

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:

Nancy Apostolidis; Nancy Green; Helen Borg; Charlie Coxhead; Phyllis Xerri; Frank Logha; Silvia & Thomas Galic; Patrick & Norma Moore; Milvia Cutajar; Mary Jones; Alexander, Felipe, Anne; Elena and Lorenzo.

Recently Deceased:

Giuseppina Cuce; Marija Gorscak; Helen Healy (Ireland); Maria Lourdes Castro; Carmela Pisanelli; Teresa Molluso; Brian Webster; Rosa Busa; Alba Salomone; Sr Lucilla Mangion asjm (Rome); Josephine Robottom; Sr Nazaria Alcantari asjm (Rome); Sebastiano Guglielmino.

Anniversaries & Remembrances

Josephine & Joseph Mifsud; Sergio Bencic; Francesco & Maria Panetta; Dominic Cumbo; Annunzia & Fantino Avignone; Charlie Galea; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomenu Sammut; Charlie Sciberras; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Victor Apap; Tonina Darmanin; Victor Micallef.

COLLECTIONS

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$1,702

Shortfall: \$886 Loose: \$812

Presbytery: \$1,537



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays 2:30pm in the church.
All Welcome!



Christian Meditation

Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am

Parent's Room in the Church

Term 4: 9 December.

St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2025



Applications Closing Soon

Please apply at the School
Office or phone 9331 9000.



Foster Carers Wanted

Call 8398 6800 or go to
www.mackillop.org.au



Carols by Afternoon Light

Date: This Sunday 1st December 1:30pm

Venue: St Martin de Porres Church

Join us for a heart-warming afternoon of
festive music!

Immerse yourself in the spirit of the season
as we present a beautiful selection of
traditional Christmas carols & enlightening
songs of hope performed by professional
musicians and St Martin de Porres' Choirs.

Entry by donation.

Proceeds will go to

Vincent 5 Orphanage in Kontum, Vietnam

All Welcome - *Fr. Nhân Le P.P.*



Christmas Activities



Advent Prayer Sessions with

Sr Connie & Sr Mayla

Wednesdays 10am in the

Pastoral Centre. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Items available in the foyer

Majellan cards 10 pk/\$9

2025 Columban Calendars \$10



St Vincent de Paul Society
Christmas Appeal *good works*

Gifts Tags on the Christmas Tree

Please take a tag home and buy a gift
according to the gender and age of the
person and place it under the tree.

Vinnie volunteers will then distribute the
appropriate gifts to the less fortunate.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

60 YEARS
1964-2024

In lieu of Christmas presents some families
may like to support Caritas this Christmas.

See flyers in the foyer or go to:

Lebanon Crisis Appeal

www.caritas.org.au/lebanondonate

Christmas Appeal

www.caritas.org.au/Christmas

Advent Prayer Week One

Lord, Jesus,

you are both the light and the darkness.
Send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations
for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet
spaces to hear your voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things,
look forward to your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways,
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy
of your presence.

We, who feel the pain of injustice,

long for harmony across all creation.

We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.

To you we say,
Come Lord Jesus!

Amen

Loreto Justice Network



Parish Administration Coordinator, Sacred Heart & Emmaus Parish, St Albans

There is a part-time office administrative role
reporting to the Parish Priest on a fixed-term
position for the 12 months 2025. Applications
close 6th Dec 2024. For information go to
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/parish-administration-coordinator-sacred-heart-emmaus-parish>

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and ask that you make
yourself known to us by completing this form
and leaving it in the collection basket.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Phone No. _____

Address: _____

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

We encourage you to join our programme.
Please ring the Parish Office or visit website.



Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 651 New Missal: 736



1st Sunday of Advent

1 December 2024

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow
for David,
who shall practise honesty and
integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be
called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and
will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who
revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**
Alleluia!