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|  | | | St John the Evangelist and St Martinde Porres Parish31 George Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9RG 0121 440 3025 for Parish Office **–**  **Opening times: Tues, Wed & Friday 9:30am-2:30pm**  07566278332 ( **Office Out of hours** )  For Parish PriestFr.Babu- 0121 4403025 | | | | |  | |
| ***Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection.***  Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God’s assistance. | | | | | | | | | |
| Parish Priest:  Fr Baburao Pureti MF | | | | | Website:https://www.ssjohnmartinandcatherines.org/  Email: ssjohnandmartin.bham@rcaob.org.uk  Parish Twitter: @SSJohnandMartin.org.uk | | | | Deacon:  Dominic Kerr |
| **Month/Year**  **Sep 2024** | | | | | |  |  | | |
| Mass  Times | Sun | 08th | | **09:30am** | | ***Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | **+RIP Kitty McCormack** | | |
|  | Tues | 10th | | 09:30am | | ***Ss John and Martin School Mass*** |  | | |
|  | Wed | 11th | | 18:00pm | | ***Baptism course At St Catherine of Siena*** |  | | |
|  | Thurs | 12th | | 09:30am | | ***St John and Monica School Mass*** |  | | |
|  | Sun | 15th | | 09:30am | | ***Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** |  | | |

***Second Collection: Today there is a Voluntary Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service***

***Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for Catholic Evangelisation***

**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, Father Dominic and Sr Christina*

**Please pray for those who have recently died :** Kitty McCormack, Kathleen Marum, Catherine McIntyre, Sr Anne Marie, Fr.Peter Leo Blundell (Retired Priest of the Archdiocese)

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this** **time****:** Frank Kelly, John Joseph Blakeney, Micheal Coughlan, Helen Noonan, Martin Joseph Kennedy, Peter Mallon, Dorothy Alice Heal, Thomas Hand, Lawrence Albert(Bert)Solloway,Edward Brennan,Jean Doreen Mills,Blanche Jones, Edward McAleer, Bridget Lunney, Joseph Magee, Denis McHugh, Catherine Pearce

**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](about:blank) *or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on*

*0121 230 6240/* [*safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk*](about:blank)*if you have any concern*

**Parish Notices:**

If anyone who requires Confessions, both the Priest are 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:** Please use the children's room at back of church with your children if you need some time out during mass.

**Last Sunday Collections**

Collection for 01st September 2024 £108.51 split (£68.51 Lose, £40 Gift aid Envelopes)

***Thank you for all your donations***

**Notices:**

**Baptism Course:**There will be a Baptism course for parents of children ages 0-7 years old on Wednesday 11th September at 6pm, at St Catherine’s of Siena church.

**Job Alert:** Chartered Surveyor(RICS) General Practice Surveyor, Property Team-Location-Birmingham/Coleshill/Hybrid Remote working. Salary-£50,000 p.a to £55,000 p.a Please refer to notice board for more information

**Holy Communion - New registrations**

Please send an email to [stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk) with the Subject Line as **'Holy Communion Registration - 2024-2025'**and the following details

**Parent / Guardian's Name**

**Child Name**

**Parent / Guardian's Contact Email address**

**Parent / Guardian's Contact Phone No**

The next programme would commence in November 2024,  so please register your child for this programme before 15th October 2024. Any queries please reach out to Vanitha Mascarenhas @07581195922.

**Parish Finances 2023**Today after the Sunday Mass you will hear from Mark Drugan with regard to our finances in 2023 compared to 2022. You will note that we are currently struggling to make ends meet. This year, hall bookings are continuing to provide a useful income, but we need to look carefully at our costs to see how we can save money. However already this year we have had to have repairs done to the heating system in the church and the parish hall; we have to replace the oil tank which is now past its sell by date. We will also need to purchase new altar lectionaries for the new translation of scripture to be used from Advent. The lectionaries are not cheap!  Thank you for the support you already give but if you are able to help by increasing your weekly donation or gift aiding that would be great! We will certainly aim to reduce our costs as best we can.

**Education Sunday** marks the beginning of the academic year with a focus on praying for those in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities.

Amidst challenging societal conditions witnessed over the summer and a recent troubling statistic showing 25% of UK 15-year-olds reporting low life satisfaction, Catholic educators hold a unique role in positively influencing young lives through faith and hope. The Archdiocese of Birmingham is privileged to educate over 90,000 young people in Catholic schools, fostering a community of faith, prayer, and academic excellence that outperforms national standards. The success of this mission depends on the dedication of school staff, governors, and directors, who ensure that Catholic Social Teaching is lived and appreciated on a daily basis.

**Number of Catholic primary schools: 203 Number of Catholic secondary schools: 38**

Number of pupils in Catholic maintained schools: 87,254 Percentage of pupils with special educational needs in Catholic schools: 15% In your prayers this weekend, please do ask for God’s blessing upon all those who govern, lead, teach, guide, and support the children and young people in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities. You too can be a part of our journey by applying to become a governor or director in one of our schools or multi-academies. If you are interested, please email Rebecca Tonks of the Diocesan Education Service at: r.tonks@bdes.org.uk

**Preparing for the new LectionaryA new edition of the Lectionary** — using the English Standard Version -will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent, 1 December. To prepare for Advent, it will be helpful for ministers to explore and become familiar with what is ‘new’ in the new edition - for example, the translation and layout, and also consider some of the Lectionary’s less familiar resources that can help with the more effective ministry of the Word in our parishes, schools and other communities. A (free!) refresher programme for ministers is being offered online in two sessions **from 3-4pm on Sunday 13 and 20 October**. It is limited to 40 participants. The course is led by Fr Allen Morris, former Secretary to the Bishops’ Conference Department for Christian Life and Worship. To book a place please email **fr.allen.morris @rcaob.org.uk**