

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; Giovanni; Rose.

Recently Deceased:

Daniel Nardela; Emma Roda; Vincenza Arico; Angela Gustincic; Malcolm Jaap; Peter Nind (Malta); Antonia Saragozza; Tony Cerchiara; Fr Emmanuel Bonello; Tomislav Linic; Violet Scicluna; Brendan McKernan; Gioacchino Burrafato.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Antonio Genovese (1st); Norman Martin (1st); Terry & Dulcie Gomez; Celestino Fernandes; Joseph Mifsud; Ellen Sepala; Giuseppe Arbace; 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: \$2,177

Shortfall: \$411 Loose: \$888

Presbytery: \$1,285

Catholic Missions: \$2,145 Thank you.

Special Collection Next Weekend:

Opening the Doors Foundation - A First Nations organisation supporting educational opportunities for First Nations children.

Special Collection

For a Parish Farewell Gift for **Fr Nhân**

Thank you for your generosity.

Please sign the card in the Foyer.

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!

Farewell Fr Nhân

Fr Nhân is leaving us for St Monica's Moonee Ponds, taking up his appointment in late August 2025.

Farewell Mass

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 Saturday 23rd August 6pm with setting up - please ring Parish Office if you can help
- Help needed cleaning up on Sunday - **many hands make light work.**

NO 11am Vietnamese Mass this Sunday

Please sign the card in the Foyer.

Fr Paul Tru from St Leo's Altona North will succeed him as our new Parish Priest on 27th August 2025.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

National Vocations Awareness Week

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

Christian Meditation



Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am

Parent's Room in the Church

18th August; 1st & 15th September.



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



Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2025

Billings LIFE invites you to join a special one-hour webinar on **Monday 18th August**. If you are dreaming of growing your family join us to discover how the **Billings Ovulation Method®** can support your journey to pregnancy.

To register and more info click on the link:

<https://events.humanitix.com/boost-your-baby-odds-naturally-with-the-billings-method>



Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel (Short form) Luke 12:35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You too must stand ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

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Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 799 New Missal: 909



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

10 August 2025

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading (Short form)

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

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