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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear St Martin's,

My sincere thanks to Fr. Simon for permitting me to appeal for funds for the construction of Holy Spirit Hospital at Haflong. I was amazed at the great interest shown by all of you after each time I shared. I am aware that regular demands are made on you for donations, and yet you have shown great interest in my appeal and I thank each one of you my dear Parishioners for your generous financial and prayerful support. Thanks to your generosity we will add few more facilities at the Hospital. I will ever cherish my experience of you and will always remain indebted to you. I go back with great enthusiasm to look ahead and explore ways to make our Hospital a more effective health Centre. When I get back to Haflong we will name a department: "Sponsored by St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church Luton". This will inspire people of Haflong to do likewise. With deep sentiments of gratitude and prayer I remain yours sincerely,

Sr. Berndetta SSPs.

MASS CREED CARDS – Please return any that have been taken home so they can be used at all Masses. (We had over 200 but now down to around 50!)

SECOND COLLECTION – will be for Sick & Retired Priests Fund.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION – will be for Catholic Youth Services.

ADVENT GIVING TREE – will be in the porch next weekend. This offers us the opportunity to give small gifts to homeless people at Christmas. Simply take a tag from the tree, buy the item and return it gift wrapped with the tag firmly attached. Please place your gift in the box just outside the sacristy. Thank you!

FOOD FOR NOAH – as winter begins to be felt, please continue to put non-perishable food in the containers in the porch.

DIOCESAN MASS TO CELEBRATE ROMERO'S CANONISATION – Bishop Peter warmly invites you to a mass celebrating the canonisation of Oscar Romero on **Tues 20 Nov at 7pm**, Sacred Heart Church, Leighton Buzzard.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE CHRISTMAS WITH OTHERS at St Martin De Porres Hall on Christmas Day **1.30 -5pm** for for 4 course Christmas Dinner? Mary Maybury would like to invite those of you who would be on their own or unable to prepare a full Christmas Dinner to come along. Suggested donation £5 and transport would be provided if needed. Please contact Mary on **07866989254** or **01582754850**.

ST MARTIN'S AFRICAN COMMUNITY GROUP - meeting Sunday 25th November after 11.00am Mass.

SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2018

Sat 6:30pm	Holy Souls
9:00am	Teresa Devane, RIP
11:00am	People of the Parish

Monday – Feria

9.30 am	Holy Souls
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Tuesday – St Edmund

9:30 am	Holy Souls
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Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday – St Cecilia

6.30pm	Holy Souls
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Friday –Feria

9.30am	Holy Souls
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SATURDAY – CONFESSIONS 5:30PM – 6:00PM

SATURDAY – MASS AT 6:30PM

NEXT SUNDAY – OUR LORD JESUS CHIRST, UNIVERSAL KING

Sat 6:30pm	Sammy Arnold, RIP
9:00am	People of the Parish
11:00am	Mr & Mrs Louis Evangeline, RIP Uckenna Agulufoh, RIP

Lunch Club: Friday 11.30am onwards.

Christian Life: Friday 7.00pm in the Hall.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.

Legion of Mary: Friday 7:30pm in the Hall.

APPEAL FOR RAFFLE PRIZES – Please bring any (brand new) bottles, boxes of chocolates, posh toiletries, children's toys and more to the sacristy which will become raffle prizes!

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Daniel 12:1-3

When the times comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm – 15(16):5,8-11

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second Reading – Hebrews 10:11-14,18

When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin-offerings.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Gospel – Mark 13:24-32

The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to

the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE - will be hosting a weekend for those men considering the Vocation to the Priesthood. This will be held at the Cathedral from **Friday 14th December – Sunday 16th December**. If you are interested, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak to Fr Simon. Please continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood!



ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER

ST. MARTIN'S PARISH HALL
SUNDAY 9TH DEC. 2018
1.30pm for 2pm start
(ending at 4.30pm)

TICKETS ON SALE £7.50

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 5: Charlotte & Roy

Next Week: Team 6: Anne & Diane

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 5: Margaret, Mary & Linda

Next Week: Team 1: Betty, Anne, Mary & Anne Marie

Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Sunny/Angelin & Andrea & Merilyn, Mary

Next Week: Charlotte/Tabitha & Rose/ Kenya Group

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator & Hall Bookings)

admin@stmartindepordeschurch.org.uk

phone 01582 663706

Monday-Thursday 9.15-1.15pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS –

Sunday 11th November – £1169.38

2nd Collection Sr. Bernadette – £855.69