Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

*All the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

## Responsorial Psalm – 18(19):8-10,15

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

## Second Reading – Corinthians 12:12-30

*You together are Christ's body, but each a different part of it.*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you', nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.' What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages.

Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

## ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

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## Gospel – Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

*'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

### SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EU CITIZENS

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR A FULL COPY OF THE STATEMENT ON THE SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EU CITIZENS.

For further official information, visit:

[gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families](http://gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families)

also various information resources are at:

[gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit](http://gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit)

### Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

Next Week: Team 4: Breda & Anne

### 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: Sunny Abraham & family/Merilyn & Mary

Next Week: CFC/CFC

### Thanks to our Flower Arrangers

Anna, Bernadette & Jhay

### Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator & Hall Bookings)

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Monday – Thursday 9.15-1.15pm.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January - TBA