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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our celebration of St Martin's Day so memorable and special.

Welcome back to Bishop Peter who is celebrating and preaching at all the Masses this weekend on his official visitation.

After all three Masses, there will be an opportunity to be with the bishop over tea/coffee and cake. All refreshments will be free of charge.

Fr Michael

SECOND COLLECTION– This Sunday, a second collection will be taken for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – Please find in the porch Holy Souls envelopes and sheets on which to write the names of those you would like to be remembered during Mass in November & throughout the year. Please return the envelopes to the sacristy or through the letterbox of the presbytery.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES – are at the regular times this week, but there will be some changes from next week. The times will always be clearly stated on the weekly newsletter, in print and online at www.stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk

CHCF SPECIAL NEEDS MASS – TODAY at 3pm at St John's, Sundon Park.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- The funeral of John Kelly will take place on **Tuesday 21st November** at 10am.
- The funeral of James Dunne will take place on **Friday 24th November** at 9:30am.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES

The next classes take place:

Group 1 – Fri 10th Nov, 5:30pm-7pm

Group 2 – Sat 11th Nov, 11am-12:30pm



The **First Holy Communion** children's "Worshipping Jesus at Mass" cards need to be stamped.

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2017

Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Fely Bagtas, RIP
11:00am	Marimel Alvero & family (In Thanks)
Monday – Feria	
9:00am	Ralph Angelo Calignawan (In Thanks)
Tuesday – Feria	
9:00am	Carl Curran, RIP
<i>Wednesday – No Mass today.</i>	
Thursday – DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	
6:30pm	Holy Souls
Friday – St Leo the Great	
9:00am	Holy Souls
Saturday – St Martin of Tours	
10:00am	Jim & Lyndsey Fenlon, RIP
10:00-11:00am	Adoration & Confessions
5:30pm-6:00pm	Confessions
Next Week – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 6:30pm	The People of the Parish
9:00am	Teresa Devane, RIP
11:00am	Adesua Uvieghara (birthday)
Charismatic Prayer Group: <u>Friday 7:30pm</u> in the Lady Chapel.	
Legion of Mary: <u>Friday 7:30pm</u> in the Hall.	
Lunch Club: <u>Fridays 11:30am</u> onwards.	



The final job in completing our grotto of Our Lady of Fatima will be for the newly blessed statue to be secured inside the niche (soon). Until then, the statue will be kept safe on the sanctuary steps.



This Sunday's Readings

This Sunday's first reading is a challenging one for priests! The more responsibility we have for the flock of God, the more is demanded of us. But for all God's people, there is the need for constant vigilance, to be on guard against hypocrisy and complacency, the two greatest threats to our living God's way and not our own, self-serving way. This is a prelude to the end: for the next three weeks we will think about the end of the world and the judgement that awaits. This Sunday's readings should begin to encourage us not to fear and dread that day, but to look forward to it, by putting our lives in order and living as the Lord showed us.



First Reading – Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 130(131)

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own

children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 6: Anne Jephcott & Diane Casey

Next Week: Team 1: Anne Mead & John Jephcott

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 1: Sheila, Betty, Anne & Mary

Next Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

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+ **Parish Hall Bookings:** Contact Maura on 01582 724623
between 6pm-8pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Collection: Sunday 29th October – **£1371.79**