



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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/> Please note that you do not need to have the Facebook App or an account in order to view these videos, as our account is public. We now also have a YouTube account, which can be found with the link below: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCGeNjCAVvzg52aqq5AHBcoQ>

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - 1st & 2nd MAY - ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - Please place all offerings, in a clearly marked envelope, into the collection basket. Thank you. We now have a mobile phone dedicated for the SVP. 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.martinsdepordesvpluton@gmail.com The next SVP meeting is on 03/05/2021 between 7.00-8.00pm

ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Thursday 13th May. There will be two Masses on this day; 9.30am & 6.30pm. A reminder that this is a Holy Day. There will be a livestream via the usual channels for both of these Masses.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS - Please note that we do not have any available dates until Mid-August. 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.

COURSE - CATHOLIC BASICS - A basic introduction to the Catholic Faith. Delivered in four evening Zoom presentations from **7pm to 8:30pm.**
Monday June 07 2021 - God
Monday June 14 2021 - The Church
Monday June 21 2021 - The Moral Life
Monday June 28 2021 - Prayer
There is NO CHARGE for the course delivery. However, to get the most out of the sessions, it is important to purchase the course pack of 4 course texts for £20.
To book contact Ann Collon: email: admin@nores.org.uk or phone: 01582 7233

FREE COVID HOME TESTING KITS - Every household can now order a free pack of 7, Covid-19 home test kits. These are able to produce a result in 20-30 minutes. Households can order one pack, once a week. These will be very good to use before meeting any friends or family to know that you are clear of Covid-19. Use the link below for more information and ordering <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> You can also order by phone if you cannot order online. Call 119 between 7.00am and 11.00pm - calls are free.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - Cardinal Newman Catholic School are looking to appoint a daytime Cleaning Operative, 30 hours per week, term time only + 10 days, £12,769 per annum. Closing date, 10 May 2021. Full details about this role and how to apply can be found on the MyNewTerm website.

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 2 nd May 2021	
(Sat) 6.30pm	Mary O'Toole RIP
11.00am	Alice Carlin (1 st Anniversary) RIP
Monday - SS PHILIP & JAMES	
No Public Mass	Carlo Vinculado RIP
Tuesday - MARTYRS OF ENGLAND & WALES	
9.30am	Romeo A Julian RIP
Thursday - Feria	
6.30pm	Teofila & Celso Redita RIP
Friday - Feria	
No Public Mass	Maria & Vauntin Julian RIP
Saturday - Feria	
1.00-2.00pm	ADORATION
6.30pm	David Tharatt RIP
NEXT SUNDAY - Sixth Sunday of Easter	
11.00am	Sue Herbert RIP

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Mondays from 19th April - 7.30-8.30pm - From the Pastoral Ministry Office of Northampton: DIVINE RENOVATION READ-ALONG - After a roller-coaster year, what's next for our churches? How do we meet Pope Francis' challenge to become the church for all people? Join with Avril Baigent and special guests as we read Fr James Mallon's *Divine Renovation* together. **This Week: Monday 3rd May, 7.30pm. Clearing out the junk** Reflecting on some of the baggage that holds us back in our faith lives and finding new inspiration in the Gospel, with well-known speaker and writer Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ. You can find out more and register here: <https://readalong.divine.renovation.eventbrite.co.uk>

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

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm – 21:26-28, 30-32 r. 26

YOU, LORD, ARE MY PRAISE IN THE GREAT ASSEMBLY.

Second Reading – 1 John 3:18-2

His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME, AS I MAKE MINE IN YOU.
WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME BEARS FRUIT IN PLENTY.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit
he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,

but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,

and they are burnt.

If you remain in me

and my words remain in you,

you may ask what you will

and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much
fruit,

and then you will be my disciples.'

The Word of this week

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to "belong" to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

PARISH OFFICE: Reduced Operating Hours - Tuesday & Friday 9.15am-1.15pm

Please do not come to the office, call or email only.

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