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|  | | | | | | St John the Evangelist and St Martinde Porres Parish31 George Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9RG 0121 440 3025 for Parish Office **–**  **PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES**  **09:00am-2:30pm** | | | |  |
| ***Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reflection.***  On this Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also called Corpus Christi, we reflect on the  miraculous gift of Jesus’ body given for us, both on the Cross and in the Holy Eucharist. As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, spend time pondering the profound mystery of the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. As we kneel before Him, we truly kneel before His throne in Heaven, despite the reality being veiled from our eyes. As we consume the Blessed Sacrament, we truly consume Christ Himself—Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity—and receive Him into our souls. Though we might not feel Him with our bodily senses, we must allow our spiritual sense of faith to grow so that our love for Him in this Most Precious Gift exponentially increases.  ***All that is said and done on Corpus Christi is in fact a single variation on the theme of love, what it is and what it does. In one of his Corpus Christi hymns Thomas Aquinas puts it beautifully: nec sumptus consumitur - love does not consume: it gives and, in giving, receives. And in giving it is not used up but renews itself. Since Corpus Christi is a confession of faith in love, it is totally appropriate that the day should focus on the mystery of transubstantiation. Love is transubstantiation, transformation. Corpus Christi tells us: Yes, there is such a thing as love, and therefore there is transformation, therefore there is hope. And hope gives us the strength to live and face the world. Perhaps it was good to have experienced doubts about the meaning of celebrating Corpus Christi, for it has led us to the rediscovery of a feast which, today, we need more than ever. (Pope Benedict XVI)*** | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Month/Year**  **June 2025** | | | | |  |  | | |
|  | Sun | 22nd | **09:30am** | | Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ | **+RIP Mary B O’Sullivan**  30th Anniversary | | |
| **Mass**  **Time** | Thurs | 26th | **09:00am** | | **School Mass**  St John &Monica | +RIP Joseph O’Sullivan | | |
|  | Sat | 28th | 10:00am | | 1st Holy Communion  St Martin De Porres Children |  | | |
|  | Sun | 29th | 09:30am  12:00pm-04:00pm | | Solemnity Of Ss Peter & Paul  Parish Summer Fare | +RIP Margaret Vale  Anniversary | | |

**Please pray for those within our Parish who are sick**:

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

**Please pray for those who have recently died:**

Stephen Joyce

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this** **time****:** **Stephen Alexander Francis Hanlon**

Henry Michael Finucane, Mary Bridget Jones, Margot Hutchison, Ada Alice Beattie

Anthony Allan Bennett, Seamus O’Donnell, John Leslie Butler

Ellen Power, Iris Elizabeth Dwyer, William Bannigan

**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 will be a second collection for Fr Raju Mission Appeal***

***£££ Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for Peters Pence***

*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*](about:blank)*or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 /* [*Safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk*](mailto:Safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) *if you have any concern*

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| **Parish Notices:**  If anyone who 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  **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 our during mass.  **This coming week**  **1st Collection & 2nd Collection:15th June 2025:£253.87**  **Split:** *Lose cash £111.77 Gift Aid Envelopes £33*  Second Collection *Lose Cash £38 Gift Aid Envelopes £56.10*  *Piety Stall-£15*  **SVP at St John and Martin**  If you are free on Tuesday afternoon please join us in the Hall for our community Café. Refreshments are free and we’d love to see you. The Svp is a Global organisation but we work at local level-helping those in need with food, clothing or furniture- visiting the sick or housebound- providing companionship.  *A family we are supporting are in need of a chest of drawers. If anyone is getting rid of some please let us know. We can arrange collection*  **First Holy Communion:**  The children of St Martin de Porres will be receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion on the 28th June 10:00am . All is welcome  **Summer Fair 29th June 12pm-4pm:**  The Parish of Saint John and Martin welcome all, parishioners, school families and the local community to our summer fair. At B12 Urban Village, 288 Mary Street, Balsall Heath B12 9RJ. Free entry to the event. A range of different stalls and activities for all to enjoy (charges apply) Halal food will be provided.  We are looking for volunteers and also anyone wishing to run their own stall. Please get in touch with [B12UVH.ssjohnandmartin.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:B12UVH.ssjohnandmartin.bham@rcaob.org.uk)  -**Come Hungry** !  A variety of food will be available for purchase, those who wish to make a donation are warmly welcome to do so. | **What’s coming up**  **WeBelieve, 25th-28th July 2025.** A festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary’s College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webelievefestival.com](http://www.webelievefestival.com).  **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.  **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.  **Join March for Life UK:** Saturday 6th September in London, the right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society of their most basic right, the right to life, which is why this years theme is ‘Human Rights for All Humans’. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. A coach leaves from Our Lady & All Saints, Stourbridge DY8 1PQ(06:30am) The Oratory, Edgbaston B16 8UE(07:15am), Holy Souls in Acocks Green B27 6RG(07:45am) Our Lady of the Wayside, Solihull, B90 4AY(08:00am) Seats cost £35, payable in advance. For more info or to book a seat contact Alice 07845706362 [alice.grennan@googlemail.com](mailto:alice.grennan@googlemail.com) |