

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: Margaret Roe; Rose; Mellisa; Claudia & Thomas; Nancy Green; Peter Falzon; Joseph Nguyen Ngoc Thi; Maria Nguyen Lam Quynh; Monika Marland; Alex Mather; Emily & Grace.

Recently Deceased:

Luciana Rizzardo; John Baptist Nguyen; Sophie Saidel; Maria Nguyen Thi Ram; Matteo Ciavarella; Antonio Pesce; Geoff Loft; Elisa Sepe; Giuseppe Suraci; Carmel Gravino; Victor Degabriele; Sr Mariana Said (asjm, Malta); Hildegard Sieger.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Josephine Vella (1st); Maria Carmela Pagliaro; Maria Nguyen Thi Rau; Joseph Nguyen Van Nguyet; Domenico & Maria Nguyen; Ana Herb; Michele & Anna Cimino; Mattea Giansiracusa; Dominic Cumbo; Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa & Menu Sammut; Francis & Bernarda Grima; John & Tonina Darmanin; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Carmelo & Rita De Bono; Charlie Galea; Charlie Sciberras; Victor Micallef;

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,046

Shortfall: \$542 Loose: \$752

Presbytery: \$1,394

Special Collection

For a Parish Retirement gift for

Paula McKernan

Thank you for your generosity.

Contributing to the Collections

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



Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla

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

St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2026



Applications Now Open

Please apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000.

Request from Vinnies:

Washing machine in good working order. Please contact Parish Office.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Feast 28th June

Immaculate Heart of Mary,

I give you my heart.

With it, I want to love you, and with you, and through you,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and the entire divine creation.

My dear Mother,

I place myself in your Holy and Immaculate Heart.

I know that you will take care of me, and all those who have recourse to you in all our needs.

With you motherly help, I wish to sanctify this entire day, for the conversion of sinners, the reparation of our sins, the salvation of the dying, for the glory and love of the Most Holy Trinity. *Amen*



You are invited to celebrate with us a **Mass of Thanksgiving** for 32-year service of **Paula McKernan** upon her **Retirement**

Sunday July 6th 9:30am

Followed by morning tea in the hall

(Please bring a plate of food to share)

NO 11am Vietnamese Mass this Sunday



St Martin's Youth Masses - Get Involved
All Are Welcome - Grade 5s - Under 30s!

Term 3 6pm Sat July 26; 6pm Sat Aug 30

Rehearsals 7pm Tues Jul 22/Aug 26

Term 4 6pm Sat Oct 11; 6pm Sat Nov 15

Rehearsals 7pm Tues Oct 7/Nov 11

Give it a go!

Find a ministry... sing, play, read, serve, collect, bring up the gifts.



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.

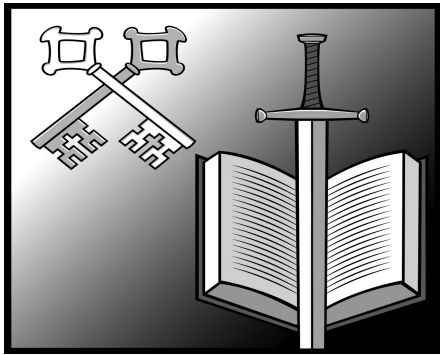
Pope Francis



Altar Servers, Baptism Preparation Teams, Mass Laptop Operators, Sacristy Teams, etc. Appropriate training will be arranged. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to discover your hidden God given talents and share them for God's greater glory.

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.



Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Throughout most of its history, the Church has linked the two major figures of Peter and Paul, so it is fitting that they share this feast day. However, also throughout most of the Church's history, Peter has been given greater regard and has held a more significant place in the tradition. In fact, the Church itself is often described as 'Petrine' – in the tradition of Peter. Much is made of the line of Popes being traced back to Peter. The authority and structure of the Church is linked to the Petrine model of Church. Describing Peter as the 'rock' upon which the Church was built is an excellent image of stability and constancy.

In something of a contrast, the apostle Paul is best known as the great traveller who spread the message of Jesus all around the shores of the Mediterranean, establishing communities of faith wherever he went. His letters – or epistles – to these communities were some of the first Christian writings; predating by 20 years or more the four gospels of the New Testament. Rather than stability and constancy, Paul is identified with growth and change; expansion and openness. Many would argue that without Paul the early Christian communities may not have survived beyond the end of the 1st Century.

Peter and Paul represent two great traditions within the Church: the strength of tradition and oneness associated with Peter; and the valuing of new ideas and outreach to others that typified the work of Paul. Although the Petrine tradition has been dominant for most of the Church's history, the Pauline tradition was rediscovered in the latter part of the 20th Century and it is now clearly evident that the church needs both of these arms to embrace the world.

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Catholic Parish

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Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 889 New Missal: 1003



Saints Peter and Paul

29 June

First Reading Acts 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittently.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue
them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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