



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Luton

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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### 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/UCGeNiCAVvzg52aqq5AHBcoQ>

**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. Please stay vigilant, in order to allow public worship to continue. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – PETER'S PENCE** – The Peter's Pence Collection occurs yearly on the Sunday closest to June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, as a sign that Catholics around the world are joined together in support of the Holy Father. Support for papal efforts has its roots in the scriptural message to take care of the poor and is an expression of unity with the Holy Father. Peter's Pence expresses this unity in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need. Please give what you can to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come. Please put your donations in an envelope, clearly marked 'Peter's Pence' and place them in the offering basket. Thank you.

**ORDINATION OF DEACON LIAM CASTLE – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 12.00-2.00pm** – You can watch Bishop David ordain Deacon Liam Castle to the Sacred Priesthood at Northampton Cathedral via the Cathedral live streaming service: <https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>. As you will have seen in last week's newsletter, Liam will be beginning his ministry here with us at St Martin's, from August. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination and the beginning of his priestly ministry.

**TO ALL THOSE WHO MINISTER TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND – GUIDELINES** - The diocese has sent through guidance for Lay Ministers of the Eucharist in light of the proposed reopening of life beyond the lockdowns. As yet, this remains limited to priests visiting a person as they come to the end of their earthly life. However, as we move towards this opening up in the not too distant future the diocese is asking regular Ministers of the Eucharist to the sick to book onto an online workshop to reflect on the guidance and ask questions on **30 June, 7-8pm**. For information and booking go to <https://communion-to-the-sick.eventbrite.co.uk> If you have any questions or comments please speak to Fr Simon.

**THE CHURCH SERIES** - Each Wednesday at 6.30pm Bishop David is broadcasting a teaching series focussed on 'The Church'. You are invited to join him on YouTube as he unpacks the nature of our Church and her role in our society. These bite-size videos are open to all and we encourage you to share them with your friends and family, regardless where they are in their journey of faith. Previous episodes are also available to watch. Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKL6alopYUmgOacd97EUQRQ>

**CHRISTIANS IN PARLIAMNET – NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY PRAYER BREAKFAST 2021 ONLINE** – The National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast is an annual recognition of the contribution that Christianity makes to the national life of the UK. May this encouragement from Christians who are part of our parliamentary system give us great hope as they encourage us in all that we do as Christians in our country...and there's some great input from the excellent

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year– 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	
(Sat) 6.30pm	Gerard & Anna Culliname INT
11.00am	Simon Doherty & Family
<b>Monday – St Irenaeus</b>	
No Public Mass	Frances Macintosh RIP
<b>Tuesday – SS PETER &amp; PAUL: Holy Day</b>	
9.30am	Christy Torrens
<b>Thursday – Feria</b>	
6.30pm	Patrick Devlin RIP
<b>Friday – Feria</b>	
No Public Mass	Gertrude Mulhern
<b>Saturday –ST THOMAS</b>	
1.00-2.00pm	ADORATION
6.30pm	Johnie Corry RIP
<b>NEXT SUNDAY –Fourteenth Sunday of the Year</b>	
11.00am	Fr Dan Kiely RIP

**RIGHT TO LIFE UK** – We have been contacted by this charity requesting our support through prayer. They have sent us some suggested prayers you may wish to use over the coming month.

**4<sup>th</sup> July** - *"We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would surround them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us"*

**11<sup>th</sup> July** - *"We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage the mother to continue with her pregnancy and find peace in what the future holds. Lord hear us"*

**18<sup>th</sup> July** - *"We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Lord hear us"*

**25<sup>th</sup> July** - *"For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities. Lord hear us"*

### UPCOMNG EVENTS!

**RETREAT – SION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOR EVANGELISM - Bethany series: Martha – 9th-11th July 2021:** The house in Bethany was a place of welcome and encounter. Lazarus, Mary and Martha welcomed Jesus into the intimacy of their home and He encountered them in the deepest part of their being, their lives being transformed forever. Each visit drew them closer to Himself in their discipleship journey. Sion Community invites you to reflect on your own journey as a disciple of Jesus, called to go into a deeper experience of the fullness of life with Him. Book now at <https://data.sioncommunity.org.uk/.../.../bethany-series-martha/>

### 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 – Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24

*God takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.*

Death was not God's doing,  
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.  
To be – for this he created all;  
the world's created things have health in them,  
in them no fatal poison can be found,  
and Hades holds no power on earth;  
for virtue is undying.  
Yet God did make man imperishable,  
he made him in the image of his own nature;  
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as  
those who are his partners will discover.

## Responsorial Psalm – 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

*I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, YOU HAVE RESCUED ME.*

## Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

*Jesus became poor for your sake, to make you rich.*

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: *The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.*

## ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;  
you have the message of eternal life.*

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## Gospel – Mark 5:21-43

*Little girl, I tell you to get up*

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd

is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?" But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

### The Word of this week

Today we are invited to marvel at one of the most dramatic and amazing of the Lord's miracles; the raising back to life of the daughter of Jairus. The story is told with a level of emotional realism: the calm faith but dreadful fear of Jairus, the servants who bring the news of his daughter's death, the calm reassurance of Jesus and even the laughter of the servant who mock Jesus; all these make this a story that can engage us and speak to us. And what it says is something profound: all the miracles of the Lord proclaim the Kingdom of God; the world the way God wants it to be. God does not want us to die: death is not part of God's plan for us. This is reinforced by the unfamiliar first reading from the book of Wisdom, which opens our listening to God's Word today with the dramatic phrase: 'Death was not God's doing.' God created us to live forever, and the raising of Jairus' daughter to life is a vivid and outstanding proclamation of this truth.

### **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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### **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.martinsdepordesvpluton@gmail.com](mailto:st.martinsdepordesvpluton@gmail.com)

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