



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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/>. We now also have a YouTube account, which can be found with the link below: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCGeNjCAVvzg52aqg5AHBcoQ>

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries build peace and share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world. If you would like to make a donation, please call 020 7821 9755 or visit missio.org.uk or collect an envelope (available from a steward) and place in the offering basket. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. Please put any donations in an envelope marked SVP and place in the offering basket next weekend. Thank you.

MASS TIMES – From Monday 1st November we will be reinstating public Masses to include Mondays at 6.30pm and Fridays at 9.30am. Having not had Monday Mass in so long, it seems a good opportunity to implement another evening Mass time. Hopefully this will enable those who work during the day another opportunity to attend.

ST MARTIN'S FEAST DAY – We will be celebrating St Martin's Feast Day during Mass on Thursday 4th November at 6.30pm.

SYNOD – "For a synodal Church: communion, participation, mission" Pope Francis has called the whole Church to share in a listening project for two years, to reflect on how we should live our faith in today's world. Bishop David launched the diocesan phase of the Synod last week with a Mass at Northampton Cathedral, which can be viewed using the link <https://northamptondiocese.org/bishop-invokes-holy-spirit-at-start-of-synod/>. Please pray for the success of the Synod and reflect on how we listen to each other, so that we can learn from each other and grow together.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS – Fr Simon will be offering 3 Masses each week during November. Please 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

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis
Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards available in the church porch; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS TO SUPPORT RIGHT TO LIFE UK – You may wish to use the prayers below to support Right to Life UK during the next couple of weeks

24th – "This week, we celebrated the feast of Pope St John Paul II, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for his intercession as we, the church, seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like him, we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us".

31st – "As we celebrate all Saints, and their lived examples of loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, we pray for the courage to follow in their footsteps, by supporting the poor, the helpless and the unborn. Lord hear us".

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year– 24 th October 2021	
(Sat) 6.30pm	Francis Conway RIP
11.00am	Chris Doherty INT
Monday – Feria	
No Public Mass	Holy Souls
Tuesday – Feria	
9.30am	Hector Serpes RIP
Thursday – SS SIMON & JUDE	
6.30pm	Maria Luz David RIP
Friday – Feria	
No Public Mass	Carl Curran INT
Saturday – Feria	
5.30pm	ADORATION
6.30pm	Tommy Thorpe RIP
NEXT SUNDAY – ALL SAINTS	
11.00am	John Gavigan RIP

UPCOMING EVENTS!

ACT OF PRAYER & WITNESS - Saturday 30th October 2021, 1- 2pm in support of life and against abortion outside the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. Please come to give these children a voice - and to pray for all involved.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - The Liturgy Commission and Pastoral Ministry Office are offering a workshop by Zoom on **Saturday 6 November from 10.30 to 12 noon, repeated on Thursday 11 November from 7 to 8.30pm.** This will focus on getting groups back up and running for Advent, focussing on the Sunday readings with lots of ideas and time to share. It will also be a perfect introduction to Children's Liturgy for any new volunteers. We encourage all who are interested in either continuing or joining the children's liturgy team to book for one of the FREE sessions at <https://childrens.liturgy.workshop.eventbrite.co.uk>.

CRAFT & COFFEE MORNING – Saturday 6th November from 10am until 12 Noon. Stanton Road Baptist Church invite you to attend their annual Craft and Coffee morning in aid of "Tearfund".

NB: CHANGE OF VENUE! - DIOCESAN MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES - Sunday 7th November at 3pm, Bishop David will be principal celebrant at this Diocesan Mass at **Church of the Sacred Heart, 148 Ashcroft Road, Luton LU2 9AY,**

LUX.PILGRIMAGE – A fun residential weekend for young Catholics aged 11 (Year 7) -18 years from **4th-6th February 2022** at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk (transportation included from Luton & Northampton). Please contact Fiona email fiona@nymo.org or visit www.nymo.org/lux for more information and to book your place". *NYMO are keen to support young people with any challenges they feel they may encounter in attending an event such as cost, travel, shyness, timings, school work etc. Please get in touch with them to discuss ways in which they could help.*

JOB OPPORTUNITIES – Cardinal Newman Catholic School are looking to recruit for the following vacancies: Site Agents / Teaching Assistants / Exam Invigilators / Higher Level Teaching Assistant – Mainstream SEND and Autism Provision. The closing date for all posts is 29th October 2021. Full details about these roles, and how to apply can be found at www.mynewterm.com or the school website www.cardinalnewmanschool.net.

THE WORD OF GOD

Penitential Rite

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Response: **For we have sinned against you.**

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

Response: **And grant us your salvation.**

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:7

I will guide them by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back

from the land of the North

and gather them from the far ends of earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,

women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water,

by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm – 125

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading – Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

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Gospel – Mark 10:46-52

Go; your faith has saved you.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind

man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Word of this week

All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message; almost a parable behind each one, that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus - the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away; Jesus' work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.

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

PARISH OFFICE: Opening Hours – Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.15am-1.15pm

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.martinsdeporressvpluton@gmail.com

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

Anne & John Jephcott

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 3: Benedicta & Team

Next Week: Team 4: **Volunteers needed urgently please!** Call the parish office or speak to Fr Simon for details.

Thanks to our flower arrangers

Bernadette, Jhay & Anna

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Items for the Newsletter: Please send any items for the weekly newsletter to Elaine by Thursday 9.00am. Thank you.