

St Martin of Tours - Feast day 11th November

Martin of Tours was born in Savaria, Pannonia in either the year 316 or 336 AD. That region is what is today the nation of Hungary. His father was a tribune, which is a high-ranking officer in the Imperial Horse Guard, his family went with his father to a post at Ticinum, in Northern Italy. It is here that Martin would grow up. Just before Martin was born, Christianity was legalized in the Roman Empire and the bloody persecution of Christians soon came to an end. Martin's parents were pagans, but at the age of 10, Martin chose to respond to the call of the Gospel and become a Christian. At the age of fifteen, Martin was required to follow his father into the cavalry corps of the Roman military. By the time he was 18, Martin is believed to have served in Gaul, and also eventually Milan and Treves. Scholars think he served as part of the emperor's guard.

As a young soldier, Martin encountered a beggar in Amiens. The beggar was unclothed and it was very cold. Martin removed his cloak and with his sword, he cut it in half. He gave this half to the beggar and dressed himself in the remnant. That night, Martin had a vision in which Christ appeared to him. The vision spoke to him, "Martin, a mere catechumen has clothed me." About the age of 20, he refused to fight, following his formed Christian conscience. He became the first recognized conscientious objector in recorded history. He offered to demonstrate his sincerity by going into battle unarmed. Martin established a monastery which would be inhabited by the Benedictines. Established in 361, the Liguge Abbey was destroyed during the French Revolution, then re-established in 1853. The abbey remains to this day. From the site of his abbey, Martin worked to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ and Baptism into His Church in the surrounding areas. He was an extraordinary evangelist.

Saint Martin is the patron of Priests, the poor, soldiers, conscientious objectors, tailors, and wine-makers. Many locations across Europe have also been placed under his patronage. His feast is on November 11. He commonly appears on horseback and is shown cutting his cloak in half with a sword.



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32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7TH NOVEMBER 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you
the crown of life.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

*The Archbishop has asked all Priests to offer a Mass
today for all those who died during the pandemic - Eternal
rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 4	Intention/Info
Sunday 6th/7th 32nd Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Donald Fernandez All who have died in the Pandemic People of the Parish
Monday 8th		
Tuesday 9th Dedication of Lateran Basilica		
Wednesday 10th St Leo	10am Mass BH	
Thursday 11th St Martin of Tours	9am Mass School 4pm Reception BH	School intention Lily Petford
Friday 12th St Josaphat, Bishop	11am Mass KF 1.30pm Funeral BH	Lily Petford
Saturday 13th		
Sunday 13th/14th 33rd Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Hale and Sahy families John Floyd People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Jessie Shaw, Lily Petford, those on our November deceased lists, all Holy Souls and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections OH GA £176.00, Loose £45.70, Missions £15.00, Parish Debt £4.00 KF 24/10 GA £179.00, Loose £126.80, Missions £74.60 31/10 GA £70.00, Loose £170.48, Candles £123.62

BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group Mon 8th November 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre

OLD HILL FOODSHARE Tuesday mornings

KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am **Foodbank** .

Please pray for all those who are sick including Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob and Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations. The need is growing so donations are much needed and gratefully received.

SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Johnson Fund, next week for the Sisters

IMPORTANT KF - Volunteers needed for your parish! Still no one has come forward to take on the roles currently vacant. We are legally obliged to have a health and safety rep in place at least - please consider how much you value your Parish.

Gift Aid - Kingswinford - We cannot claim back thousands of pounds of tax for the Parish unless we have a gift aid coordinator. It is not time consuming and full training is provided. Please consider if you could do this for the Parish and let the office know. Thank you

Christmas fayre OH Saturday 4th December this will be the first one in two tears and donations for the various stalls will be very much appreciated. Any donations from our sister Churches can be left in the Sacristy and Stephanie will make sure they get to Old Hill.

Christmas Raffle - Tickets available after Mass. Please take as many as you can sell to help BH to raise much needed funds for work on the convent. First prize is a luxury hamper, second prize £50 cash and then other prizes too. We are very grateful to the donors of these prizes. Draw will take place after Mass on the 12th December.

Beware of spam emails!

The Archdiocese has been made aware of spam emails coming from fraudulent impersonated Gmail accounts pretending to be from parish priests. These emails often include 'parishpastor' and the name of parish priests but they are not being sent from priests' email accounts. Proactive action has been taken by the Diocesan IT team to block such emails but they can still be generated elsewhere and infiltrate email accounts. Diocesan clergy and staff should now be using email accounts that end in **@rcaob.org.uk** Please be vigilant. If you are in any doubt about an email please contact your parish priest / parish office and check.

Pope's prayer intention for November:

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.. Amen.