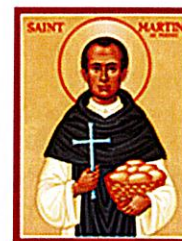




St John the Evangelist and St Martin de Porres
Parish



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PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 09:00am-2:30pm
Parish Priest Contact(Text Only)
Fr Babu- 07778624455

Reflection of the Fourth Sunday in Advent

We are invited as we enter the final days of Advent to pause and reflect on Mary's quiet "Yes" to God. Her trust reminds us that even when the path ahead is uncertain, God is already at work within it. May we make room in our hearts for Christ, through faith humility and love. So that his presence may be born anew in our lives.

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Month/Year Dec 2025					
	Sat	20 th	5:00pm-5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation @St Catherine of Siena church	
	Sun	21 st	09:30am	Fourth Sunday in Advent	Tim Butler
	Tues	23 rd	6:30pm 7:30pm	Confessions	
	Wed	24 th	6:30pm 7:00pm	Carol Singing Vigil Mass	+RIP Kathleen Kerrins *Recently Died*
	Thurs	25 th	09:30am	Christmas Day- Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Josephine O’Sullivan
	Sun	28 th	09:30am	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	+RIP Bridie Drugan *Recently died*

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:

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joseph Fahy, Francis Murray, John Keating, Brenda Lilian Florence Shevlin, Nora O'Brien, Daniel McHugh
Veronica Bocarro, Thomas O'Donnell, Mickel O'Keefe Jones, Mary (May) Berry, Thomas Docherty

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

There will only be one collection at each of our Christmas Masses as this will be our Christmas present to our Wonderful Parish Priest

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.

Christmas Cards:

Christmas cards are on sale, can purchase from the piety stall.

COLLECTIONS:

1st and 2nd Collection £157.12

Split: Loose cash - £95.12 Gift Aid Envelopes £43

2nd Gift Aid Envelopes -£19

SVP at St John and Martin

This week's donations for St. Chad's sanctuary are Christmas presents for boys, girls and adults. Please state on your present who it is for and in the case of a child add the appropriate age group.

Thank you in advance.

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.

Daily Scriptures

Saturday 20th -Mary said: The Lord has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty-handed. *Luke 1:39-56*

Sunday 21st -An Angel said to Joseph: Mary will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. *Matthew 1:16-21*

Monday 22nd -You do well to pay attention to the word of the prophets, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. *2 Peter 1:19-21*

Tuesday 23rd - The Angel said to Zechariah, father of John the Baptist: Your wife will bear you a son who will be great in the sight of the Lord. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit and will bring back many people to the Lord their God. *Luke 1:5-25*

Wednesday 24th -Look, this is our God; we put our hope in him and he saved us. Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation *-Isaiah 25:6-9*

Thursday 25th -When they had seen the child Jesus in the manger, the shepherds made known what they had been told concerning him and everyone who heard was astonished. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. *Luke 2:16:21*

Friday 26th - Every moment of my life is in your hands, Lord, rescue me from the hands of my enemies who pursue me; let your face shine on your servant, save me in your faithful love. *Psalms 31*



May the joy and peace and love of Christ fill your home this Christmas season.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Christmas!

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