

St Martin de Porres Parish

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am

Vietnamese 11:00am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

Benediction Wednesday after Mass

Reconciliation Wednesday 10:00am

Saturday 5:30pm

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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: Adamo; Robyn; Mellisa; Hazel; Rose; Margaret Roe; Andreu & Marita; Nancy Green; Claudia & Thomas; Joseph Nguyen Ngoc Thi; Maria Nguyen Lam Quynh; Monika Marland; Alex Mather; Emily & Grace; Giovanni.

Recently Deceased:

Bishop Peter Elliott; Guise Tran Xuan Hoang (USA); Daniel Nardela; Emma Roda; Vincenza Arico; Angela Gustincic; Malcolm Jaap; Peter Nind (Malta); Fr Emmanuel Bonello; Antonia Saragozza; Tony Cerchiara; Tomislav Linic.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Giuseppina Pizzinga (1st); Theresa Xuereb; Eamon Hickey; Mary Duffy; Richard Cerezo; Louis Tudor; Charlie Sciberras; Charlie Galea; Dominic Cumbo; Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa & Menu Sammut; Francis & Bernarda Grima; John & Tonina Darmanin; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Carmelo & Rita De Bono; Joseph Apap; Victor Micallef.

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$1,882

Shortfall: \$706 Loose: \$868

Presbytery: \$1,898

Special Collection: Opening the Doors Foundation - Supporting educational opportunities for First Nations children.

Contributing to the Collections

You may wish to use the QR code if you have left your cash at home. Thank you for your generosity.



Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla

Wednesdays 10am in St Martin's Pastoral Centre. All Welcome!



Christian Meditation

Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am
Parent's Room in the Church
18th August; 1st & 15th September.

100 YEARS OF YCW - Sunday 31st August

Join us to celebrate the contributions women have made to Australian YCW as we celebrate the centenary of YCW.

See the noticeboard for more information.

Farewell Fr Nhân

Fr Nhân is leaving us for St Monica's Moonee Ponds, taking up his appointment in late August 2025.



Farewell Mass

Next Sunday 24th August 10am

Followed by morning tea in the hall.

- Please bring a plate of food to share
- BYO alcohol
- If unable to provide a plate, a small cash donation towards the food would be appreciated
- Help needed Saturday 23rd August 6pm with setting up - please ring Parish Office if you can help
- Help needed cleaning up on Sunday - **Many hands make light work.**

NO 11am Vietnamese Mass this Sunday

Please sign the card in the Foyer.

Fr Paul Tru from St Leo's Altona North will succeed him as our new Parish Priest on 27th August 2025.

Assumption of Mary

15th August

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example
in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of
endless love and praise.

We ask this through
Christ our Lord.

Amen



CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

First Reconciliation Children

Will attend the 6pm and 9:30am

Masses to recite the Act of Contrition.

Please remember them in your prayers.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Pope Francis



St Martin's Youth Masses

All Are Welcome - Grade 5s - Under 30s!

Term 3: 6pm Sat Aug 30

Rehearsal 7pm Tues Aug 26

For further information please email

sloukomitis@gmail.com



Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.

Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 803 New Missal: 913



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

17 August 2025

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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