



T W E L F T H S U N D A Y O F T H E Y E A R

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>

STAYING SAFE – As restrictions start to ease, we politely request that you continue to follow requests by our dedicated stewarding team whilst at church. The government guidelines will still require that strict social distancing remains inside church, with people not mixing with anyone outside their household or support bubble. When in the church grounds, people must not mingle in groups larger than 6, except for groups from up to two households. Please stay vigilant, in order to allow public worship to continue. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – DAY FOR LIFE: The theme for the 2021 *Day for Life*, centres on caring for the sick and dying and promoting the respect owed to life in all its vulnerability. Please put your donations in an envelope, clearly marked Day for Life and place them in the offering basket. Thank you.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – 26TH & 27TH June – PETER'S PENCE Please bring your donations in an envelope, clearly marked Peter's Pence and place them in the offering basket. Thank you.

WELCOME! – You may remember we had a trainee priest on placement last January – Liam Castle. Liam is now a Deacon and will be ordained on 2nd July. I am delighted to inform you that he will be coming to St Martin's for the first year of his ministry in August. I know that you will all make him very welcome. Please keep him in your prayers as he completes the end of his training and especially on 2nd July for his ordination.

LIGHTING CANDLES AT THE GROTTTO – Please be thoughtful of where you place and leave any candles. Hot candles, flames and melted wax have started to damage the Grotto! This is very upsetting and whilst we don't want to discourage people from using candles at this sacred place, we do ask that you think carefully about...

- ♠ Is your candle in a sensible, safe place?
- ♠ Is the candle holder likely to get too hot and scorch where it is placed?
- ♠ Could wax leak and/or drip from the candle/holder?

We are currently investigating different options for a designated candle area within the Grotto. In the meantime, please be vigilant in helping to keep our Grotto as the beautiful and blessed space it is intended to be. Thank you.

RIGHT TO LIFE - Ask your MP to sign a Parliamentary motion to stop 'DIY' abortion. Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart's motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous 'DIY' home abortion services as soon as possible. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!
www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion

ACT OF PRAYER & WITNESS - Saturday 26th June 1- 2pm - in support of life and against abortion outside the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. Please come to give these children a voice - and to pray for all involved. All necessary safety restrictions will be observed. We hope to be across the road from the Main Entrance, but will move further along if necessary to make sure there's enough space between us and passers-by.

Twelfth Sunday of the Year- 20 th June 2021	
(Sat) 6.30pm	Patrick Devlin RIP
11.00am	Allison Mead (Birthday) INT
Monday – St Aloysius Gonzaga	
No Public Mass	Mary Josephine & Martin Mulhern RIP
Tuesday – SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE (Day of Prayer for the Persecuted and Oppressed)	
9.30am	Cecilia Caridad Apura RIP
Thursday – THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	
6.30pm	Deceased Members of the Ann O'Byrne's Family
Friday – FERIA	
No Public Mass	Thanksgiving INT
Saturday – FERIA	
1.00-2.00pm	ADORATION
6.30pm	Gerard & Anna Culliname INT
NEXT SUNDAY – Thirteenth Sunday of the Year	
11.00am	Simon Doherty & Family

UPCOMING EVENTS!

LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP 2021 – Wednesday 28th July from 3pm – Sunday 1st August 2021 till 2pm - NYMO are inviting our young people to join them at Alton Castle, Staffordshire for 5 days of fun and activities where young Catholics gain formation and friendships. Included in the price is accommodation, all food, daily Mass and Reconciliation, all activities including a day at Alton Towers Theme Park, biking, trekking, climbing, archery, campfires and much more (transport will NOT be provided). Summer Camp is for those of secondary school age 12-18. Due to Covid, there is a reduced capacity this year and so places are extremely limited - please book early to avoid disappointment. **Cost:** £225.00 for camping (to provide own tent) or £275.00 for dormitory or £50.00 for online camp. (You will be required to pay a £50.00 non-refundable deposit when booking). Final payment due by 1st July 2021
For more information and to go to the bookings page visit <https://nymo.org/summercamp/>

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 - Job 38:1,8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gives Job his answer

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm – 106(107):23-26,28-32

O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

We do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 4:35-41

'Even the wind and the sea obey him'

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Word of this week

There is a strangely simple theme to this Sunday: that God has power over the forces of nature, because he created them in the first place. This is what the first reading tells us, and also what the gospel shows us, when Jesus "rebukes the wind". This tells us something about Jesus (that he is God made man), and also something about our faith. It's also interesting that the disciples react to this miracle with fear and awe - as if their minds were suddenly opened to a reality they had not realised before. They had chosen to follow the Christ who had called them, but we see their understanding of who he is growing and developing. Perhaps this is of comfort to us, as we see our relationship with the Lord who controls the waters grow and develop, and alerts us to be ready for the surprises that following the Lord can bring.

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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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

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