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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to St Martin's -

Especially to Mgr Tony who will be celebrating Mass with us over the weekend, to Fr Peter and Fr Richard who will celebrate Mass during the week!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday 15th August.
Mass at 9.00am and 7.30pm.

FRIDAY CLUB - will restart on the 13th September.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING - will take place on Saturday 31st August at 2pm. All welcome.

THINKING OF MARRIAGE IN 2020? LUTON DEANERY MARRIAGE COURSE - the essential town marriage course is on 29 February at St Joseph's, 10.30am-4.00pm. Forms are available in porch. Book now - for marriages here or elsewhere.

LUTON IRISH FORUM - runs an Irish language group on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm. The group is informal and focusses on the spoken language. Anyone from complete beginners are welcome. Just come along or phone 01582 720447 for more info.

6th OCTOBER, SUNDAY: ST MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH PARTICIPATION IN THE PRO LIFE PILGRIMAGE, WALSINGHAM - book your place on the coach leaving St Martin's at 7.30am and leaving Walsingham at 5.00pm. £2.50 per person/£5 per family. SEE CHITO OR CHARLOTTE TO BOOK! For full details and schedule for the day see the notice board in the Porch or Hall.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Vigilance: we wait for glory or ruin, salvation or disaster. This is the choice that faces the Christian each and every day, as we wait for the Lord to return, as he promised he would. We often live our lives leaving such things to a distant, shadowy future - like the person who is going to fix that faulty lock or window-frame, but in the end doesn't get round to it before the burglar comes. The lamps of our lives should be lit and shining, filled to the brim with the oil of prayer and charity, singing the hymns of the fathers as we wait for the Master to return.

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2019

Sat 6.30pm	John Collins, RIP
9:00am	Anne & John Jephcott, INT (Wedding Anniversary 45 years)
11.00am	The People of the Parish

Monday - FERIA

9.30am	Derek Caton, RIP
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Tuesday - FERIA

9.30am	Patricia Grier, RIP
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Wednesday - NO MASS

Thursday - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
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7.30pm	Cathy Breheny, RIP
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Friday - FERIA

9.30am	Anna Ficeto, RIP
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SATURDAY - CONFESSIONS 5.30PM - 6.00PM

SATURDAY - MASS AT 6.30PM

NEXT SUNDAY -

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sat 6:30pm	Sean McCary, RIP
9:00am	The People of the Parish
11.00am	Guiseppe Bravate, RIP (46th Anniversary)

Lunch Club: *RESTARTS 13th September
Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel.
Legion of Mary: Friday 7.30pm in the Hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

23-30TH AUGUST: DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON -
Pilgrimage to Lourdes. See notice board for further details.

21ST SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY: 23RD ANNUAL PEACE WALK - see poster in porch for full details. 1.30PM-5.00PM.

7TH OCTOBER: PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK - see poster in porch for full details.

26TH OCTOBER: RETREAT AT OUR LADY'S LUTON - led by Fr Shyiu - Sehon UK Ministries, 2-5pm. Event open to all.

NEWSLETTER - SEND DETAILS OF ANY NOTICES TO:
admin@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk, please note that any info must be sent by Wednesday to be included for that Sunday.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Wisdom 18:6-9

You made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm – 32(33):1,12,18-20,22

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Second Reading – Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

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Gospel – Luke 12:32-48

You too must stand ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking *his time coming*," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

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 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

Next Week: Team 3: Michael, Elizabeth & Benedicta

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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Mon 9.00-3.00pm, Weds & Thurs 9.15-2.15pm.

+ Maura Byers (Parish Safeguarding Representative)

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Thank you for your offerings –

Sunday 28th July - £1087.64 Sunday 4th August - £1059.01