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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

11-16TH FEB. MON-THURS & SAT 10-5PM, FRI - 12-5PM

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

REQUIESCANT IN PACE – we pray for Denise Watts RIP. Funeral will be at **10.30am** on **Friday 15th February** with reception at **5.30pm** on **Thursday 14th February**.

FRIDAY CLUB – please do not arrive before **11.45am**, due to funeral taking place on the **15th February**, thank you.

CONFIRMATION – the next session is this **Thursday 14th February** at **7.00pm**. Blaze booking forms must be returned by Thursday and please bring any payment due.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – next class is on **Saturday 16th February, 11.00am-12.30pm**.

ASH WEDNESDAY – is on **6th March** this year. Masses at **9.30am** and **7:00pm**.

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

RED MISSIO BOXES – following Fr Vincent's appeal in April, please return your box to the sacristy, this will enable us to forward your donations – which will support churches facing difficulties in the developing world.

ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT – OPEN DAY – SATURDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 2019 The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over – please see notice board for further info or contact The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy – (01844) 344437. Email: info@stscholasticas.co.uk

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN! It's the Galway Association Bedfordshire Annual Dinner Dance. At The Holy Ghost on **Saturday 16th February 2019**, For further details and tickets see Anne Mead or ring 01582 508699.

ST MARTINS AFRICAN COMMUNITY GROUP (ACG) – next meeting is on the **24th February** at **12.30pm**.

2019 SPUC YOUTH CONFERENCE – the annual Youth Conference of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will take place **15-17 March 2019**. For young people aged 16 upwards. See poster and flyers in the porch for full details.

ST MARTIN DE PORRES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – are seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher for September 2019. Visits to the school are encouraged. For further information please visit our website www.stmartindeporresluton.co.uk or contact Cheryl Harris, PA to the Leadership Team on 01582 617600 admin@smdpluton.co.uk to arrange a visit. Closing date for applications: 8th March 2019, 12.00 noon. Interview Date: 18th March 2019.

SUNDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2019

Sat 6:30pm People of the Parish

9:00am Chandy Philip, RIP

11.00am Gerard McCarney, RIP

Monday – Feria

9.30am Laura Sullivan & family, INT

Tuesday – Feria

9.30am Paul Montgomes & family, INT

Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday – Saints Cyril & Methodius

5.30pm Reception of Denise Watts, RIP

6.30pm Vivien Ketel & family, INT

Friday – Feria

10.30am Requiem: Denise Watts

SATURDAY – CONFESSIONS 5.30PM – 6.00PM

SATURDAY – MASS AT 6.30PM

NEXT SUNDAY – 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sat 6:30pm Mary O'Reilly, INT

9:00am People of the Parish

11.00am Helen Hogan, RIP

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.



Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth

COUPLES FOR CHRIST (CFC) invites you to join the next session of the **Christian Life Program (CLP)** here in Luton. The sessions will begin on **Sunday 24th February** and runs until **Sunday 28th April**.

❖ “CFC” is a family ministry with international scope and is fully recognized by the Church as one of the **Roman Catholic International Associations of the Faithful of Pontifical Right**.

❖ Our vision: *Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth*. Our mission: *Building the church of the home and the poor*.

For more details, please contact Bro. Alex on 07445141241, Sis. Mayeyte 07883671621, or approach any of our members.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

Here I am, send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm – 137(138):1-5,7-8

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Second Reading – Corinthians 15:1-11

I preached what the others preach, and you all believed.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

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Gospel – Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

also various information resources are at:

gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 5: Charlotte & Roy

Next Week: Team 6: Anne & Diane

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

Next Week: Team 3: Michael, Elizabeth & Benedicta

This Week: Maureen & Mandy/Anne & Maureen

Next Week: Charlotte & Siobhan/Rose & Kenya Com

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 3rd February - £953.54

PAX Christie £50.00