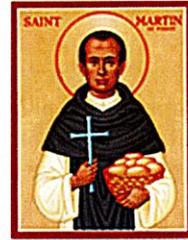


The Catholic church of
St John the Evangelist and St Martin de Porres



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Reflection of Palm Sunday

As we begin Holy Week, may we remain faithful, not only in moments of celebration, but also in times of challenge walking with Christ in trust, humility and love. As we carry our palms we are reminded the faithfulness often involves walking through suffering, yet God's love transforms pain into hope and life. Not only is palm Sunday a celebration but also a call to action. To follow Jesus example.

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Month/Year March/April 2025					
	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	04 th	5:00pm	Easter Vigil	Josephine O'Sullivan
	Sun	5 th	09:30am	Easter Sunday	+RIP Margaret and John Walsh-Anniversary
	Sun	12 th	09:30am	Divine Mercy	

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:

Nellie Winifred Jibrail, Mark Feeney, Adrian Tudor Evans, Bill Rogers, Michael James McNicholas, David Mishra, John Joseph Tyrell, Mary Collins Archbishop Leighton Williams, Michael Burke, Katherine Allely, Mary Conlon, Margaret Walsh, Elizabeth McMenamin Una Hadsett (Winifred), Edward Leonard, Evelyn Ollis

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 Collections for the week to 22nd March 2026:£155.95

Split: 1st *Loose collection* £42.95 *Gift Aid Envelopes* £113.00

What's coming up!

Easter Offering:

We kindly ask that the offertory collection taken during Easter celebrations will be given as a gift to our clergy in appreciation of their dedicated service and spiritual guidance.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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.



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