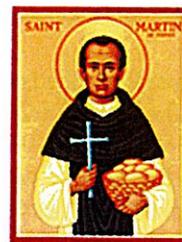


The Catholic church of
St John the Evangelist and St Martin de Porres



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PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
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Fr Babu- 07778624455

Reflection of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

No matter how far we may stray, God's love always welcomes us back with open arms. God patiently waits for us, ready to welcome us back with love and forgiveness. Lent invites us to reflect on our lives and the depths of God's mercy and joy of reconciliation. As we continue our Lenten journey, may we trust in God's mercy and rejoice in the love that always calls us home.

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Month/Year March/April 2025		
Sun	15 th 09:30am	Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday +RIP Josephine O'Sullivan
Sun	22 nd 09:30am	Fifth Sunday of Lent +RIP Jack Delaney -
Tues	24 th 09:00am	School Mass St Martin de Porres
Thurs	26 th 09:00am	School Mass St John and Monica
Sat	28 th 7:00pm	Penitential Rite
Sun	29 th 09:30am	Palm Sunday +RIP Mary Gorham
Thurs	2 nd 6:00pm	Maundy Thursday +RIP Paul and Pauline Conmee
Fri	3 rd 12:00pm	Good Friday
Sat	4 th 5:00pm	Easter Vigil +Josephine O'Sullivan
Sun	5 th 09:30am	Easter Sunday +RIP Margaret and John Walsh

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, Sharon Simon

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary Farrell, John Gaine, Charles Fenech, Irene Walshe, Patrick (Paddy) Hussey, Teresa Mary Hayes, Tio Rojo Hendrickson, Alex Taylor, Andrew McNulty, Esther May Redding, Annie Blakeney, Annie Kathleen Doherty, William Boyle, Michael John Irwin, Alfred Newby, Archbishop William Bernard Ullathorn, Archbishop Francis Grimshaw, Sylvia Quinsey, Martin Joseph Carway

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

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

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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 07778624455(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 & 2nd Collections for the week to 15th March 2026:£227.32

Split: 1st *Loose collection* £71.05 *Gift Aid Envelopes* £88.27

2nd *Loose Collection* £8.80 *Gift Aid Envelopes* £59.20

What's coming up!

SVP at Ss John and Martin

Interested in the history of the area? Keen to find out more about our parish through years? Then come along to the Urban Village Hall **on Tuesday 17th March** for a slide show and talk at the SVP Café. As its St Patrick's Day too there'll be music and refreshments to enjoy.

SVP Easter Hampers

We would like to give an Easter Hamper to everyone who comes to our Tuesday 'Warm Welcome' Please could you donate a suitable edible gift and leave it in the Church porch.

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.

Mens Rosary in the city: Saturday 21st of March 12:00

Chamberlain Square by the fountain, we are called to be a shining light in the darkness and to be a witness to all nations, join a growing movement of men who peacefully go into the heart of Birmingham and kneel down in front of a statue of our Lady to pray for our city, nation and for men to live out their God given vocation as protector, defender and servant.

For more information contact Ben- 07885505116

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