

St Martin de Porres Parish

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Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am

Vietnamese 11:00am

Weekday Services for September

Mass Wednesday & Friday 9:15am

Communion Service

Tuesday & Thursday 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:

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:

Thomas Davis; Phanxico Xavie Maria Tuyen; Franca Cassisi; Angela Soccio; Gabina Mejos Tan; Teresa Borg; Antonina Trifiletti; Pina Caruso (Italy); Colomba Novella; Paul Cugliari; Kathleen Rookas; Arinda Alvarez; Maria Tran Thi Tho.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Antonia & Lorenzo Di Stefano; Victor Degabriele; Charlie Sciberras. Charlie Galea; 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.

Pioneer Parishioner Funeral Mass

Tom Davis 2pm Tuesday 23rd September followed by light refreshments in the hall.

Please bring a plate.

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,635

Shortfall: \$0 Loose: \$808

Presbytery: \$1,376

The Archbishop's Campaign Updated: \$663

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Greetings

Dear friends, parishioners of St Martin de Porres Parish, Avondale Heights.

I am Fr Paul, newly appointed Parish Priest of St Martin's.

May the Peace and Grace of God and Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Pace a tutti voi!

Xin Chúa chúc lành và ban bình an cho tất cả anh chị em!

Il-Paci Maghkom!

I am humbled to become your next Parish Priest.

I thank God for his love to us.

I am grateful to the Archbishop for entrusting me with the pastoral care of the Parish of Avondale Heights.

I am looking forward to being with you and journeying with you in the very near future.

I will arrive at the Parish on Monday 29 September 2025 and will celebrate Mass on Tuesday 30 September at 9:15 am.

Mass times for weekdays and weekends will be the same.

I wish you all the very best with abundant blessings from God and our Patron St Martin. Please pray for me, as I also pray for you and your families.

Sincerely yours,

Fr Paul Tru



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Applications are invited for various positions in the Archdiocese. Details can be found at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>



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



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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 Luke 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches?

And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much. But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 821 New Missal: 933



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

21 September 2025

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country,

you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,

by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 112:1-2. 4-8.

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth. (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dunghill he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!**

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