

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavors to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 839 New Missal: 953



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

26 October 2025

First Reading Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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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:

Edmund Boileau; Bass & George Srou; Rose; Brady Dizon; John Burns; Nancy Green; Hazel; Alex Mather; Joseph Nguyen Ngoc Thi; Robyn; Claudia & Thomas; Maria Nguyen Lam Quynh; Monika Marland; Andreu & Marita; Giovanni; Emily & Grace; Adamo; Mellisa.

Recently Deceased:

Rosalio (Leo) Esquillo; Phyllis Xerri; Domenica Barbante; Harry Degan (Ireland); Sam Cianci; Agata Barbaro.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Frances Webster; Joy Boileau; Rommel Dizon; Vivian Lamicela; Victor Degabriele; 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: \$1,778

Shortfall: \$810 Loose: \$939

Presbytery: \$1,547

Special Collection: To send our youth to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

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.



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!



All Souls' Mass for

Deceased Parishioners

Thursday 6th November 7pm

Invitations have been posted to the families. **All Welcome**



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEKEND

Confirmation Candidates

Will attend the 6pm and 9:30am Masses to recite their Baptismal Promises.

Please remember them in your prayers.



Welcome: Lilian Claire Abinoja

Baptism: Catarina Ava Thuy

New Parish Support Envelopes

A Pastoral letter from Fr Paul, Parish Support receipts, and new envelopes will be at the back of the church in alphabetical street order – please take yours home today. If you would like to join the programme, please complete the note below and place in the collection box at Mass or contact the Parish Office.

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

We encourage you to join our programme.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Phone No. _____

Address: _____

Prayer for Students Undertaking Exams

Loving God,
be with me now,
as I prepare for my exams.

Thank you for the many talents and gifts
you have given me
and for the opportunity of education.

Calm my nerves and anxiety,
help me to remember all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the
questions the very best that I can.

Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exam
- and always.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Welcome to Visiting Bishop & Priests

St Martin de Porres Parish offers a very warm welcome to Bishop Joseph Huynh Van Sy, Fr Joseph Ngo Dinh Tien and Fr Andrew Huynh Tan Nha who are visiting our Parish from Vietnam for the weekend. We pray that they enjoy their stay amongst us and especially that our Vietnamese Community will receive many blessings from this great honour.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)



This weekend Jhonathan Andres, our Parish Youth Leader, will be promoting the ACYF 2025

Collection to help offset the cost to our youth who wish to attend the Festival.

ACYF is a three-day national Catholic festival for young people in year 9 and up to 25 years.

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.