



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to St Martin's

ATTENDANCE AT MASS – The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is still suspended. Public Masses on Mondays and Fridays are now reinstated – please see Mass times to the right. Fr Simon will endeavour to live stream Masses on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/StMartinsLuton/> and YouTube at <https://youtube.com/channel/UCGeNjCAVvzg52aqg5AHBcoQ>

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - BISHOP'S MAINTENANCE FUND - Please put any donations in an envelope marked Bishop's Maintenance Fund and place in the offering basket. (Apologies that the reminder for this was omitted from last week's newsletter. Donations can be posted through the Presbytery door during the week or placed in the offering basket next weekend). Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - NORTHAMPTON PRIESTS' FUND - Please put any donations in an envelope marked Northampton Priests' Fund and place in the offering basket. Thank you.

ARMISTICE DAY - Thursday 11th November. A national Two Minute Silence will be observed at 11am to mark The Armistice. Remembrance Sunday is next weekend – 14th November.

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.

CANDLES AT THE GROTTTO – Please refrain from placing candles around the statue or on the surrounding walls. Hot candles, melted wax and flames are damaging the stonework. This is very upsetting, especially as there is now a dedicated shelf where all candles should be placed. Please be vigilant in helping to keep our Grotto as the beautiful and blessed space it is intended to be. Thank you.

COVID UPDATE FROM LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL - The number of COVID cases, including admissions to hospital, are rising in Luton.

1 in 3 people who have the virus will not have any symptoms (asymptomatic), but they can still pass it to others. This is why we are encouraging people to get a regular twice weekly rapid test. It is really important to remember that when meeting people outside of your household you: Try to keep a distance between you / Meet outside when you can / Keep rooms inside well ventilated / Reduce the number of people you have contact with / In crowded public places it is advisable to wear a face covering / Wash hands well and use hand sanitiser. It is really important to get the COVID-19 vaccine, whether it is the first, second or booster dose, [check the CCG NHS website for the nearest walk-in site to where you live](#). Case rates continue to rise and all of these things will really help us to bring them down.

COP26 - The United Nations climate talks or Conference of Parties (COP) will take place **1-12 November 2021** in Glasgow. COP26 will be the biggest summit ever hosted in the UK. It is the most significant climate event since the 2015 Paris Agreement, at which over 190 countries agreed to the aim of limiting global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius. COP26 is the first summit when countries must report back on their progress since the Paris Agreement, and set out more ambitious goals for ending their contribution to climate change.

For more information and resources visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/COP26-climate-summit/What-is-COP26>

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS – New Religious Christmas cards are now available from Pax Christi. The images are taken from felt banners which were created some years ago for display at St Laurence's church in Cambridge during Christmas. They can be ordered at £4.50 plus p+p (Three designs, mixed packs of 10 cards with envelopes) from: [HTTPS://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/](https://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/)

CHRISTMAS DINNER - 25th December – Mary Maybury is inviting anyone who would otherwise be on their own or unable to prepare a Christmas dinner to come, celebrate and enjoy a 4 course Christmas dinner with others at St John's R.C Church Hall (296 Sundon Park Road, LU3 3AL) on Christmas Day from 1,30-5.00pm. Cost: Donations only. (Transport will be provided if there are enough volunteers). Please contact Mary on 07866 989254 to book a place or to offer assistance for the event.

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year – 7 th November 2021	
(Sat) 6.30pm	Tomy Sheridan RIP
11.00am	Holy Souls
Monday – Feria	
6.30pm	Holy Souls
Tuesday – DEDICATION OF THE LANTERN BASILICA	
9.30am	John Devan RIP
Thursday – St Martin of Tours	
6.30pm	John Patrick Gavigan RIP
Friday – St Josaphat of Polotsk	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday – Feria	
5.30pm	ADORATION
6.30pm	Sonia RIP
NEXT SUNDAY – Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year	
11.00am	Holy Souls

UPCOMING EVENTS!

"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.

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 simply email fiona@nymo.org.

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 [A Weekend Journey to Emmaus | Northampton Diocese](#)

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 OPPORTUNITY – LEVEL TRUST – This Luton based charity work with disadvantaged children and families to make sure every child has what they need to love learning in school, including shoes, coats, resources, uniform and digital equipment. They are currently recruiting for a Fundraising Lead and a Youth Project Worker. Please visit the website for more information about the roles and how to apply. <https://www.leveltrust.org/get-involved/careers/>

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 – 1 Kings 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm – 145:7-10 r.2

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading – Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

ALLELUIA!

Gospel – Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put in more than all.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Word of this week

"God does not have favourites", Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor, and those whom society would push into second place. In the traditions of Israel God invited the people to have special care for the "widows and orphan" - so the story we hear in today's Gospel would have a particular resonance. The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life, and in return received a new and unending life. The widow in the first reading gave her last food for the prophet Elijah, and in return received an endless supply. This is a challenge to us in our turn: what are we invited or asked to give, and in what spirit will we do so, and what will be our reward?

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 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

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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: Alex & Team

Next Week: Team 1: Sunny, Paul & Charlotte

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.