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THIRD 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>

We have been asked to highlight that if you are over 70, or were asked to shield in the past, it is advisable not to attend church at the current time.

REPOSITORY - The repository will be reopening this Sunday for the sale of all devotional items. Please note that only **four** people are allowed into the hall at any one time and social distancing and COVID-19 secure measures should be followed.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - 25TH April - PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND - Please put any donations in an envelope clearly marked Priests Training Fund and place in the offering basket. Thank you for any help you can give.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - 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.martinsdeporressvpluton@gmail.com
The next SVP meeting is on 03/05/2021 between 7.00-8.00pm

CAFOD UPDATE - Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We have collected £425.00. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that your Fast Day donations has funded. Thank you for your steadfast support.

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.

Third Sunday of Easter - 18 th April 2021	
(Sat) 6.30pm	Abundio Yumang RIP
11.00am	Pamela Cole (80 th Birthday) INT
Monday - Feria	
No Public Mass	For those that have prayed for Maura Devlin INT
Tuesday - Feria	
9.30am	Mary (Maura) Devlin RIP
Thursday - Feria	
6.30pm	Sue Herbert RIP
Friday - ST GEORGE	
No Public Mass	Antonio Pereira RIP
Saturday - Feria	
1.00-2.00pm	ADORATION
6.30pm	Larry & Phyllis Farrell RIP
NEXT SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Easter	
11.00am	Margaret Moloney RIP

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Wednesdays from 7th April at 7.00pm for eight weeks - THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE - Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

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. Week 1: Remembering our Identity and Purpose with Bishop David Oakley. To receive the zoom link, register here: <https://readalong.divine.renovation.eventbrite.co.uk>

Saturday 24th April - 3.00-4.00pm - LIVE-STREAMED MASS FOR THE SICK - Bishop David will celebrate a special live-streamed Mass for the Sick. The Mass is for all those suffering with illness, especially for anyone who is housebound. For more information see here: <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/live-streamed-mass-for-the-sick/>.

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 3:13-15,17-19

You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm – 4:2,4,7,9

LIFT UP THE LIGHT OF YOUR FACE ON US, O LORD.

Second Reading – 1 John 2:1-5

He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LORD JESUS, EXPLAIN THE SCRIPTURES TO US. MAKE OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US AS YOU TALK TO US.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 24:35-48

So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Word of this week

This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.

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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