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ALL SAINTS

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/UCGeNjCAVvzg52aqq5AHBcoQ>

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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.

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

SYNOD – A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DAVID – "I am asking us all to get involved in our diocesan synod process. This is not a parliamentary system in which there are winners and losers. Instead, this is about graceful listening and graceful speaking, in which each person's contribution is valued. Each one of us has the opportunity to speak and be listened to; but also to seek out those who do not usually speak, and those whose voices are not usually heard. The conversations we have together will inform the future direction of our diocese.

Pope Francis is very clear:

"The purpose of this Synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be"

Over the next few weeks there will be all kinds of groups and conversations springing up around the diocese. I ask as many of you as possible to take up these opportunities, both as participants and as local organisers. We will need your eyes and ears to reach those on the margins, a particular concern of Pope Francis. There will be resources and training to help make this happen."

Please visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/for-a-synodal-church/> for further information about the synod process for Northampton.

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

CAFOD: When governments from across the world gather in Glasgow to discuss how to tackle the climate emergency at COP26, let's pray for the success of these critical talks. Join in online, live from Glasgow, on Tuesday 9 November to hear from Neil Thorns, CAFOD's Head of Advocacy, and also from a Vatican representative, on the progress made at COP26 so far. Sign up at cafod.org.uk/onlinetalks

CATHOLIC MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING WORKSHOP – For all who serve young people - you are invited to join us on **Saturday 20th November** for a Catholic Mental Health and Wellbeing workshop where we will explore what our faith has to say on this topic and how to support young people at this time.

The workshop costs just £5 and can be paid on the day. The workshop will take place in the parish hall of **St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church**, 366 Leagrave High Street, Luton, LU4 0NG.

To book your place please simply email fiona@nymo.org.

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

All Saints – 31st October 2021

(Sat) 6.30pm	Tommy Thorpe RIP
11.00am	John Gavigan RIP
Monday – Feria	
6.30pm	Holy Souls
Tuesday – Feria	
9.30am	Mary Killbane RIP
Thursday – St Charles Borromeo	
6.30pm	Sujeewa Gunawardena (2 nd Anniversary) RIP
Friday – Feria	
9.30am	Aidan Curran RIP
Saturday – Feria	
5.30pm	ADORATION
6.30pm	Tomy Sheridan RIP
NEXT SUNDAY – ALL SOULS	
11.00am	Holy Souls

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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>

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**, For further information contact Sean (07930 305362)

"MAKING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES TOGETHER": A Diocesan Mission Conference – Mission Northampton invites all those from across the diocese who have a heart for sharing the Gospel with others to come along to this day with Bishop David from **11am until 3pm on Saturday 13th November 2021 at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton Cathedral.** Refreshments will be served from 10.30am prior to an 11am start. If you would like to join us it would be helpful if you could register your hope to attend at the following link: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/making-missionary-disciples-together/> Please bring a packed lunch or feel free to use the Cathedral Cafe at lunchtime.

MISSION NORTHAMPTON – "Emmaus" – a heart-warming journey with Jesus as he explains the Scriptures and equips us for mission. Hosted by Mission Northampton, the new diocesan agency, this weekend experience runs **from 10am on Saturday 27th to 3pm on Sunday 28th November 2021 at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton Cathedral.** Lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday are included within the £55 overall cost. To register and pay, or for further information, please go to AWeekendJourneytoEmmaus|NorthamptonDiocese

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.*

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 - Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm - 23(24):1-6

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading - 1 John 3:1-3

We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

ALLELUIA!

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12a

How happy are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Word of this week

"A huge number, impossible to count" – that is the picture this Solemnity creates. In every age there have been men and women who have followed the Lord faithfully, and who now rejoice in the Liturgy of Heaven, as they stand before the throne of the Lamb. These are the "anonymous" saints, whose names we don't remember - but even though their names are not on our lips, their memory, inspiration, example and prayers are set before us today, so that we too can be encouraged in our own "journey of perfection". What does it take to be a saint? Surely the Gospel that is appointed for today (the Beatitudes) shows us that it is in the small things that we triumph: gentleness, mercy, making peace, faithful mourning, purity of heart, poverty in spirit - these are not grand, public ways to sanctity. They are domestic, and homely, to be practised and perfected with those closest to us. We sometimes exalt the "named" saints to the degree that we can feel they are distant from us. Today's feast, as well as celebrating the memory of the many whose name we do not know, also prompts us to see holiness as within our grasp.

The Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the Synod

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.*

Amen.

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

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

Next Week: Team 5: Alex & Team

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.