

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 297 New Missal: 411



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

28 June 2026

First Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 6:3-4.8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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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: Sandra Sammut; Vlad; George Pinpin; Kay; Kimberly Damanik; Zac; Peter Falzon; Jan, Miecia, Zyguh; Janice Murray; Mellisa; Rossini Burns; Anna; Franca; Nancy Green; Mark; Nazzi & Teresa Demaio; Emily & Grace; Susie; Monica Marland.

Recently Deceased:

Nazareth Sranze; Carmela Gurrissi; Margaret Yap; Anna Staats; Geraldine McGee; Peter Young; Carmena Galea; Maria Loschiavo; Grazia Cammerino; Pauline Rodgers; Sr Nena Lorilla (asjm); Sr Anthony (Poor Clares).

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Joseph Nguyen Van Nguyet; Joseph Tran Luan; Maria Dinh Thi Nhu; Maria Pagliaro; Haydee Barra; Anna Herb Vonemeaphra; Angelo Michael Di Lisio; Anthony Vella; Joseph Nguyen Thi Nha; Maria Dinh Thi Thap; Emma Vassallo; Joseph Xuereb; Dominic Cumbo; Bernarda & Francis Grima; Teresa, Emmanuel, Tonina, Phillip Sammut; Emmanuel & Nazarena Farrugia; Adam Hood; Rita & Carmelo De Bono; Joseph Consiglia.

Parish Support Programme:

Pays Wages, Electricity, Cleaning, Insurance,
Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$1,925
Loose: \$980

Presbytery: Supports Parish Priest,
Retired Priests & Cathedral. \$1,592

The Kids Bulletin

A fun way for children to learn about our Catholic faith. Weekly updates, please visit thekidsbulletin.com/



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays: 2.30pm Rosary
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

followed by Stations of the Cross, 4pm finish.

Deacon Matthew Pinson SJ

Our parish warmly welcomes Deacon Matthew Pinson SJ who will serve at 9:30am Sunday masses for pastoral experience until his priestly ordination on the 8th of August 2026 in Sydney. Please make Deacon Matthew welcome and pray for him as he prepares to be ordained a Priest.



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate and pray for:
Oliver Castillo



First Reconciliation Children

The Parish of St Martin de Porres
Congratulates

the 24 children who received the
sacrament of First Reconciliation
with Fr Paul on Tuesday & Wednesday.
Please keep these children in your prayers.

Collection 2026



Join The Holy Father in His Mission of Peace, Hope and Love

Donating to Peter's Pence is a concrete gesture of communion with the Holy Father and closeness to his mission of proclaiming the Gospel and bringing hope and love to every part of the world.

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- With an offering to Peter's Pence for his apostolic mission, charitable initiatives, and humanitarian aid.
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- at www.obolodisanpietro.va

Thank You for your generosity.



St Vincent de Paul Society

Winter Appeal 2026 *good works*

COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

HOMELESSNESS IS JUST ONE SUDDEN CRISIS AWAY

People like David need urgent assistance

David found out how easy it is to lose everything and be pushed into homelessness. He'd worked all his life. But when the work dried up, he simply couldn't pay the rent. In a few short months, he went from a well-paid job to sleeping in a park.

It was a devastating shock.

All it took was one sudden setback - a change in his circumstances - and David was sleeping rough.

St Peter & St Paul Solemnity

29 June

O God,

Whose right hand raised up blessed Peter,
when he walked upon the water
and began to sink,
and thrice delivered his fellow-Apostle Paul
from the depths of the sea,
when he suffered shipwreck:
graciously hear us and grant,
by the merits of them both,
that we also may attain everlasting glory:
Who lives and reigns world without end

Amen

Source: St Peter and Paul Novena - Concluding Prayer

Feast of Sts Peter & Paul Monday 29 June

The parish community extends warm wishes to Fr Paul Tru and to all who bear the names Peter, Paul and related names. May the example of Saints Peter and Paul inspire you with faith, courage, and dedication to the Gospel.

We pray that God will continue to bless you with good health, happiness, and abundant graces.

Happy Feast Day!

Seeking a Second-Hand Car

A parishioner is currently in need of reliable transportation and is seeking a second-hand car. If you have a vehicle that you are willing to sell at a reasonable price, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office with details.

Seeking a Regular Volunteer

Please contact the parish office if you are an early riser with a reliable vehicle to pick up bakery items from Woollies Moonee Ponds.

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.