

Dear Parishioner

Father Martin's 75th birthday and Golden Jubilee

Our plans are coming together for the celebration of not one, but two momentous events in the life of our much-loved parish priest.

On Sunday 29th May we will start the day with Mass at **11am** to which you are all invited. Following Mass, we will serve drinks and hope you will all join us in a toast to Father Martin.

Lunch will be available from 1pm for those who have pre-booked. It is imperative that you let us know that you are coming as we need to give advance notice of numbers to the Catering Company. Please sign the sheet in the annexe or email the parish office by **Wednesday 11th May** to confirm your attendance and any dietary requirements.

Following lunch there will be a short programme of entertainment scheduled to finish at around 4pm. We hope that you will be able to stay to enjoy this part of the day with Father Martin, some of his family and friends, representatives from the school and members of our parish family.

We are asking for contributions towards a dessert buffet to follow lunch. If you are attending, and can bring a dessert, please sign the sheet in the annexe to let us know what you will be bringing. To fulfil Health & Safety requirements we have to ask that all desserts have a full list of ingredients attached.

We hope too to mark the occasion by making a presentation to Father from the parish. If you would like to contribute towards this gift, please do so in one of the following ways:

- By cash or cheque in an envelope marked 'Father Martin's Gift', and left in the parish mail box in the annexe.
- By bank transfer to the parish bank account. Sort code 40 05 20, account no 11077198, Ref 'Father Martin's Gift'.
- By contactless card payment via the Sum-up machine in the annexe. A separate page is available for this purpose from this weekend.

We hope to make this a really memorable occasion for Father Martin and know that as many of you as possible will want to join in the celebrations. Please talk to myself or Chrissie if you have any questions or would like to offer your help with the preparations.

And last but not least, please pray for fine weather on the day!

Toni Buckley

Chair Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)