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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

WE WELCOME – Mgr Tony McDermott (who hails from our parish) who will celebrate Mass on Saturday.

PLEASE NOTE – next Tuesday there is NO MASS, there will be a service of Word & Communion.

TODAYS SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR PAX CHRISTI – “The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.”

NEW ROTAS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS!

FOOD FOR NOAH - please continue to put non-perishable food items in the containers in the porch. Thank you for your donations.

ROSARY IN THE HOSPITAL CHAPEL – 12.30pm on Friday 25th January. Everyone is welcome.

ACT OF PRAYER AND WITNESS – in support of life and against abortion outside the L&D on Saturday 26th January 1-2pm. Please come to give these children a voice - and to pray for all involved.

ST MARTIN'S AFRICAN COMMUNITY – next meeting will be held in the Church Hall on the 27th January after 11am Mass Cafe' at 12:45pm.

CONFIRMATION 2019 – parents meeting will be on Thursday 31st January at 7.15pm. A donation of £30 is requested which includes the cost of the work books and the Blaze retreat day. Please also bring your child's Baptism Certificate (if not Baptised here at St Martin's.) Information and dates of classes will be provided at the meeting. Thank you.

CATHOLIC BASICS COURSE JANUARY 31 2019 – Please see notice board for full details and to book contact admin@nores.org.uk or phone 723312.

REQUEST FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS – if you are able to help with general maintenance, especially carpenters, electricians and plumbers, your services would be greatly appreciated! Either contact the parish office on 663706, e mail admin@stmartindeporreschurch.org.uk, or leave your contact details in the sacristy. Thank you.

SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY 2019

Sat 6:30pm Gerard & Anna Culliname, INT

9:00am Maureen Bourbon, RIP

11.00am People of the Parish

Monday – St Agnes

9.30am Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday – Feria

9.30am **SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION**

Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday – St Francis de Sales

6.30pm Kathleen Hogan, RIP

Friday – Conversion of St Paul

9.30am John Arnold, RIP (Anniversary)

SATURDAY – CONFESSIONS 5.30PM – 6.00PM

SATURDAY – MASS AT 6.30PM

NEXT SUNDAY – 3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sat 6:30pm Jim Fenlon, RIP

9:00am People of the Parish

11.00am Jane & Peter Fielding, RIP

Lunch Club: Friday 11.30am onwards.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel.

Christian Life: Friday 7.00pm in the Hall.

Legion of Mary: Friday 7.30pm in the Hall.

SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EU CITIZENS

Following the Catholic Bishops' Conference, it has been highlighted that the government will soon launch a settlement scheme, offering EU citizens living here a legal route to remain. For further official information, visit:

gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families

also various information resources are at:

gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit

The Bishops' Conference has made representations on concerns with the scheme to ministers and through the Home Office working groups. We urge the whole Catholic community to take up Pope Francis' call to welcome, protect, promote and help to integrate everyone who has made their home here.

PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR A FULL COPY OF THE STATEMENT ON THE SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EU CITIZENS.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – Isaiah 62:1-5

The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand
of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm – 95(96):1-3,7-10

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Second Reading – Corinthians 12:4-11

The Spirit distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

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

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Gospel – John 2:1-11

'My hour has not come yet' - 'Do whatever he tells you'

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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 in the Cathedral Church of Our Lady & St Thomas.

**PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON:
VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN –
Theme: Follow your Heart - Discernment and Vocation
Dates: 15 - 17 Feb 2019
Location: Liverpool**

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 2: Abiola, Linda & Clara

Next Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

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: Charlotte/Siobhan & Rose/Kenya Community

Next Week: Sunny Abraham & family and Merilyn/Mary

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 13th January - £1118.41