



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

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/UCGeNjCAVzvg52aqg5AHBcoQ>

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

DAY OF PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – Today is World Youth Sunday and we are asked to pray for all our young people and to take the opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church. Pope Francis encourages young Catholics themselves to “testify joyfully that Christ is alive.”

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES – Please note that Mass on Friday 26th November will be at 11.00am and not at 9.30am. Please pray for Anthony Bissong whose funeral will take place at this Mass; may he rest in everlasting peace. We also offer our sincere sympathy and loving support of our faith and prayers to his family and friends. On Monday 29th November, Mass, followed by Adoration, will be at 9.30am rather than 6.30pm and Mass on Tuesday 30th November will be at 6.30pm not 9.30pm. This is due to Fr Simon having to attend a clergy day in Slough.

ADVENT GIVING TREE - Advent begins next weekend and our Advent giving tree gives us the opportunity to give small gifts to homeless people at Christmas. Simply take a tag from the tree in the porch, buy the item and return it gift-wrapped with the tag firmly attached. Please place your gift in the box outside the sacristy. Thank you!

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?

REPOSITORY – If you would like to order a 2022 St Paul 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. Previously ordered items will be available for collection from this weekend, after Mass. To arrange alternative collection times please contact Anne on 01582 508699

SIGN OF PEACE – From next weekend (27th/28th November) we will be restoring the sign of peace for people within your households/bubble. For people who are outside of your household or bubble, please continue to wish them peace without shaking hands.

CAFOD – ADVENT RESOURCES - **Daily Advent reflections:** These reflections offer an opportunity to pause and reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar> for more details. There are also free Advent children's liturgy resources available <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturg>

NEWSPAPERS - The **Universe Catholic Weekly** has launched a new online newspaper with the full support of His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. To order your digital copy go to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call 0743661 7650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20 for 3 months.

NOTICE FROM LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: COVID19 - Covid19 continues to be a serious threat in our community. Luton now has more 'walk-up' locations than ever before with Redgrave Gardens, numerous pharmacy locations for everyone aged 16+ and over the next few weeks we will have various 'outreach' weekends at Inspire Sports Village running from 10.30 – 4pm. For more information on Covid vaccines and to get a full list of all the locations please visit www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King – 21st November 2021

(Sat) 6.30pm	Sammy Arnold RIP
11.00am	Holy Souls
Monday – St Cecilia	
6.30pm	Holy Souls
Tuesday – Feria	
9.30am	Margaret & Derek Bush & Family
Thursday – Feria	
6.30pm	Evangeline, Louis & Uchenna Ajulufoh RIP
Friday – Feria	
11.00am	Anthony Bissong RIP
Saturday – Feria	
5.30pm	ADORATION
6.30pm	Holy Souls
NEXT SUNDAY – 1st Sunday of Advent	
11.00am	Deborah Gilmore RIP

Special Mention – Alice Rinaldi INT – For a speedy recovery from recent hip surgery.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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>

CAFOD REVIEW OF THE YEAR (Online) - Thursday 25 November 7pm-8pm. – CAFOD invite you to join them and their Director, Christine Allen, for a review of the year, where they will share all that the Catholic community has made possible this year with their support. To register visit <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/annual-report2021>

MISSION NORTHAMPTON - "Emmaus" - journey with Jesus as he explains the Scriptures and equips us for mission. Hosted by Mission Northampton, **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"** - Our Mass celebrant will be Fr Paul Leonard, and our guest speaker Andrew Lawrence, Lead Pastor of the Harvest Church in Alton. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADORENOV2021

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION - St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust has updated the Cardinal Newman Catholic School Admission Policy (for admission in September 2023). The consultation period is now open until 31 December 2021. Details of the policy can be found on the Trust website <https://www.stcat.co.uk/trust-governance/consultation/>. If you require a hard copy or have comments to make in regard to the proposed policy, please contact Maxine Gilmartin (consultation@stcat.co.uk) or by post to Maxine Gilmartin, St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, c/o St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School, Pastures Way, Luton, LU4 0PF).

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 7:13-14

I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his
servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm – 92(93):1-2,5

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed

Second Reading – Apocalypse 1:5-8

Jesus Christ has made us a line of kings and priests.

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

ALLELUIA!

Gospel – John 18:33-37

Yes, I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Word of this week

Every time we complete the cycle of the liturgical year, there is a seamless blending into the new year: so, just as this week we hear of the King who is to come, next week, we begin a New Year and the Season of Advent by more meditation on the end of time, and the One who is to come again, as he once came among us. This feast affirms that Christ is King, that he is Judge, that he is Ruler of the kings of the earth. By his own words we know that this is true, as he stands before Pilate and says, "Yes, I am a king." But his kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as earthly kings, whose empires fade and pass away. His kingship is eternal, and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who 'serve his God and Father'. We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come - the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

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

Elaine Goodship: Parish Administrator

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Charlotte Seery: Parish Finances

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Maura Byers: Parish Safeguarding Representative

Tel: 07796712868

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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 2: Anne P, Mary & David

Next Week: Team 3: Benedicta & 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.