

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; Clifford Athaide; Victor Blom.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Bernadette Murray; Aurelio Cardillo; Angelina Lia; Kunho Kim/Antonio; 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: \$ 1,924

Shortfall: \$ 664 Loose: \$808

Presbytery: \$1,500



Propagation of the Faith Appeal

2025 Appeal

Please give generously using the Envelopes on the seat.

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!

Farewell Fr Nhân

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

There will be a **Farewell Collection** for Fr Nhân on **9/10th August**.

A card will be available to sign on the weekends of 9/10th & 16/17th August.

The **Farewell Mass** and celebration for Fr Nhân will take place at **10am Sunday 24th August**. (No 11am Vietnamese Mass)

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



National Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

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!

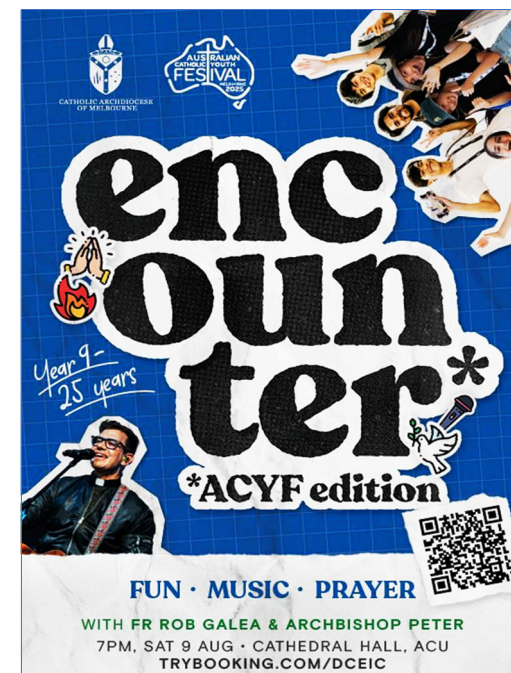
CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEKEND

Baptism: Noah Cobo-Garcia 9.30am Mass

1st Eucharist Sacrament: Xavier Ortisi and Aiden & Ethan Nguyen at 6pm Vigil Mass. Please pray for all these children.

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.



2 WEEKS to GO - Saturday 9 August

Dear friends, youth, young adult ministry leaders, It is two weeks to go until our big pre-Australian Catholic Youth Festival gathering,

Archbishop Peter Comensoli and Fr Rob Galea invite you to join them for an incredible night of fun, testimony, music and prayer. We will gather, encounter Christ and set out together on our journey to the Festival.

Have you registered your group yet?

If you are still considering whether to make the **pilgrimage** to the Festival, this is your opportunity to gather your friends, bring your group and see what the Festival has to offer.

Encounter: ACYF Edition 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University, 22 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Register: <https://trybooking.com/DCEIC>

Age range: **Year 9 to 25 years old**. Cost: **Free**

Note: Parents/guardians/leaders of **under-18** participants will be required to 'sign in' & 'sign out' their children. **Sign-in commences at 7pm**. Please note: places are limited so please ensure you register your group as soon as you can.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!*

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

This hoard of yours, whose will it be?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life. Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!



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Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 795 New Missal: 904



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

3 August 2025

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What does a man gain for all his toil?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
3. like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
4. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)

4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.
(R.)

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

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