



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

Welcome to St Martin's

ATTENDANCE AT MASS – The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is still suspended. Fr Simon will continue to offer Mass privately for the whole parish each day. He will endeavour to live stream Masses on Tuesday at 9.30am, Thursday at 6.30pm, Saturday at 6.30pm and Sunday at 11.00am, via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/StMartinsLuton/>. Please note that you do not need to have the Facebook App or an account in order to view these videos, as our account is public. We now also have a YouTube account, which can be found with the link below:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCGeNjCAVvzg52aqq5AHBcoQ>

ADORATION - Also please note that from Thursday 2nd September Adoration will be reinstated after Thursday evening Mass and from Saturday 4th September Adoration will move from 1pm to 5.30pm

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - The parish of Holy Family & St John's is supporting the launch of a new bereavement self-help group called Stronger Together. The aim of the group is to provide an opportunity for those, who have suffered the loss of a loved one, to meet together to support each other in their shared experience through friendship and understanding. **Commencing on Saturday 21st August just drop in anytime between 11.00am-1.00pm** for coffee & a chat in the parish room at St John's, 296 Sundon Park Road, LU3 3AL. For more information or who may like to get involved please call Kim Gaughan on 07488 275949 or email kim.gaughan@hotmail.com or contact Deacon Jim on 07756 685220.

LOST PROPERTY – Please keep a look out for a set of gold coloured Rosary beads which have been lost in either the church or church hall. If found, please drop into the Presbytery or return to Anne Mead. Thank you.

REDISCOVERED! – We have recently rediscovered some Scared Heart posters from the 1960s-1970s. If you would like one, please ask a steward to collect one for you from the Sacristy. A few have some slight damage to an edge.

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

Assumption of the BVM- 15th August 2021

(Sat) 6.30pm	Patricia Grier (3 rd Anniversary) RIP
11.00am	Val Buckingham, John & Mary Lennon RIP
Monday – Feria	
No Public Mass	Mathew & Nicey (25 th Wedding Anniversary) INT
Tuesday – Feria	
9.30am	Paddy Archbold RIP
Thursday – Feria	
6.30pm	Bill Fleming RIP
Friday – St Bernard	
No Public Mass	Frank Carlin (15 th Anniversary) RIP
Saturday – St Pius X	
1.00-2.00pm	ADORATION
6.30pm	Ethel Kennedy RIP
NEXT SUNDAY – TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
11.00am	Leonora Burnell (Thanksgiving) INT

UPCOMING EVENTS!

25TH ANNUAL PEACE WALK – Tuesday 21st September 18.30-20.00. Virtual Gathering for International Peace Day. Join in live via Zoom or Facebook. Pre-registration required. Email info@lutonfaiths.org or call 01582 416946

FORMATION FOR NEW AND CONTINUING MINISTERS OF WORD & EUCHARIST – A series of online Zoom sessions, led by the Liturgical Formation Team

Readers: **Wednesday 22, 29 September & 6 October 7.30-8.30pm**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Wednesdays 3, 10 & 17 November 7.30-8.30pm**

There is no charge but there will be the opportunity to make a donation.

Please register in advance to secure a place. Email admin@nores.org.uk or phone 01582 723312 (ext. 1)

YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE – NYMO - Saturday, 9th October, to be held at the NYMO Offices in Luton, between 11.00 – 15.30. The conference is open to youth ministers, catechists, priests, deacons, and anyone who has an interest in working with young people in the Church.

As we emerge from the national restrictions, we are all looking at ways we can re-engage with our young people. We invite you to the conference to hear from a number of expert speakers, as well as participate in local workshops relating to youth ministry.

We will have sessions on the importance of relationships with young people, social justice and action, how to use the steps of the Kerygma to engage with young people, and on Mission and Outreach, looking to encourage young people to share their faith in the public arena.

Place numbers for the conference are limited, so please **Book Now** to reserve your space.

Tickets for the conference cost just **£10** per person.

Where? RE Centre, Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU48JD

Time? Arrivals from 10.30am – 3.30pm close

THE WORD OF GOD

First reading - Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman adorned with the sun

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready.

Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 44(45):10-12,16

On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

Second reading - 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ will be brought to life as the first-fruits and then those who belong to him

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Mary has been taken up to heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.*

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting

reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,

for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name,

and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,

he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy

- according to the promise he made to our ancestors - of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Word of this week

This great feast is a twin to the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Then, if you recall, the preface of the Mass contained these words: "Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow." Today we celebrate the first of us to do just that, as we remember Mary following our Lord into heaven. She is the first to follow him - but not the last: this feast should help open our eyes to our final destination, heaven. So this feast pushes us right back to Easter, to thoughts of death and resurrection: it is the second reading which underlines all this. It talks of the 'gradual' resurrection of the dead: Christ first, then 'those who belong to him'. Of these, the first is Mary, she who was without stain of original sin, she who was 'most blessed of all women.' In her, today, we see the fulfilment of the vision of the first reading: the end of death and the victory of life in Christ.

PARISH OFFICE: Reduced Operating Hours - Tuesday & Friday 9.15am-1.15pm

Please do not come to the office, call or email only.

Elaine Goodship: Parish Administrator

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you need assistance from the SVP, please call and leave a message on **07927 776291**, someone will call you back between 7-8pm. You can also email us at st.martinsdeporressypluton@gmail.com

Please take this newsletter home with you.