

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 65 New Missal: 168



2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A

1 March 2026

First Reading Geneses 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.

The Parish of St Martin de Porres and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. Child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of everyone.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Franca Nazi; Teresa Demaio; Peter Falzon; Nancy Green; Nazi Demaio; Emily & Grace; Monica Marland; Mellisa; Charles.

Recently Deceased:

Concetta Malgioglio; Mario Parnise; Noel Tovey; George Borg; Veronica Mondeddu (India); Emmanuel Sammut; Nola Edwards; Nazzareno Care; Pasqualina De Filippis; Juanita Curran (Ireland).

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Antonio Monteleone (1st); Arturo Banggit; Gioakim Tran Van Ton; Victor Degabriele; Nevanka Gallic; Dominic Cumbo; Bernarda & Francis Grima; Teresa, Emmanuel, Tonina, Phillip Sammut; Emmanuel & Nazarena Farrugia; Adam Hood; Rita & Carmelo De Bono; Joseph Consiglia.

Parish Support Programme:

Pays Wages, Electricity, Cleaning, Insurance, Rates, Maintenance.

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$1,991

Loose: \$955

Presbytery: Supports Parish Priest,
Retired Priests & Cathedral. \$1,751

CONTRIBUTING TO THE COLLECTIONS

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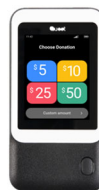


Donation Tap

Through the Archdiocese, we've introduced a simple Donation Tap Machine (like EFTPOS).

It's an easy method to donate to the parish if you forgot your cash and has a limit of \$99.

Please see one of our friendly volunteers with the machine in the back of the church if you wish to tap your card/phone to donate.



Thank you for your generosity.



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate and pray for:

Alessia D'Amico; Kai Noah Tran.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

Reflection Sessions with Sr Mayla



Wednesdays after Mass in the Pastoral Centre Meeting Room. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross After 9:15am Mass

Vietnamese Thursday
English Friday

Lenten Regulations from the Archdiocese

Copies available in the foyer of the church.

Lenten Retreat for the Youth of our Parish.

CAST YOUR NET

Join us on the journey of faith in a day retreat for the youth organised by The Little Sisters of the Poor "Love & Service" – guided by Fr Ant Nguyen at: St Joseph's Home

112B St Georges Road, Northcote

Saturday 14th March 9:30am - 6:00pm

RSVP by 10th March to Sr Maureen:

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Second Sunday of Lent

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



Please donate today

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the 2026 Project Compassion boxes & envelopes available in the foyer,

Or by scanning the QR code, Or online at:

www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we

Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

Project Compassion Lenten Prayer

God of all love,

We remember that on the night before he died

Your son, Jesus, prayed
that his friends 'may all be one.'

Yet we see so much division in the world.

War, conflict, violence and hatred
must all distress you.

Millions of people suffer
when they don't have peace and respect.

They lack the necessities of life: food,
water, health, education and security.

We pray that we may all

Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

May our support for **Project Compassion**

be a sign to ourselves and others,
of our hope for a better world.

This Lent, we pray that our dedication
to prayer, fasting and almsgiving
will help restore your vision of justice
and peace.

Guided by the Holy Spirit,
we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays: 2.30pm Rosary

3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

followed by Stations of the Cross, 4pm finish.



Christian Meditation 2026

Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Monday 10 - 11am

Parent's Room in the Church

Term 1: Mar 2, 16 & 30.

St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2027



Applications Now Open

Please apply at the School Office
or phone 9331 9000.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing the New Parishioners Form in Documents and Forms under Recommended Links on our website and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you.