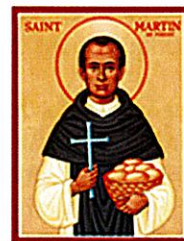


St John the Evangelist and St Martin
de Porres Parish



31 George Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9RG
0121 440 3025 for Parish Office –
PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES
09:00am-2:30pm
Parish Priest Contact(Text Only)
Fr Babu- 0777624455

Reflection of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are taught that even faith the size of a mustard seed can do great things. We are called to trust God more deeply, to nurture the gift of faith within us and to serve humbly, knowing all we do is by God's grace, even when life feels unfair or unclear.

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| Parish Priest: Fr Baburao Pureti MF | | | Website:https://www.ssjohnmartinandcatherines.org/ Email: ssjohnandmartin.bham@rcaob.org.uk Parish Twitter: @SSJohnandMartin.org.uk | | | Deacon: Dominic Kerr | | |
| Month/Year Oct 2025 | | | | | | | | |
| Mass Times | Sat | 04 th | 05:00pm-05:30pm | Confession @St Catherine of Siena church | | | | |
| | Sun | 05 th | 09:30am | Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | +RIP Kathleen Kilcoyne +RIP Claristo Pinto | |
| | Tues | 07 th | 09:00am | School Mass St Martin De Porres | | | Mark Jones | |
| | Thurs | 09 th | 09:00am | School Mass St John and Monica | | | Marian Pickering | |
| | Sat | 12 th | 05:00-05:30pm | Confession @St Catherine of Siena church | | | | |
| | Sun | 13 th | 09:30am | Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | Thanksgiving Rosel Miguel | |

Please pray for those within our Parish who are sick:

Catherine Ling, Elizabeth & Terry Keene, Anne Murphy, Dawn McGhie, Beatrice Akomanyi, Alan & Tess Sheppard, Jan Waterson, Lola Rayson, Margaret Ozanne, Naomi Gardner, Margaret Walker. Fr Michael White, Stacey Thomas, Sister Enda

Please pray for those who have recently died:

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Leo Clancy, James Sullivan, Maria Zahajkovich, Stephen George Brown
Anne Olivia Brennan, Florence Margaret Marks, Patricia Alice Addison

Prayer for the dead:

Eternal rest Grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in Peace. **Amen**
And may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, Rest in peace.
Amen

£££-Today there is a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Festival

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Chris Packham. He can be contacted at: sg.ssjohnandmartin.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / Safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

Please take this newsletter home to read & Please join after Sunday Mass for tea and coffee in the hall
Thank you to everybody who helps to run the parish smoothly:

Fr Babu

Parish Notices:

If anyone requires Confessions, the Priest is available upon request.

Sick Visit: Anyone who needs a sick visit or knows of anyone who requires one, please contact Fr Babu on 0121 4403025 or 0777624455(text only)

Mass intention: For anyone who would like to book for a Mass intention, please find envelopes available from the porch and pop them in our "Letter Box" in the church or through the Presbytery door.

Parish Library: Books covering, scripture, prayer, spirituality, and theology. They are for the use of all parishioners to borrow and to return them at your leisure. There are also books for children's use during Mass. These should be returned after Mass. Thank you.

Children's room: At the back of the church, please use with your children if you need time out during mass.

COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection: 28th September 2025: £168.17

Split: Loose cash £118.17 Gift Aid Envelopes £50

2nd Collection 21st September 2025: £54.62

Loose cash £54.62

Contactless Income August –September 2025:

Offertory (Gift Aid)-£60

Offertory(None Gift Aid)-£75

Donation- (None Gift Aid)-£22

Donation-(Gift Aid)- £40

Piety Stall-£5

Votive Candles-£2

SVP at St John and Martin

In addition to running a free Community Cafe every Tuesday afternoon (to which you would be very welcome) Our parish SVP group has this year helped a number of people with practical difficulties-from several people needing clothes, providing access to benefit advice, and helping a young family trying to furnish a home rented to them (but entirely empty when they moved in). If you'd like to help us in our mission to the poor and needy living in our local community give me a call on **07542752164** Carol.

WHATS COMING UP!

Eucharistic Minister Retreat Save the date:

We invite all Eucharistic Ministers to a special retreat on Monday 27th October 6:30pm. At Catherine of Siena's church. This will be a time for prayer, reflection and renewal of our ministry. If you could kindly save the date, further details will follow.

IN OTHER NEWS.....

RCIA Programme:

RCIA Programme at St Catherine's Every Thursday from 7pm. These sessions will run till Christmas excluding school half-term and Christmas holidays. The RCIA programme is for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

Communion under Both Kinds.

When there are sufficient extraordinary ministers of communion at Mass on Sunday, we offer holy communion under both kinds. Please refrain from receiving from the chalice if you have a cold or similar virus.

Thank you.

Requests for Baptisms: For parishioners of St John & St Martin's Parish, if you wish for your child to be baptized at St John & St Martin's Church, and your child is 0-7 years of age, please speak with Fr Babu for a registration form and an initial meeting to discuss your request. All registration forms must then be completed and returned to Fr Babu BEFORE attending the baptism preparation session. If your child is over 7 years of age, he/she will be required to attend extra preparation sessions.

Marriage Care is recruiting volunteers and Relationship Counsellor trainees to provide relationship support to couples. While our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) course for the 2027 intake will start accepting applications next year, we encourage potential applicants to first take on the role of Marriage Preparation Facilitator to gain experience and explore their passions in the year before entering the CRC programme. We encourage you to sign up as soon as possible and before 15 October 2025 to be in time for our upcoming round of training. Please visit www.marriagecare.org.uk/get-involved/ or email the Birmingham Centre Co-ordinator at birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org for signing up or enquiries.

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date 17th-19th Oct. For more information please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or contact 07887296983