



St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR OF LUKE (C)

Welcome to St Martin's

ATTENDANCE AT MASS – The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is still suspended. 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>

PEACE SUNDAY – Today is Peace Sunday and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the Covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about? In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/>. If you'd like to make a donation to Pax Christi please visit <https://paxchristi.org.uk/about-us/support-us/donation/> for details.

SYNOD MEETING – Sunday 23rd January – The first synod meeting will take place after Mass in the Church Hall. Please confirm if you plan to attend by emailing revliamcastle@northamptondiocese.org. All are welcome to attend.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS – Please note that we do not have any available dates until April or Saturday evening Masses until May. If you require a significant date that is already booked, we will include your request for the bidding prayers on this date and a Mass will be booked for a later date. Please use the Mass request envelopes for your requests and offerings, available from a steward at the entrance and exit doors. Thank you. Alternatively, Fr Peter is willing to offer Mass Intentions when he says his private, daily Mass at home. If you have an urgent Mass request or a specific date that is already taken, you may wish for Fr Peter to say the Mass, so that it can take place sooner. Please put a note on the Mass Request envelope if you would be happy for Fr Peter to offer the Mass at his home.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – We still have some prizes that have not been collected. All winners were contacted before Christmas. If you have not collected your prize yet, please collect from the Church Hall after Mass. Thank you.

REPOSITORY – The repository is open after Mass on Sunday. We have lots of lovely cards in stock at the moment. Please come and have a look, and consider purchasing some for any upcoming celebrations you may have.

VOLUNTEER FOR CAFOD – A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? There are lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

- *In the parish* - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- *Coordinating volunteers* to help support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.

If you'd like to know more, please contact Deborah Purfield at CAFOD on 07786 114 390 | dpurfield@cafod.org.uk

RETROUVAILLE - Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on **3rd to 6th March 2022**. Call or text 07887 296983 or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Second Sunday of the Year (Peace Day) - 16 th January 2022	
(Sat) 6.30pm	Jane & Peter Fielding
9.00am	People of the Parish INT
11.00am	Patrick Devlin (Anniversary) RIP
Monday – St Anthony	
6.30pm	Denise Ann Watts RIP
Tuesday – Feria	
9.30am	Anthony Bissong RIP
Thursday – Feria	
6.30pm	Anne Harding INT
Friday – St Agnes	
9.30am	Karen Ellingham & Family INT
Saturday – Feria	
5.30pm	ADORATION
6.30pm	Leandro & Yolie Salazar (Anniversary) RIP
NEXT SUNDAY – Third Sunday of the Year	
9.00am	People of the Parish INT
11.00am	Fred Daly RIP

UPCOMING EVENTS!

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – Our Liturgy of the Word: A series of online Zoom sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year. Led by the Liturgical Formation Team. **Tuesday 18th January** – An Introduction to Luke / **Wednesday 23rd February** – Preparing for Lent / **Wednesday 6th April** – Preparing for the Triduum / **Wednesday 20th April** – Celebrating Eastertide. Each session will include input, prayer and the opportunity to make comment and ask questions. Please register in advance to secure a place email: admin@nores.org.uk or 01582 723312 (ext. 1)

REFLECTING ON THE CHURCH POST COVID – Saturday 22nd January, 10.00am-12.30pm at Holy Ghost Catholic Parish Centre, (Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD). An event for Christians in Luton marking the Week of prayer for Christian Unity. How do we as Christians understand what the Covid experience has meant for our communities? How should we move forward? Come and share your experiences and listen to others' wisdom. Keynote Speaker – Rt Rev David J. Oakley, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Northampton.

NB: CANCELLED! - LUX.PILGRIMAGE – 4th-6th February 2022

LUTON DEANERY MARRIAGE COURSE - Saturday 26th February 2022 10am- 4pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre - If you are planning to marry next year, please book your place by downloading a booking form at www.stjosephschurchluton.org.uk by Friday 18th February 2022.

CHARITY EVENT – Saturday 26th February – 'Masquerade – A fun evening of Opera' is being staged in support of NOAH, organised by the Luton Circle of The Cantenian Association. Whether you are an opera lover or not, you will be enraptured by the singing and the joyous occasion, so join in this light but professionally sung gala evening! Prizes given to audience members wearing the best masquerade mask! 6.45pm for 7.30pm at Holy Ghost Parish Centre, 33 Westbourne Rd, Luton LU4 8JD. Tickets cost £32, please visit <https://noah-masquerade-opera.eventbrite.co.uk>

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 – Isaiah 62:1-5

The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm – 95(96):1-3,7-10

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Second Reading – Corinthians 12:4-11

The Spirit distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

ALLELUIA!

Gospel – John 2:1-11

'My hour has not come yet' - 'Do whatever he tells you'

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to

me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Word of this week

The Gospel of this second Sunday of Ordinary Time continues the theme of the end of Christmas - revelation. Jesus is revealed to the world by his birth, by his baptism, and by his miracles - the "signs" as John calls them. The wedding in today's Gospel is interpreted in many ways: today, reading the Gospel with the First Reading in mind, we can see it as an image of the way in which God is so close to his people, it is as though he is married to them. Thus Jesus, the spouse of the people, shows God's closeness by revealing his glory in this miracle.

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

USEFUL CONTACTS

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

* Elaine Goodship: Parish Administrator

parish.stmartindeporres@northamptondiocese.org

* Charlotte Seery: Parish Finances

finance.stmartindeporres@northamptondiocese.org

* 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

* Diocese of Northampton Website – www.northamptondiocese.org

* Pastoral Area Council Website – www.lutonpastoralarea.org

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.