

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

Recently Deceased:

Tomislav Linic; Gioacchino Burrafato; Violet Scicluna; Brendan McKernan; Victor Blom; Clifford Athaide; John Baptist Nguyen; Luciana Rizzardo; Maria Nguyen Thi Ram; Matteo Ciavarella; Sophie Saidel; Antonio Pesce; Victor Degabriele.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Eric & Josephine Carmuciano; Marie Britt; Charlie & Jane Baldacchino; Mary Gauci; Thomas Nguyen Duc Trang; Anna Vu Thi Can; Walter Ritosa; Laurie Carn; 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.

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,484

Shortfall: \$104 Loose: \$682

Presbytery: \$1,147

Peter's Pence: \$1,629 Thank you

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

4th & 18th August; 1st & 15th September.



Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla

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



Foster Carers Wanted

Call 8398 6800 or go to

www.mackillop.org.au



Next Saturday evening July 26th at 6pm is our next Youth Group Mass.

All youth from Grade 5 to age 30 are very welcome to help plan it. We will meet in the Parish Pastoral Centre **7pm Tuesday July 22nd.**

If you want to sing, play an instrument, serve, read, bring up the gifts, read prayers of the faithful, collect, please come along.

For further information please email

sloukomitis@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all.



Catholic Theological College

will open its doors to the public as part of the 2025 Open House Melbourne Weekend.

Mr. Greg Burgess will be onsite to engage directly with visitors between 10am - 12pm

📅 Date: Saturday, 26 July 2025

📍 Location: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne 3002

🕒 Time: 9am - 3pm



What: Explore life's BIG questions

When: 7- 9pm Tuesdays 22nd July - 9th Sept

Where: St. Peter's Parish Centre, Keilor East (parking and entry via Bellarine Ave gate - next to tennis court)

Enquiries and Enrolments: St Peter's Parish Office: 9337 4141; keiloreast@cam.org.au

See flyer on noticeboard for more information.



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

St Gaetan Society Dinner Dance

Saturday 9th August at Luxor, Taylors Lakes \$85 per person food and drink inclusive.

Bookings: Contact Rita Hili on 9331 1430

- tickets selling quickly!

The Catholic Weekly

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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.



Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 788 New Missal: 895



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

20 July 2025

First Reading Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.