

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

Recently Deceased:

Colomba Novella; Maria Tran Thi Tho; Arinda Alvarez; Paul Cugliari; Kathleen Rookas; Guise Tran Xuan Hoang (USA); Bishop Peter Elliott; Daniel Nardela; Emma Roda; Vincenza Arico; Angela Gustincic; Malcolm Jaap; Peter Nind (Malta); Antonia Saragozza; Tony Cerchiara; Fr Emmanuel Bonello.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Concetta Petricca (1st); Mario Di Pasquale (1st); 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; Charlie Galea.

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,100

Shortfall: \$488 Loose: \$943

Presbytery: \$1,693

Opening the Doors Foundation: \$1,178

Thank you

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!

100 YEARS OF YCW

Women In Action Luncheon - Sunday 31 Aug

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

Bookings @: events.humanitix.com/100-years-of-ycw-women-in-action

See the noticeboard for more information.

Farewell Fr Nhân

Fr Nhân is leaving us for St Monica Moonee Ponds/ St Vincent de Paul Strathmore this week.



Farewell Mass

This 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 cleaning up on Sunday - **Many hands make light work.**

Congratulations to Fr Nhân

As he celebrated his 27th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 22nd August. May he be blessed as he continues to labour in God's vineyard.

Queenship of Mary

22nd August

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen



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 Next Sat Aug 30

Rehearsal 7pm Tues Aug 26

For further information please email sloukomitis@gmail.com

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 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity.



They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 806 New Missal: 916



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

24 August 2025

First Reading Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

**(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

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Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;**

**no one comes to the Father, except
through me.**

Alleluia!