



FIFTEENTH 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/UCGeNjCAVvzg52aaq5AHBcoQ>

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend - 10TH & 11TH JULY - SEA SUNDAY - Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Alternatively, you can place any donations in an envelope marked 'Sea Sunday' into the offering basket. If you would like to gift aid your donation or need an envelope, please ask a steward for a charity envelope from Stella Maris. Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - The next SVP meeting will be on Monday 12th July from 7.00pm. Please contact Rose if you would like to be included. There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND - 17th & 18th July for the SVP**. Please bring any donations in an envelope clearly marked 'SVP' and place in the offering basket. Thank you.

RESOURCES FROM CAFOD - Thank you for your continued support of CAFOD. We have raised £588.19 from appeals this year. If you would like to see some of the important work CAFOD are doing please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/International-news/Water-stories> to see some examples of how your donations make some of this work possible.

CAFOD also produce a wealth of resources which you may find of interest

- Family Prayer Resources for Summer: We will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. This will be available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>
- Laudato Si': A range of resources around Laudato Si', to study, reflect, pray and take action, this can be used at any time. This link will take you to the page on the website: Laudato Si' encyclical resources | CAFOD
- Synodal Process: Online sessions, open to all, with experts sharing what is synod, why it is important and how parish communities are participating. First session on Tuesday 27 July at 7pm will feature a conversation with Christopher Lamb, Rome correspondent for *The Tablet*, about why Pope Francis is inviting us all to participate in the synod. [Click here to book onto the session.](#)

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year- 11 th July 2021	
(Sat) 6.30pm	Johnnie Collins RIP
11.00am	Mary (Maura) Devlin RIP
Monday - Feria	
No Public Mass	Richard Power RIP
Tuesday - Feria	
9.30am	Michael Farregh RIP
Thursday - St Bonaventure	
6.30pm	Theresa Grant (Health) INT
Friday - Feria	
No Public Mass	Mr & Mrs Augustine (Anniversary)
Saturday - Feria	
6.30pm	Paul & Rosetta Smith RIP
NEXT SUNDAY - Sixteenth Sunday of the Year	
11.00am	Bernadette Simpson RIP

FREE COVID19-TESTING - There will be a number of mobile rapid/lateral flow testing sites throughout Luton this July. Please see the posters in the entrance hall for dates.

1 in 3 people have Covid-19 without any symptoms, and you can still pass the virus on even after being vaccinated. It is recommended that you take a Rapid/Lateral flow test twice a week, especially if you leave the house for work, shopping, caring or worship.

The test is quick, simple and FREE and you'll get the results in 30 minutes.

The pop-up centres will be open from Monday-Friday 8am-6pm and weekends 9am-5pm. You do not need to make an appointment. These centres are for people who have NO symptoms. Visit www.luton.gov.uk/covid19-testing for more information.

If you have Covid symptoms you should stay at home and book a FREE PCR test call 119 or nhs.uk/coronavirus. PCR Test Sites are:

- Vicarage Road Car Park (University Campus) Vicarage Street, LU1 3HZ
- Hockwell Ring Community Centre, Mayne Avenue, Leagrave, LU4 9LB
- Bury Park Community Centre, 161-161b Dunstable Road, LU1 1BW
- Luton Airport Test Centre, Mid Stay Car Park, LU2 9QT

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 – Amos 7:12-15

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer;' get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Responsorial Psalm – 84(85):9-14

*LET US SEE, O LORD, YOUR MERCY
AND GIVE US YOUR SAVING HELP.*

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14

Before the world was made, God chose us.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

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 6:1-6

He began to send them out.

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Word of this week

Again it is prophecy that is our theme (see last week). Here, we concentrate on the sending of prophets, the entrusting of the mission to them, and most importantly the necessary qualifications to be a prophet. The only qualification necessary is an open ear, to hear the mandate from God. We see this in Amos, the simple shepherd, and in the Twelve, called by Jesus from their humble occupations, which no one would have thought qualified them to speak on 'religious' themes. As last week, the possibility of rejection and failure is quite explicitly treated - Jesus instructs the Apostles in what to do if they are ignored. When the Gospel simply states, "So they set off to preach repentance..." we can imagine all that was in their minds and hearts as they did so. They had heard the call of Jesus, and allowed it into their hearts: this was all they needed to go out and speak his words.

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

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