



Gospel Luke 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant

The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 833 New Missal: 946



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

12 October 2025

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you
in Christ Jesus.**

Alleluia!

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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:

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

Recently Deceased:

Phyllis Xerri; Domenica Barbante; Harry Degan (Ireland); Agata Barbaro; Sam Cianci; Thomas Davis; Phanxico Xavie Maria Tuyen; Franca Cassisi; Angela Soccio; Gabina Mejos Tan.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Joe Scollo (1st); Maria Inguanti (1st); Rocco Prochilo; Sara & Juan Rivera; Giuseppe Spano; Salvatore Inguanti; Francina Verasinghe; 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: \$2.165

Shortfall: \$423 Loose: \$780

Presbytery: \$1,325

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

Term 4: Oct 20; Nov 10 & 24; Dec 8.



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!



ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ HEALING MASS

Thursday 16th October
at the 9.15am Mass



CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

Confirmation Candidates

Will attend the 6pm and 9:30am
Masses to recite the Apostles Creed.
Please remember them in your prayers.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)



is a three-day national Catholic festival for young people in year 9 and up to the age of 25.

The ACYF brings together thousands of young Catholics from across the country. First held in Melbourne in 2013, it was established by the Australian Catholic Bishops as a way of celebrating and deepening the faith of young people. Held every few years, ACYF offers a vibrant, large-scale experience of the Catholic Church in Australia.

In 2025, ACYF returns to Melbourne and will be held from 30 November – 2 December. The Archdiocese is delighted to host this national gathering once more and looks forward to welcoming young pilgrims from every corner of Australia.

Purpose of ACYF

- To offer a meaningful and transformative experience or encounter with Jesus Christ through the Church.
- To provide a space for honest listening and dialogue around the hopes and struggles of young Catholics.
- To inspire and equip young people to be missionary disciples in today's world.
- To connect young people with the diverse expressions of Catholic life – vocations, social justice, worship, community, fellowship and teaching.

For further information please visit the ACYF webpage acyf.org.au/

Group Registrations close 31 October 2025.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord our God,

Father of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and Father of all peoples,
Who in the cross of Your Son
and through the gift of His own life,
at great cost You wished to destroy
the wall of enmity and hostility
that separates peoples and makes us enemies:
Send into our hearts
the gift of the Holy Spirit,
that He may purify us from every feeling
of violence, hatred and revenge,
enlighten us to understand
the irrepressible dignity
of every human person,
and inflame us to the point of consumption
for a peaceful and reconciled world
in truth and justice,
in love and freedom.

Almighty and eternal God,
in Your hands are the hopes of men and
women
and the rights of every people:
Assist with Your wisdom those who
govern us,
so that, with Your help,
they will become sensitive to the sufferings
of the poor
and of those who suffer the consequences
of violence and war;
may they promote the common good and
lasting peace
in our region
and throughout the earth.

Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope,
obtain the gift of peace
for the Holy Land that gave birth to you
and for the whole world.

Amen

Cardinal Pizzaballa

Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem