

### Monday 3 November

Today is the feast day of St Martin de Porres. Known for his acts of kindness and generosity to charity, let us pray that we follow in his footsteps and like him, we too are kind and generous to one another.

Most humble Martin de Porres, your burning charity embraced not only the poor and needy but even the animals of the field. For your splendid example of charity, we honour you and invoke your help. From your place in heaven, hear the requests of your needy, so that, by imitating your virtues we may live contentedly in that state in which God has placed us. And carrying our cross with strength and courage, may we follow in the footsteps of our blessed Redeemer and his most sorrowful mother, so that at last we may reach the kingdom of heaven through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

### Tuesday 4 November

Recently Pope Francis has warned us against the greed and corruption that exists in this world:

“Corruption is an evil greater than sin. More than forgiveness, this evil needs to be cured.”

Let us pray that the corrupted recognise their wrongs and that we create a fairer, more harmonious society.

Father God, the source of all justice and truth, help us to proclaim your justice and shine your light of truth into our broken world Equip us to challenge corruption and its destructive impact.

Jesus, you are the light of the world, a world of abundance. We pray that these abundant resources will be shared fairly, allowing all people to fulfil their God-given potential.

Holy Spirit, convict our hearts when we support corruption that hurts the poor. Help us to hear the cries of the oppressed, and give us the wisdom and courage to respond.

God, we pray for the leaders of developed countries, that they will promote greater transparency. Protect our brothers and sisters standing up to corruption, and strengthen us all to defend justice and truth.

Amen

### Wednesday 5 November

On this day in 1978 the Iran's Prime Minister Jaffer Sharif-Emani was forced to resign due to the political violence his appointment had caused. The whole country became a dangerous place in which to live with threats of gunfire and bombings to places of work, schools and hospitals.

May we pray for any country suffering from political strife, that they may find peace and use words rather than violence to sort their differences? May God protect the innocent and guide those who refuse to listen.

Let us pray, Hail Mary...

### Thursday 6 November

Last week representatives from each school in the diocese of Paisley met with Bishop Keenan at St Mirin's Cathedral. The meeting involved discussions of church vocations, leading a catholic life and the priesthood. He told the pupils to embrace their religion and not to be afraid of showing that part of your life.

We pray that young people do not hide from their faith and that we understand that no matter what, God is here for us.

We say together,

Our Father...

### Friday 7 November

A prayer written by St Francis de Sales:

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow, the same everlasting father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then. Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: The lord is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him.

Hail Mary...