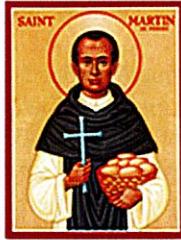


The Catholic church of
St John the Evangelist and St Martin de Porres



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PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
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Reflection of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We often accept God's word when it feels comfortable, but struggle when it stretches us. Jesus speaks of God's love reaching beyond boundaries, even to those others felt were underserving. This challenge not only the people of Nazareth but us too. Familiarity can also weaken our faith. God is still speaking and inviting us to grow.

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Month/Year		
Feb 2025	Sun 01 st 09:30am	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Margaret Delaney - ^{Anniversary}
	Sun 08 th 09:30am	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, Sister Enda, Sharon Simon

Please pray for those who have recently died:

Sr. Magdalena Maria Berkery

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Willie Fahey, Josephine Mary Turner, Margaret Delaney, Patrick Ryan, Herbert Thomas Meehan, Alfred McCormick, Nicholas O'Brien
Edith Stewart, Rudolph Douglas, Margaret Foley, Joseph Alfred Picardo, George Albert Augustine Bryan
Molly (Mary) Peck, Steven Mark O'Callaghan, Joseph McVeigh, Thomas (Ted) Simon, Brian David Reaney
Seamus McSorley, Clare Palfreyman, Delia Gallagher, Gerrard Michael Griffin

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 may be a voluntary Second Collection for Racial Justice.

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 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 our during mass.

Collections:

Collections for the week to 25th January 2026: £113.01

Split: Loose collection £46.01 Gift Aid Envelopes £67

What's coming up!

SVP at Ss John and Martin

Our parish St Vincent de Paul group was set up just a year ago and since then we have been reaching out to help members of the local community in practical ways:

- We run a free community Café every Tuesday afternoon and distribute donated food to those in need.
- We provided beds, bedding, beside tables, a wardrobe, a fridge, carpets and a rug, a microwave and other kitchen items, curtains, a cot, a high chair, a buggy and numerous items of clothing to 17 individuals who approached the SVP for help and who live in our area.
- We receive funding from BCC Warm Welcome to fund our Café
- We received £400 from Veolia for a freezer to store donated food
- We received £150 from ACTS435 to buy a wardrobe
- Our SVP team are Bonita Rennie, Angela Blackwood, Carol Buchanan, Jonathan Chawora, Elaine Christie and Macario Fernandes.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us with donations of food, money, clothing and furniture. We would love some more volunteers to help us in our work. Please speak to one of us after mass.

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.

Father Hudsons Race Night: A fun, social evening to kick off spring and raise funds for all our projects. Tuesday 10th March 2026, 7pm-10:30pm(first race 7:15pm) Coleshill town hall. £20 per person. A professional hosted race night with a series of filmed races on the big screen, light hearted betting fun with chances to win prices-betting is **cash only**. Eventbrite tickets <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/198085751139?aff=odddtcreator>

Please see notice board for more information.