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Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

A Big Thank You

...to the whole team – the cooks, Youth for Christ, Mrs Morgan & St Martin's School Choir and everyone who worked very hard for many hours to make such a success of the Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner last Sunday!

ADVENT GIVING TREE – Please return all gifts and place in the box by the sacristy today! Thank you.

FOOD FOR NOAH - please continue to put non-perishable food items in the containers in the porch.

RAFFLE DRAW AFTER 11AM MASS! PLEASE RETURN YOUR TICKETS ASAP TO THE HALL! *Many thanks for the generous donations of Raffle Prizes.*

THE REPOSITORY WILL BE OPEN after Saturday evening Mass and both Sunday Masses, time to collect your orders! People wishing to order their 2019 St Paul's Missal, please sign the list in the Hall.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – will be kindly donated by the family of Ron Curtis RIP this year.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE – 7pm, Monday 17th December, please note, takes place at **Our Lady's**.

ADDITIONAL RECONCILIATION TIMES – next Saturday, 11-12pm and also 5-6pm here at St Martin's.

RORATE MASS AT DAWN IN HONOUR OF THE VIRGIN MARY – by candlelight, Friday 21 December 6.30am at Holy Ghost.

CHRISTMAS CLEANING – all volunteers welcome to help with cleaning after 11.00am Mass next Sunday!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE CHRISTMAS WITH OTHERS at St Martin De Porres Hall on Christmas Day? Please contact Mary Maybury for further details on [07866989254](tel:07866989254) or [01582754850](tel:01582754850).

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION – envelopes for the Christmas offertory may be found in the porch. The collection at all Christmas Masses is in support of your Parish Priest. Many thanks for your generosity.

THE VINE – December's issue is freely available, please take a copy from the Porch.

FRIDAY CLUB – will return in the New Year – date to be confirmed.

CHARITMAIC PRAYER GROUP – will recommence on Friday 11th January.

SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER 2018

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| Sat 6:30pm | Noel Doyle, RIP |
| 9:00am | Christopher Malone, RIP |
| 11:00am | People of the Parish |

Monday - Feria

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| 9.30am | Jean Devine, RIP |
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Tuesday - Feria

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| 9:30am | Bernie Buckley, RIP |
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Wednesday - NO MASS

Thursday - Feria

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| 6.30pm | Christian & Mariebeth, Ann 10 years |
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Friday - Feria

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| 9.30am | Joshua Anthony, Thanksgiving |
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SATURDAY - CONFESSIONS 11.00-12PM, 5.00-6.00PM

SATURDAY - MASS AT 6:30PM

NEXT SUNDAY - 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

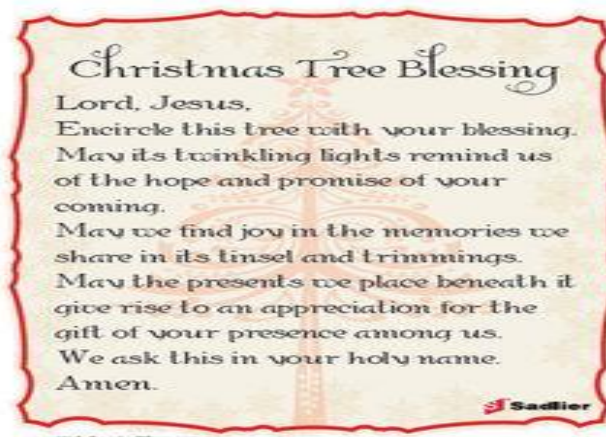
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| Sat 6:30pm | Lina Gapusen, Birthday Thanksgiving |
| 9:00am | Amelia Ledwidge, RIP |
| 11:00am | People of the Parish |

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

24/25TH DECEMBER

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| Mass*6.30pm | People of the Parish |
| 11.30pm | Carols |
| Mass at Midnight | Peter & Julia Donnan, RIP Elizabeth Malone, RIP |
| Mass 9.00am | Patrick Devlin, RIP |
| Mass 11.00am | Mary Chuchu, Birthday Intention |

*The 6.30pm is a family Vigil Mass where children who would like to dress as a person from the Nativity are encouraged to do so! During the Mass those Children that would like to, are able to participate.





This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Zephaniah 3:14-18

The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to
Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm – Isaiah 12

*Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is
the Holy One of Israel.*

Second Reading – Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord is very near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the
Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let
your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord
is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is
anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it
with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of
God, which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and your
thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the
poor.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Gospel – Luke 3:10-18

What must we do?

When all the people asked John, ‘What must we
do?’ he answered, ‘If anyone has two tunics he
must share with the man who has none, and the one
with something to eat must do the same.’ There
were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and
these said to him, ‘Master, what must we do?’ He
said to them, ‘Exact no more than your rate.’ Some
soldiers asked him in their turn, ‘What about us?
What must we do?’ He said to them, ‘No
intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your
pay!’

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the
people, who were beginning to think that John
might be the Christ, so John declared before them
all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is
coming, someone who is more powerful than I am,
and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-
floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the
chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’
As well as this, there were many other things he
said to exhort the people and to announce the Good
News to them.



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! The Diocese is the
first for the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of
Walsingham in 2019! **Thursday 7th February** to
Saturday 9th February 2019 in the Cathedral
Church of Our Lady & St Thomas. Further details
to follow.

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

Next Week: Team 4: Breda & Anne

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 4: Sunny, Clara, Charlotte & Paul

Next Week: Team 5: Margaret, Mary & Linda

Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

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

Next Week: Charlotte & Abitha/Rose Kenya Group

Thanks to our Flower Arrangers

Anna, Bernadette & Jhay

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator & Hall Bookings)

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phone 01582 663706

Monday-Thursday 9.15-1.15pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Sunday 9th December – £1150.41