



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

There will be no Adoration on Saturday 10th July

SECOND COLLECTION: NEXT SUNDAY - 10TH & 11TH JULY - SEA SUNDAY - Please bring any donations in an envelopes marked 'Sea Sunday' and place in the offering basket. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS! - to Ifeoma Udemezue & Ikechukwu Ofomah who marry at St Martin's next weekend. Please pray for a blessed marriage of many happy years for them.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - The next SVP meeting will be on Monday 5th July from 7.00pm. Please contact Rose if you would like to be included.

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>

VANCANY - Cardinal Newman Catholic School are currently looking to recruit for the following vacancies; Art Technician, Food Technician, Science Technician, Senior Science Technician and Part-Time Receptionist. All these vacancies are advertised on the MyNewTerm website and there are links on the school website too. All of these roles will be a 1 September 2021 start date. www.cardinalnewmanschool.net

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.

4th 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"

11th 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"

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year- 4 th July 2021	
(Sat) 6.30pm	Johnie Corry RIP
11.00am	Fr Dan Kiely RIP
Monday - Feria	
No Public Mass	Suzanna Corbett RIP
Tuesday - Feria	
9.30am	Connie Laura Pacquette INT
Thursday - Feria	
6.30pm	Rodolfo Jison Sr RIP
Friday - Feria	
No Public Mass	Maura Maguire INT
Saturday - Feria	
6.30pm	Johnnie Collins RIP
NEXT SUNDAY -Fifteenth Sunday of the Year	
11.00am	Mary (Maura) Devlin RIP

UPCOMING 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 – Ezekiel 2:2-5

The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm – 122(123)

OUR EYES ARE ON THE LORD TILL HE SHOW US HIS MERCY.

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

*THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US:
TO ALL WHO DID ACCEPT HIM
HE GAVE POWER TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD.
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!*

Gospel – Mark 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said,

'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Word of this week

A prophet's job is to open people's eyes to the reality of their situation - pointing out to them the things they would rather forget or ignore. A prophet is a sort of "national conscience", always awake to situations of injustice and always speaking out about them. A prophet is commissioned to do this by God, who sends the prophet on his mission. Jesus is just such a prophet - teaching and preaching about the Kingdom of God and the best way to live. Despite the welcome his message has received elsewhere, when he comes to his hometown he is faced with rejection - such that "he was amazed at their lack of faith." It is curious is that they seem to accept his wisdom, and his miracles, but because he grew up among them they cannot accept him as a teacher from God. We should remember that it is often hardest to stand up for the truth among those who know us well.

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.martinsdeporesvpluton@gmail.com

Please take this newsletter home with you.