



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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THIRTY-THIRD 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/UCGeNjCAVzgz52aqg5AHBcoQ>

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES - Please put any donations in an envelope marked CYS and place in the offering basket. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – Today we remember all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn. They did so in the search for justice and freedom and peace and this should spur us forward to pray for true harmony and peace throughout the world.

TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – We are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. As we reach out with love and support, let us hold all members of our global family in our prayers. CAFOD have produced a number of resources including prayers that you may wish to use and share. <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/World-Day-of-the-Poor>

SYNOD – Deacon Liam and Fr Simon will be exploring how to consult as widely as possible across the parish. If you are keen to be involved in the process, please let Deacon Liam know, and we will bring those interested together to reflect as a group. Deacon Liam's email address is revliamcastle@northamptondiocese.org. The questions we are being asked to pray and reflect on are: What do you value that the Church should keep on doing? / What could the Church stop doing that allows for a focus on what really matters? / What new things should the Church consider doing?

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - Fr Simon will be chaplain to a group going to Lourdes next Summer (19th-26th August). If you are interested in attending this pilgrimage please contact the parish office. Information about the pilgrimage will be livestreamed via Sacred Heart's Facebook Page on Sunday 21st November at <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartNorthampton/>

ST PAUL – SUNDAY MISSAL 2022 - If you would like to order a new Sunday Missal from our repository, please speak to Anne Mead. We will place an order in the next couple of weeks. Missals will be priced at £5.00

SCREENING OF 'FRANCESCO' – You are invited to attend a viewing of a new film about the life of Pope Francis, 'Francesco'. Made in collaboration with Pope Francis, this film explores his life and the priorities he sees as central to his Papacy. We will be joined by the director of the film, who will join a panel for Questions and Answers after the film. Please join us free of charge on **Thursday 25th November at 6.30pm at The St Thomas Centre, Northampton**. For more information and to book visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/francesco/>. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

COP26 - COP26 is finally underway, but Pope Francis has told the negotiators there can be no more waiting for action, if we're going to tackle the devastation the climate crisis is causing to the world's most vulnerable communities. To read the Pope's message and for additional information please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Latest-news>

PRAYER FOR HEALING - ADoRE (Alton Day of Renewal) is offering confidential prayer for healing by telephone – please phone (NOT text) 07579 824523, Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm and leave ONLY name and number. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for healing of physical, emotional and spiritual problems.

CAFOD: WORLD GIFTS – World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Each World Gift is a real example of CAFOD's work. When you choose a gift, you support the area of work that this gift represents. Visit www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or collect a catalogue from the church porch.

Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year – 14 th November 2021	
(Sat) 6.30pm	Sonia RIP
11.00am	Holy Souls
Monday – Feria	
6.30pm	Holy Souls
Tuesday – Feria	
9.30am	Mary Devlin (Birthday Remembrance) RIP
Thursday – Feria	
6.30pm	Holy Souls
Friday – Feria	
9.30am	Charlie Ward RIP
Saturday – St Edmund	
5.30pm	ADORATION
6.30pm	Sammy Arnold RIP
NEXT SUNDAY – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	
11.00am	Holy Souls

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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 from **11am-1pm** in the parish hall of **St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church**. To book your place simply email fiona@nymo.org

ONLINE DISCUSSION - THEOLOGY OF THE BODY - Monday, 22nd November 7.00-8.30pm, NYMO will be hosting an online discussion via Zoom on Theology of the Body, and how best to approach this subject, when used in group settings with young people. This event is part of the Spotlight Meet (<https://nymo.org/spotlight-meet/>) series of online sessions. The session is open to all who work with young people in the Church, including youth ministers, catechists, and volunteers. If you would like to attend this session, please email info@nymo.org so the Zoom codes can be sent to you.

FIVE BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS - Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way! Five Wednesdays: **24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time)**. Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube.
Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

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

ADoRE (Alton Day of Renewal) ONLINE SPIRITUAL MNI-RETREAT MORNING – 27th November, 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: **"Fruit of the Holy Spirit"** - As you give the Holy Spirit more control of your life, He grows you to look more like Jesus. Our Mass celebrant will be Fr Paul Leonard, and our guest speaker Andrew Lawrence, Lead Pastor of the Harvest Church in Alton and a gifted and passionate speaker on the Holy Spirit. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADORENOV2021

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 – Daniel 12:1-3

When the times comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm – 15(16):5,8-11

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second Reading – Hebrews 10:11-14,18

When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin-offerings.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.

ALLELUIA!

Gospel – Mark 13:24-32

The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Word of this week

As always at this time of year, we begin to contemplate the end of the world - a theme that carries us over next Sunday's feast (Christ the King) and so into Advent. Such a contemplation is not gloomy or morbid: throughout the ages (and especially in the early days) Christians have been utterly positive about the coming end of all things, because we know what will happen, and in fact we earnestly desire it to come: the phrase that gives this away is in the Gospel: "Then he will send his angels to gather his chosen from the four winds." This gathering of God's children together will be a truly wonderful event, when we will all be completely enfolded in that love of God that we talk so much about.

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

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

14th – "Today we mark World Day of the Poor. We pray especially for all pregnant women, who due to financial struggles, feel pressured into having an abortion. We pray that as a society we would seek to provide a better system of care and aid for these women, enabling them to continue with their pregnancies and raise their child. Lord hear us"

21st – "We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us"

28th – "As we ponder the hope found in the second coming of our saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. We pray also that as a society we would become channels of God's hope, providing support to all pregnant women. Lord hear us"

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

Elaine Goodship: Parish Administrator

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Charlotte Seery: Parish Finances

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Maura Byers: Parish Safeguarding Representative

Tel: 07796712868

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 and Diane

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 1: Sunny, Paul & Charlotte

Next Week: Team 2: Anne P, Mary & David

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.