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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: Alex Mather; Rose.

Recently Deceased:

Maria Lam Thi Thuan; Giovanni Costa; Maria Giovanna Sofia (Italy); Giuseppe Mangiagli; Charlie Coxhead; Vincenzo Cortese; Fr Bruno Carrera; Carmelo Morabito.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Gabriele Di Martino (1st); Vito Arbaci; Antoinetta & Benedetto Pediti; Victor Micallef; Dominic Cumbo; Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa & Menu Sammut; Francis & Bernarda Grima; John & Tonina Darmanin; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Victor Apap; Carmelo & Rita De Bono; Charlie Sciberras; Charlie Galea.

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$1,944

Shortfall: \$644 Loose: \$730

Presbytery: \$1,371

Contributing to the Collections

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



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays 2:30pm in the church.
All Welcome!

Christian Meditation



Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am
Parent's Room in the Church
Term 1: 10 & 24 February; 17 & 31 March.



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.

Archdiocese Vacancies

Applications are invited from qualified and experienced people for vacancies in the Archdiocese. Details can be found at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Retirement of Bishop Terry Curtin

We thank Bishop Terry Curtin for being our celebrant at Confirmations and special occasions over the years and wish him well in his retirement.

Consecration of Melbourne's New Bishops

On 1 February 2025, St Patrick's Cathedral was overflowing - with people and with a spirit of joy and hopeful anticipation - as the Archdiocese of Melbourne welcomed two new auxiliary bishops.

About 3,000 faithful gathered at the Cathedral and at nearby Cathedral Hall on a warm, bright Saturday morning for the Episcopal Consecration of the Most Rev Thinh Nguyen and Most Rev Rene Ramirez RCJ, with thousands more joining online from across Australia and overseas for the almost three-hour liturgy.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli was the principal consecrator, joined by co-consecrators Bishop Gregory Bennet of Sale and Bishop Shane Mackinlay of Sandhurst. Cardinal Mykola Bychok CSsR of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Sts Peter and Paul in Melbourne also concelebrated at the Mass, along with Apostolic Nuncio to Australia Archbishop Charles Balvo, three other archbishops, 29 bishops, and more than 200 priests from Australia, Rome, the Philippines, the United States and Vietnam. Four transitional deacons, a group of seminarians from Corpus Christi College and the Cathedral sacristans ably assisted them. Both the Filipino and Vietnamese Catholic communities were a strong and enthusiastic presence among those who filled the pews of the Cathedral.

During the Liturgy of the Word, Mr Eric Ramirez read the first reading, from the Book of Jeremiah, in Tagalog, and Mrs Van Nguyen, Bishop Nguyen's sister, read the second reading, from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy, in Vietnamese. The Gospel reading, read by Deacon Joshua McDermid, was from the Gospel of John (15:9-17), highlighting Jesus' call to sacrificial love and his commandment to 'love one another as I have

Our Lady of Lourdes

11th February

Blessed be the holy and
Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.
Most Holy Mother, have mercy on us.
Our Lady of Lourdes, heal us for the
greater glory of the Most Holy Trinity,
and your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Our Lady of Lourdes,
heal the sick, convert sinners.
Mary, Health of the sick,
Help of the suffering,
pray for us.
Mary, conceived
without sin,
pray for us who have
recourse in thee.



Amen

loved you'.

The liturgy was significantly enriched by the Vietnamese Holy Martyrs Combined Choir, the Filipino Chaplaincy Singers of Melbourne, cantor Larissa Cairns, organist Dion Henman and the St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, reflecting the diverse cultural heritage of the new bishops and the people they serve.

In his homily, Archbishop Comensoli reflected on the deep responsibility of episcopal ministry, drawing on the words of St Paul to Timothy. He reminded the new bishops that the ministry of bishop 'is first and foremost a gift from God, to be fanned into a flame. It comes from the Spirit of the Lord as strength, love and self-control.'

He concluded with an encouragement to the faithful: 'Pray for these new bishops, Thinh and Rene, just as Paul prayed for Timothy. Pray that they may know this grace in Christ that is to be theirs, that it will sustain and nurture them.'

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.



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Catholic Parish

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Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old missal: 748 New Missal: 849



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

9 February 2025

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the
Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

**(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing
your praises, Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.