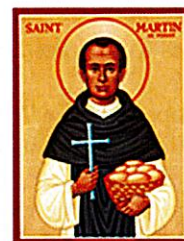


St John the Evangelist and St Martin
de Porres Parish



31 George Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9RG
0121 440 3025 for Parish Office –
PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES
(Timing may vary due to summer break)
09:00am-2:30pm

Reflection of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The fire of God's love that purifies transforms and sometimes challenges the comfort of our lives. Following Christ is not always easy, it may even bring division when the truth of the Gospel confronts the values of the world. Yet this fire is not meant to destroy, but to set hearts ablaze with faith and courage. Let us ask the Lord to ignite in us a love so strong that we remain faithful even when discipleship is costly. Are we ready to follow Jesus, even when it brings trouble? Are we willing to stand with Him, even when others turn away? This Sunday helps us look at our own faith with clear eyes.

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Month/Year Aug 2025		
Mass Times	Sun 17 th 09:30am	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time +RIP John'Ozzy' Osbourne
	Sun 24 th 09:30am	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time +The Soul of Martha Oburo

Please pray for those within our Parish who are sick:

Catherine Ling, Elizabeth 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

Please pray for those who have recently died:

Sr Christina

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Patricia Clancy, Maisie Bridget Ruddy, Hilda Coyne, Patrick Robinson, Cardinal Bernard William Griffin
Mary McCarthy, Michael Ruddy, Maureen Pearson, Agnes Raftery, Patrick Walsh
Bernard Kavanagh, Vincenzo Ursini

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

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.

This coming week

1st Collection: 10th August 2025:£129.61

Split: Loose cash £86.11 Gift Aid Envelopes £43.50

SVP at St John and Martin

Our Community Café will continue to open every Tuesday afternoon during the school holidays. We offer free refreshments and everyone is welcome.

IN OTHER NEWS.....

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.

Join March for Life UK: Saturday 6th September in London, the right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society of their most basic right, the right to life, which is why this year's theme is 'Human Rights for All Humans'. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. A coach leaves from Our Lady & All Saints, Stourbridge DY8 1PQ(06:30am) The Oratory, Edgbaston B16 8UE(07:15am), Holy Souls in Acocks Green B27 6RG(07:45am) Our Lady of the Wayside, Solihull, B90 4AY(08:00am) Seats cost £35, payable in advance. For more info or to book a seat contact Alice 07845706362 alice.grennan@googlemail.com

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date 17th-19th Oct. For more information please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or contact 07887296983

First Holy Communion 2025-2026 programme:

Calling parents who wish to have their child receive the sacraments of Holy Communion & Reconciliation. You are requested to complete the enrolment prior to the start of the programme in October 2025.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Children who are baptised in a Catholic Church
- Children who are in Year3 to Year 5.

Parents/Guardians need to be parishioners.

The Enrolment process involves the following steps to be completed by the parent/guardian.

- 1.Request an application form by emailing parish office.
- 2.Email the filled application form and a copy of child's baptismal certificate to the parish office email address.
- 3.Book a meeting with Fr Babu

Once these steps are completed, the parish office will confirm back on the successful enrolment of your child on to the programme and advise further on the programme schedule.

For any clarifications or queries, please contact the parish office or Vanitha Mascarenhas.

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