

Gospel Acclamation 2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

Gospel John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

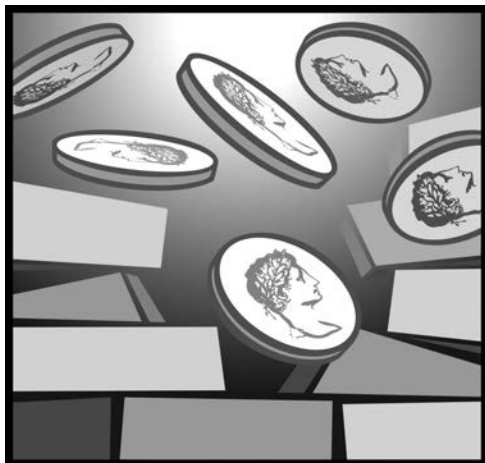
He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The tabernacle in our churches should look like a tent with a cloth covering and 'tent flaps' at the front.

Why a tent? Because when the Jewish people escaped slavery in Egypt, they wandered through the wilderness for forty years carrying a tent where God's presence was especially strongly experienced. It was where they went for guidance and to pray for protection – to the travelling dwelling place of God.

At the beginning of St John's Gospel, we usually translate it to read that the Word of God 'became flesh and dwelt amongst us'. (John 1:14) The Greek word translated 'dwelt' could be better translated 'pitched his tent among us!'. The Divine Presence is once again travelling around, this time embodied in Jesus of Nazareth. He personally is the true tent of God's Presence. Death temporarily dismantled this tent but, as our Lord foresaw, the tent would be raised again in three days.

There is another way in which God's Presence is especially focused in the world, namely in you and me! St Paul calls the Christian community at Corinth: 'A holy building or temple in which God's Spirit dwells.'

Does our parish, does our Church, rise to the challenge and act in ways which reveal to the world who we are:

Tabernacles of God's Presence in the world,
Tents in whom God has chosen to dwell.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 923 New Missal: 1037



Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9 November

First Reading Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. (R.)
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. (R.)
3. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

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

You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am

Vietnamese 11:00am

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Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

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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:

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

Recently Deceased:

Assunta Esposito; John Zeolla; Rosalio (Leo) Esquillo; Phyllis Xerri.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Giuse Bui Minh Dac; Rocco Pisanelli; Teresa Cullia; Maria Callea; Charlie Sciberras; 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 Galea.

Holy Souls' Anniversary

Gaetano Giampiccolo; Enna & Antonino Ilardi; Orazio & Giuseppina Giampiccolo; Vince Ilardi; Michael Vella; Michael Vella Jnr; Delores Vella; Gateano Vella; Joseph Vella; Joseph Caruana; Melita Caruana; Charles & Lena Spalia; Leon Slater.

Please record remembrances in the 'Book of Holy Souls' located on the Sanctuary.

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,221

Shortfall: \$367 Loose: \$839

Presbytery: \$1.660

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.



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays: 2.30pm Rosary
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

followed by Stations of the Cross, 4pm finish.



Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla

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



CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

Baptism: Jackson Trung



CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

Sacrament of Confirmation

Will be conferred by Bishop Rene Ramirez at the 6pm and 9:30am Masses to the school children and young adults. Please remember them in your prayers.



A Prayer for the Month of November

God of Compassion,
We remember with gratitude and love all the people we have known and who you have called home to yourself.

In this month of the holy souls we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who have shaped us, inspired us, loved us and forgiven us.
We pray especially for our deceased family members, knowing that they also pray for us.

We hold out to you the millions who are dying because of war, famine, disease and climate change.
We pray for refugees who die in search of safety.

May our sorrow encourage us to work for a more just world where every life is treated with equal dignity.

Living and dead, we are all your family.
May your perpetual light shine on us all.

Amen

Written by Michael McGirr



Christian Meditation

Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

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

Term 4: Nov 10 & 24; Dec 8.

Prayer Service of Lament

Wednesday 12 November 2025

St Patrick's Cathedral Grounds

East Melbourne: 11.30am-12pm



Dear Fathers, and Parish Communities,

In this Year of Jubilee - a sacred time of mercy, renewal, and reconciliation - the Church is called to a deep and humble work of reparation. As the Body of Christ, we acknowledge the wounds within our community and the profound suffering endured by survivors of child sexual abuse, and the shared hurt of their loved ones. Through prayer and lament, we stand before God in truth and hope, asking that His grace bring healing to what has been broken.

I invite all those who have been affected and impacted by abuse and violence across the Archdiocese to join in a **Prayer Service of Lament on Wednesday 12 November 2025**, in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral. Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 1pm for those who wish to remain in prayer before the Lord.

This gathering expresses our shared lament for the abuse that has occurred, as well as our commitment to those who have suffered abuse within the Church in our ongoing journey of reverent listening and repentance. Survivors and their loved ones will be at the heart of this Service. Through word, ritual, and music, we will pray for all who have suffered and for the continued conversion of our Church.

The Service will also be live-streamed via the Archdiocesan YouTube channel for those joining online.

May this moment of communal lament become, by God's grace, a sign of hope - a step toward truth, healing, and renewed trust within the Church of Melbourne. With every blessing and gratitude for your ongoing pastoral care.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne