

## **St Martin de Porres Parish**

158 Military Rd, Avondale Heights Vic 3034

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### **Parish Priest: Fr. Paul Tru**

Secretaries: Fleur Allen: Wednesday - Friday  
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### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am

Vietnamese 11:00am

### **Weekday Services for September**

**Mass** Wednesday & Friday 9:15am

#### **Communion Service**

Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am

**Benediction** Wednesday after Mass

**Reconciliation** Wednesday 10.00am

Saturday 5:30pm

### **St Martin de Porres School**

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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:**

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

### **Recently Deceased:**

Agata Barbaro; Sam Cianci; Thomas Davis; Phanxico Xavie Maria Tuyen; Franca Cassisi; Angela Soccio; Gabina Mejos Tan; Teresa Borg; Antonina Trifiletti; Pina Caruso (Italy).

### **Anniversaries & Remembrances:**

Ross Iudica; Victor Degabriele; Charlie Galea; Andrew Nguyen Dinh Huan; Maria Nguyen Thi Tu; Maria Nguyen Thi Hanh; Teresa Nguyen Thi Uyen Thy; Maria Nguyen Thi Ngai; Maria Nguyen Thi Bai; Maria Nguyen Thi Men; Phero Dinh Van Luu; Phero Vo Van Nham; Phero Dinh Van Tien; Martin Dinh Paul; Holy Souls; 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; Charlie Sciberras.

### **Parish Support Programme:**

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$1,744

Shortfall: \$844 Loose: \$875

Presbytery: \$1,501

### **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.



### **The Archbishop's Campaign 2025**

Has now ended. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously. Please put any remaining campaign envelopes into the collections by next **Sunday 5 October**.

## **New Parish Priest - Fr Paul Tru**

**Fr Paul** will arrive this Monday 29 September and will celebrate his first Mass in our Parish, his Parish, on Tuesday 30 September at 9:15am. All Mass times will remain the same.



### **Devotion to Divine Mercy**

**Mondays:** 2.30pm Rosary

3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

followed by Stations of the Cross, 4pm finish.

### **Christian Meditation**



**Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus**

All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am

Parent's Room in the Church

**Term 4:** Oct 6 & 20; Nov 10 & 24; Dec 8.

### **Lifeboat Foundation**

For some years, the "Lifeboat Foundation" has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse with basic living costs, counselling, vehicle expenses – and just simply listening, believing and caring. The Foundation has been greatly assisted by donations of **unwanted cars** e.g. from deceased states, or people relinquishing licence etc., either to give to victims who need them, or selling them to raise funds.

You could help this important work (a) by identifying people who might **donate an unwanted motor vehicle**, and (b) **identifying someone to assist** in the administration of Lifeboat's "Car Donation Project" e.g. speaking to potential donors of vehicles – it's not complicated nor over-demanding of time. If you can assist or would like more information about the "Lifeboat Foundation" and/or the "Car Donation Project", contact **Fr. Kevin Dillon – [frkddillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkddillon@outlook.com.au)** or 0421 777 360.

### **Melbourne Archdiocese Vacancies**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for various positions in the Archdiocese. Further details can be found at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

## ***Saint Vincent de Paul***

Feast 27 September

O glorious Saint Vincent, patron of all charitable associations and father of those who are in misery, come to our assistance. Obtain from our Lord help for the poor, relief for the infirm, consolation for the afflicted, protection for the abandoned, a spirit of generosity for the rich, grace of conversion for sinners, zeal for priests, peace for the Church, tranquillity and order for all nations, and salvation for them all.

May we be united in the life to come, by your intercession, and experience joy, gladness, and everlasting happiness.

*Amen*



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone our Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

### **Daylight Savings Starts Next Weekend**

Remember to move your clocks **forward** 1 hour on Saturday night.

### **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** Luke 16:19-31

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up? The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

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**ST MARTIN DE PORRES**

**Catholic Parish**

**Avondale Heights**

**Today's Celebration is on pages:**

**Old Missal: 825 New Missal: 938**



**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**28 September 2025**

**First Reading** Amos 6:1, 4-7

**A reading from the prophet Amos**

*You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds  
and sprawling on their divans,  
they dine on lambs from the flock,  
and stall-fattened veal;  
they bawl to the sound of the harp,  
they invent new instruments of music like David,  
they drink wine by the bowlful,  
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,  
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;  
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2  
**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

**Second Reading** 1 Timothy 6:11-16

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy**

*Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed  
by God,  
the blessed and only Ruler of all,  
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,  
who alone is immortal,  
whose home is in inaccessible light,  
whom no man has seen and no man is  
able to see:  
to him be honour and everlasting power.  
Amen.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** 2 Cor 8:9

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,**

**to make you rich out of his poverty.**

**Alleluia!**