



## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR A

### Welcome to St Martin's

**ATTENDANCE AT MASS** – as we move towards a colder season, and while space in Church remains restricted, **could I ask that those of you who drive to Church consider remaining in your cars** to allow those who have to come on foot access to the Church. I realise that it's not quite the same, but it is an act of generosity that allows more people to attend. We will continue to set up speakers outside so that you can participate in Mass from your cars, and for Holy Communion to be brought to you at the entrance to the Church.

**The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is still suspended** and it may be that some people may prefer to attend Mass during the week when the church will be less busy. Remember that there's also the opportunity to enter into spiritual communion with our public Masses at: <https://www.facebook.com/StMartinsLuton/>  
 As previously, Fr Simon will continue to offer Mass privately for the whole parish on the days when there is no public Mass.

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TODAY – CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** Our parish is marking CAFOD Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world *survive, rebuild and heal*. Please pray for all those affected and **donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)** or using one of the envelopes. Alternatively, you can give easily via **text message by sending CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10**. *Texts presume an automatic donation of £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hearing more about their work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085*

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** – Please pray for all the Catholic schools, pupils and staff. This year Education Sunday takes place at a time when many children, young people and staff have been away from schools, colleges and universities and have been working in different ways. Churches, too, have had to learn and adapt, whilst still maintaining a pattern of worship. This is a time to think about what we have learnt about ourselves, about our communities and about God.

**PRISONERS' SUNDAY** – Today marks the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. It is a day on which we are called, very particularly, to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children as well as working in prisons and those connected with criminal justice system. The theme this year is 'Everything Touches' and shows just how we are all connected. For further information, please visit [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS** – Fr Simon will be offering 3 Masses each week during November. We will NOT be handing out the usual envelopes this year. Instead we ask that you send the list of those you would like remembered during Mass either via email or through the Presbytery door. Please send emails to [admin.stmartindepordes@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:admin.stmartindepordes@northamptondiocese.org)

**MASS INTENTION BOOKINGS** – We are now permitted to hand out the envelopes via a steward. Please ensure that you include all the relevant information in your requests. Whilst Fr Simon will pray for those named, on the date asked for, we cannot always schedule a Mass on the requested date. **We currently have dates free in December and are now taking requests for 2021.** Please also note that the diocese suggests that a minimum of a £5 donation, which should be placed inside the envelope, is given for a Mass Intention.

**LUTON IRISH FORUM: IT CLASSES** – An exciting opportunity has arisen at Luton Irish Forum. They are able to offer: IT classes to help develop your skills from beginner to advanced levels. Support to help you gain employment with CV writing, interview skills, job search & 1:1 support to get the right job for you! To see if you qualify for this great opportunity, please get in touch via: Tel: 01582 297043 Email: [sue@lutonirishforum.org](mailto:sue@lutonirishforum.org) Website: [www.lutonirishforum.org](http://www.lutonirishforum.org) Facebook: [Lutonirishforum.org](http://Lutonirishforum.org)

28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	
6.30pm	Sylvister Power RIP
11am	Giuseppe Arciero (18 <sup>TH</sup> Anniversary) RIP
<b>Monday – Feria</b>	
No Public Mass	Charlie McDonagh INT
<b>Tuesday – Feria</b>	
9.30am	Anna Fernandez (Healing) INT
<b>Thursday – St Teresa of Avila</b>	
6.30pm	Michael Doyle RIP
<b>Friday – Feria</b>	
No Public Mass	Justo SR Soriano RIP
<b>Saturday – St Ignatius of Antioch</b>	
1pm	ADORATION
6.30pm	Philip & Margaret O'Reilly RIP
<b>NEXT SUNDAY – 29<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	
11am	Anthony O'Byrne RIP

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2021** - Given the current crisis the Luton parishes will not begin preparation for First Reconciliation[Confession], First Communion, or Confirmation until at least January 2021. Your clergy will meet again in November to review the situation and will keep you informed.

For baptism as an adult or for your child please see your parish priest.

The usual marriage preparation course for the town will not take place in 2021. Any couples asking to be married in 2021 should see their parish priest immediately.

**APPLICATIONS to CATHOLIC SCHOOLS for September 2021** - in the COVID crisis we cannot arrange the usual Sign Up Sundays this year. Therefore, if you want a priest to support your application for your child to go to a Catholic primary or secondary school in September 2021, in Luton or elsewhere, you must contact him with the details he will need to provide you with that support i.e. name of child - date of birth – address including postcode - school[s] to which you will applying. You must do this by email or in writing at least a month before the closing date for applications. Secondary applications must be submitted by 31 October 2020 and Primary applications by 15 January 2021. The priest is not in a position to take down details after a Sunday Mass. This applies to all schools including those requiring the Catholic Education Service Certificate of Practice.

**DICOCESAN BLAZE EVENT 2020** - BLAZE Online will run from 11am-3pm, on **Saturday 17th October 2020**. All content for the day will be shared through the NYMO website so you will just need to click on the link below to join for the day:  
<https://nymo.org/blaze/>

**DONATIONS** –For further details please visit our website [www.stmartindepordeschurch.org.uk](http://www.stmartindepordeschurch.org.uk) Thank you for any help you can give. *A particular thank you to all of you who have taken out Standing Orders over the last months. This gives us a surer footing on which to build for the future.*

**PASSPORT APPLICATIONS** - If you wish us to countersign a UK passport application please ask the priest beforehand. You will need to send him the following details which he will have to verify on the internet application: full name, address, date of birth, how long you have known the priest. He will also have had to know you for a minimum of two years.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## First Reading – Isaiah 25:6-10

*The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us.

## Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 22(23)

*IN THE LORD'S OWN HOUSE SHALL I DWELL  
FOR EVER AND EVER.*

## Second Reading – Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

*There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One  
who gives me strength.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I  
have been through my initiation and now I am ready for  
anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach,  
poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with  
the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same,  
it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In  
return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus,  
as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for  
ever and ever. Amen.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel – Matthew 22:1-10

*Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,  
'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king  
who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his  
servants to call those who had been invited, but they  
would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell

those who have been invited" he said "that I have my  
banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have  
been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the  
wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to  
his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his  
servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king  
was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those  
murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his  
servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were  
invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in  
the town and invite everyone you can find to the  
wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads  
and collected together everyone they could find, bad  
and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with  
guests.'

### The Word of this week

The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks  
we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but  
here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a  
link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as  
their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the  
looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big  
danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church,  
we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day  
comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on  
the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the  
Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people  
that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith  
is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful  
that the same parable is not addressed to us.

#### PARISH PRAYER:

*Loving Father, "You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son,  
that we might believe in him and have eternal life". May we, the  
parish of St Martin de Porres, encounter Jesus Christ anew this day  
and live the good news with joy. Through the power of your Holy  
Spirit, help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim" our faith  
with confidence. Give us the courage to witness to the 'Joy of the  
Gospel' by our words and actions. Help us to become more welcoming  
and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people. We  
make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen*

#### **PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU**

**- DO NOT LEAVE IT IN THE CHURCH OR CHURCH**

#### **PORCH**

**PARISH OFFICE:** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.15am – 1.15pm  
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newsletter to Elaine by Thursday at 9.00am. Thank you.