

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass, Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass, 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday, Mass at 5 p.m.
Tuesday ALL SAINTS
Masses at 10.15 a.m. 1.15 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday, ALL SOULS
Masses at 10.15 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Mass at
10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday:
9.45 to 10 a.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m.
5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

*Thursday is the Optional Memorial of St. Martin de Porres; Friday,
the Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo.*

Tuesday is the **Solemnity of All Saints** and a Holiday of Obligation. We know the Church's expectations of us on such a day.

Wednesday is the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**. It is not a Holiday of Obligation, but a deeply devotional day for Catholics throughout the world. The November Lists are available at the back of the church.

We pray for the Faithful Departed whose anniversaries are about this time: **Patrick Quinn, Rose Mary Moore, Margaret Reevie, John Delaney, Ellen McGinlay, Roy Stirling, Teresa Dogan, Sarah Kelly, Mona Timbrell, Irene Quail, Kathleen Kearney and Mary MacDonald**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound in the course of this week.

Mgr. Wynne has been in hospital for several days this week. Please keep him in your prayers.



Fr. MacKinnon has already mentioned **Aurellian Denu**, the Romanian severely injured by heavy machinery while working on a fishing boat in Campbeltown. Aurellian is still in the head trauma unit in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow. His elderly mother is with him, supported spiritually and materially by the Apostolate of the Sea, the Catholic charity that cares for all those who work on the seas. We leave a basket at the back of the church. It will be there for a few weeks. All we ask is a coin for Aurellian's parents and family. They have little else to fall back on. Fr. MacKinnon has already met great generosity from a local man in support of the Denu family.

Please remember the **British Legion poppies** at the back of the church.

Those who wish to renew their membership of **Missio Scotland** are invited to do so as soon as possible. Those who have been absent recently and did not have the opportunity to contribute to last Sunday's special collection for the missions are invited to put their donation in the designated basket at the back of the church. We thank you for your faithful support of the Church's missions!

Morag MacKintosh would like to thank Pat Haggerty most sincerely for pursuing the thief who stole her purse at the end of Mass last Sunday. Special thanks also to Patricia and Fiona who joined in the chase and returned Morag's purse, the contents untouched.

We remind you of the **Bishop's Lochaber retreat** in St. John's, Caol, on the 12th November:

10.30am	Gathering and tea
11am	First Session
11.30 noon	Entering through the Holy Door and Confession
12.30pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Second Reflection
1.45pm	Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
2.30pm	Mass



There are many representations of St. Martin de Porres. This may well be the most authentic of them all. If it were not painted in his final years, it was done shortly after his death in 1639. Martin was born in Lima, Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman, Don Juan de Porres and Ana Velazquez, a freed slave of African and possibly part Native American descent. His father abandoned Martin and his younger sister, and Ana supported the family by taking in laundry. Eventually Martin was apprenticed to a barber/surgeon, with whom he learned the medical arts.

He applied to become part of Lima's Dominican community as a volunteer who carried out menial tasks. It was forbidden for men of African or native descent to become full members of religious orders. Eventually, the Dominicans turned a blind eye to this law and allowed Martin to be a professed religious brother. Much of his life thereafter was spent as the Dominicans' infirmarian, caring for his sick brethren and for many in the city beyond. He was above all a healer, and already miracles were attributed to him. His extraordinary rapport with animals was also noted.

Initially, Martin did meet some hostility as a mulatto, a person of mixed race, but this gave way to a reverence from everyone in Lima, rich and poor alike. Many came to this humble brother for spiritual advice.

There is nothing that sentimentalises Martin in this portrait. There is so much of the ascetic and even the patrician in him.

Martin is the patron saint of inter-racial justice, but also of barbers and health workers. For us, he is a good friend to have in heaven!