

St John the Evangelist and St Martin
de Porres Parish

31 George Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9RG

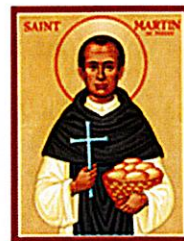
0121 440 3025 for Parish Office –

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

09:00am-2:30pm

Parish Priest Contact(Text Only)

Fr Babu- 0777624455



Reflection of the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

We are reminded that following Jesus isn't just about good intentions, it means we are putting God first above everything else and carrying our cross each day. We shouldn't reject our families or our responsibilities, but rather that our love for Christ should shape every choice we make. Discipleship is demanding, but it also brings the deepest freedom and joy. When we give our lives fully to Christ, we discover that he gives us far more in return. A life with meaning, strength and everlasting hope.

Parish Priest:
Fr Baburao Pureti MF

Website: <https://www.ssjohnmartinandcatherines.org/>

Email: ssjohnandmartin.bham@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Twitter: [@SSJohnandMartin.org.uk](https://twitter.com/SSJohnandMartin.org.uk)

Deacon:
Dominic Kerr

Month/Year
Sep 2025

Mass Times	Sat	06 th	05:00pm- 05:30pm	Confession @St Catherine of Siena church	
	Sun	07 th	09:30am	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intentions of Diana & Hillary Family
	Tues	09 th	09:00am	School Mass St Martin De Porres	<i>Stephen Jones</i>
	Thurs	11 th	09:00am	School Mass St John & Monica	<i>Catherine Jones</i>
	Sat	13 th	05:00- 05:30pm	Confession @St Catherine of Siena church	
	Sun	14 th	09:30am	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Education Sunday	Intentions of Diana & Hillary

Please pray for those within our Parish who are sick:

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

Please pray for those who have recently died:

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Margaret Mary Hagerty, Sheila Wheatley, Frank Kelly, John Joseph Blakeney, Michael Coughlan, Helen Noonan, Martin Joseph Kennedy, Peter Mallon, Dorothy Alice Heal, Thomas Hand, Lawrence Albert (Bert) Solloway, Edward Brennan, Jean Doreen Mills, Blanche Jones, Edward McAleer, Bridget Lunney, Joseph Magee

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

£££-Next Sunday there may be a voluntary Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service

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.

This coming week

1st Collection: 31st August 2025:£220.43

Split: Loose cash £162.43 Gift Aid Envelopes £58

SVP at St John and Martin

Our parish has a St.Vincent de Paul group (called a conference) that runs a Free community café every Tuesday afternoon in the Hall. We also accept referrals for individuals or families needing practical help. This can be because of loneliness, financial or housing problems, or help getting to appointments or filling in forms. If you know someone who might benefit from our help please give the name and contact details to one of us. Carol, Bonita, Elaine or Father Babu.

Education Sunday 14th September 09:30am:

We warmly invite all pupils primary and secondary school, sixth form, undergrads and postgrad, staff and school governors, to join us on this special occasion. Pupils are encouraged to attend in their school uniform and invited to lead the liturgy. Together, let us ask God's blessing on our school teachers and young people as they begin a new year of learning and growth.

IN OTHER NEWS.....

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.

Eucharistic Minister Retreat Save the date:

We invite all Eucharistic Ministers to a special retreat on Sunday 27th October. This will be a time for prayer, reflection and renewal of our ministry. If you could kindly save the date, further details will follow.

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 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

First Holy Communion 2025-2026 programme:

Calling parents who wish to have their child receive the sacraments of Holy Communion & Reconciliation. You are requested to complete the enrolment prior to the start of the programme in October 2025.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Children who are baptised in a Catholic Church
- Children who are in Year3 to Year 5.

Parents/Guardians need to be parishioners.

The Enrolment process involves the following steps to be completed by the parent/guardian.

- 1.Request an application form by emailing parish office.
- 2.Email the filled application form and a copy of child's baptismal certificate to the parish office email address.
- 3.Book a meeting with Fr Babu

Once these steps are completed, the parish office will confirm back on the successful enrolment of your child on to the programme and advise further on the programme schedule. For any clarifications or queries, please contact the parish office or Vanitha Mascarenhas.

RCIA Programme:

RCIA Programme at St Catherine's Thursday 02nd October 7pm. These sessions will run every Thursday until 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.