

St Martin de Porres Parish

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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

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

Recently Deceased:

Antonina Trifiletti; Pina Caruso (Italy); Colomba Novella; Kathleen Rookas; Arinda Alvarez; Maria Tran Thi Tho; Paul Cugliari; Bishop Peter Elliott; Guise Tran Xuan Hoang (USA); Daniel Nardela; Emma Roda; Vincenza Arico; Malcolm Jaap; Angela Gustincic; Peter Nind.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Maria Merlino (1st); Pasquale Canturi (1st); Joseph Nguyen Nha; Maria Dinh Thi Thap; Loretta Bugeja; Amelia & Alberto Rozzi; John Alderuccio; 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: \$2,156

Shortfall: \$432 Loose: \$971

Presbytery: \$1,361

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.



Christian Meditation



Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

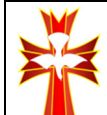
All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am
Parent's Room in the Church

1st & 15th September.



Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla

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



CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

Confirmation Candidates

Will attend the 6pm and 9:30am Masses for their Rite of Enrolment. Please remember them in your prayers.



Knights of the Southern Cross

Men's Group - Information Evening

If you would like to be part of a national organisation of Catholic men whose principal work involves helping those in need, we would like to meet you.

Where: St Martin's Pastoral Centre Meeting Room (the building between the carpark and the hall)

When: Wednesday 3rd September 7:30pm



The Archbishop's Campaign 2025

Next Weekend - Please give generously.

One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne: This annual campaign, is a chance to thank those who have served God's people in the past and encourage those preparing to do so in the future.

- Corpus Christi College Building Fund
- Priests Retirement Foundation
- John Pierce Centre for the Deaf
- Melbourne Overseas Missions
- University of Divinity Building Fund
- Annual Grants to Catholic community agencies and community service organisations
- Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives
- Seminarian Education

Envelopes will be on the seats next weekend.

St Columba's College Spring Music Concert

Join us for an evening of outstanding student performances celebrating the talent, dedication and passion of our musicians. Raffles and prizes throughout the night, so bring along some cash and get involved. All funds towards the College Music Program. Come along, enjoy the music, and help us continue to nurture creativity and excellence in our students.

Thursday 4 September 6:30pm - 9:30pm

St Columba's College - College Hall
2 Leslie Road, Essendon

Bookings: QR Code or

www.trybooking.com/DEOKH



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

Seniors Wellbeing Event

Sincerely Yours program has been designed for Seniors to access a world class musical performance followed by a social afternoon tea where they can connect with locally set up stalls by social and community groups. Our aim is to connect the neighbourhood and improve social and mental wellbeing

Dame Vera Lynn Tribute Show

When: Tuesday 30th of September - 2pm

Where: Tullamarine Community Hall
60 Spring St, Tullamarine 3043

Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/DDVQP>



MacKillop Family Services

Foster Carers Wanted
Call 8398 6800 or go to www.mackillop.org.au

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.



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Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 810 New Missal: 920



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

31 August 2025

First Reading Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.
(R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!