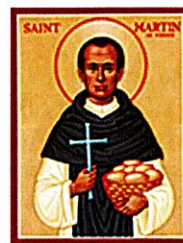




St John the Evangelist and St Martin
de Porres Parish



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Opening times: 09:00am-2:30pm

Palm Sunday reflection.

Palm Sunday is a day to reflect on the significance of Christ’s redemptive journey, leading to his ultimate sacrifice on the cross. It is a time to remember that Jesus is the King of kings, who came to save and deliver us. Jesus came to give his life and deliver all people from sin and death, revealing a God who shows mercy and grace to God’s people. On Palm Sunday, Jesus deserves our welcome as the son of David, our true and rightful king

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Month/Year April 2024			
Mass Time	Sun 13 th 09:30am	Palm Sunday	Intentions of George and Lina Hodkinson
	Tues 15 th 11:00am 12:00pm	Penitential Service & Confessions	
	Thurs 17 th 06:00pm	Maundy Thursday, Last Supper Mass	
	Fri 18 th 12:00pm	Good Friday	+RIP Pauline Conmee (Anniversary)
	Sat 19 th 05:00pm	Easter Vigil	+RIP Michael Gibbons
	Sun 20 th 09:30am	Easter Sunday	

Please pray for those within our Parish who are sick:

Catherine Ling, Elizabeth Keene, Anne Murphy, Dawn McGhie, Beatrice Akomanyi, Alan & Tess Sheppard, 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:

Lulu Andrade, Fr Dominic Innamorati and Teresa Caffereky

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Evelyn Ollis, Pat (Priscilla) Sullivan, Ethel Lilian Starka, Donald Anthony Linton
Edward Fitzpatrick, Pauline Conmee, Patrick Kane, Michael Fitzpatrick

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

Holy Week Programme

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday 13th April</i>	<i>09:30am</i>
<i>Penitential Service & Confessions</i>	<i>Tuesday 15th April</i>	<i>11:00am-12:00pm</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>Thursday 17th April</i>	<i>06:00pm</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 18th April</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>
<i>Easter Vigil</i>	<i>Saturday 19th April</i>	<i>05:00pm</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday 20th April</i>	<i>09:30am</i>

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 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 out during mass.

Easter Cards: Easter Cards are now for sale in the Piety stall.

This coming week

Collection 06th April 2025: £141.93

Split: Lose Cash £66.93 Gift Aid Envelopes £75

Gift Aid Envelopes: For the new tax year, are available at the back of the church. Please collect them today, if you are interested in starting to use envelopes or to begin a direct debit please see David Blower.

SVP Conference at St John and Martin

In addition to our free community café, every Tuesday afternoon. SVP can provide practical support to members of the community who might need companionship or financial help. Please get in touch if you or anyone you know who will benefit from SVP Support. Please contact the parish office.

What's coming up!

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.

Lenten Daily Scripture

Sun, 13th April- Cry out and rejoice, for your king is approaching. He is just and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey.-*Zechariah 9:9-10*

Mon, 14th April- Trust in God at all times. Pour out your heart to God.-*Psalms 62*

Tue, 15th April- The Lord says: I know your trials and your poverty, yet you are rich: do not fear suffering, stay faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life-*Revelation 2:8-11*

Wed, 16th April- Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for the one who died and was raised to life for them-*2 Corinthians 5:13-17*

Thu, 17th April- When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God"-*Luke 22:14-16*

Fri, 18th April- On the cross, Jesus cried out with a loud voice: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?-*Mark 15:33-39*

Sat, 19th April -Christ was put to death in the body and raised to life in the Spirit. And in the Spirit he also went to announce the Gospel to those who once had refused to believe-*1 Peter 3:18-22*

Sunday Missal with new Translation of Readings.

The remaining new Sunday Missal's are now ready for sale in the Piety store, price £18 each.

The Big Lent Walk: The pupils of St John and Monica will be walking 500km to raise £400 for CAFOD. We are asking for collective sponsorship of £3 per family but any amount is greatly appreciated. We also have a just giving page that you can share with your families, if you wish to do so.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/big-lent-walk-20252026> So far £18,187 has been raised for the Catholic Agency for Overseas development. (CAFOD) –how Incredible!
stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk to register.

RCIA Programme: RCIA Programme At St Catherine of Siena. From 7pm-8pm. These sessions will alternate every Thursday. The RCIA Programme is for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or who is interested in learning more about catholic faith. Please kindly email

St Paul's School for Girls: Require the following staff for September 2025, details on the website.

The Synod Pope Francis recently approved the start of a process of accompaniment and evaluation of the implementation phase of the Synod. This is envisaged to be a three-year journey leading to the celebration of the ecclesial assembly in October 2028. This journey will be structured in such a way to offer adequate and sustainable times for the implementation of the Synod's indications, while also providing for some significant moments of evaluation. Archbishop Bernard has reappointed Canon Paul Fitzpatrick as Synodal Lead for the Archdiocese for a further three-year term. Canon Paul will lead the implementation phase of the Synod across the Archdiocese.

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.webelievifestival.com.

Oscott College, the Diocesan Seminary in Sutton Coldfield, are trying to spread the news about the work they do, by getting people to sign up to their newsletter at www.oscott.org. April's newsletter includes an update from the Rector, some answers to frequently asked questions about discernment, a report on some of the 'Hidden Treasures' in Oscott's museum, and details of how to book a college tour. It takes less than a minute to sign up, and those who do will receive a monthly newsletter, as well as early access to the annual 'Oscottian Magazine' and events hosted at the college.

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