

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

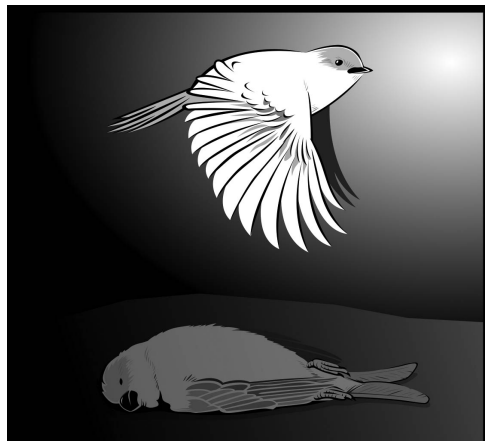
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

**Catholic Parish
Avondale Heights**

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 293 New Missal: 407



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

21 June 2026

First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure; everlasting,
unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe
with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on
them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)

2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their
chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him
praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am

Vietnamese 11:00am

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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:

Sandra Sammut; Vlad; George Pinpin; Kay; Kimberly Damanik; Susie; Zac; Peter Falzon; Jan, Miecia, Zygyuch; Janice Murray; Mellisa; Rossini Burns; Anna; Franca; Nancy Green; Mark; Nazzi & Teresa Demaio; Emily & Grace; Monica Marland.

Recently Deceased:

Margaret Yap; Geraldine McGee; Anna Staats; Peter Young; Carmena Galea; Maria Loschiavo; Grazia Cammerino; Sr Anthony (Poor Clares); Pauline Rodgers; Sr Nena Lorilla (asjm); John Burns; Gaetano Mammoliti; Frank Rapa.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Antonio Pesce (1st); Emma Vassallo; Joseph Xuereb; David & Sonia Um; I Cho Ly (Charlie); Lorenzo & Antonia Di Stefano; Dominic Cumbo; Bernarda & Francis Grima; Teresa, Emmanuel, Tonina, Phillip Sammut; Emmanuel & Nazarena Farrugia; Adam Hood; Rita & Carmelo De Bono; Joseph Consiglia.

Parish Support Programme:

Pays Wages, Electricity, Cleaning, Insurance,
Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,089
Loose: \$863

Presbytery: Supports Parish Priest,
Retired Priests & Cathedral. \$1,596

World Mission Sunday Appeal:

Thank you for your generosity. \$3,099

The Kids Bulletin

A fun way for children to learn about our Catholic faith. Weekly updates, please visit thekidsbulletin.com/



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays: 2.30pm Rosary
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

followed by Stations of the Cross, 4pm finish.



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate and pray for:
Ava Seeburger

Quiet Day

Saturday 27 June

10am - 2pm



This Quiet Day will be led by Ros Harris and Clara Rizzi. It includes two sessions of group meditation, optional walking meditation and an opportunity for you to enter a personal time of stillness. You may choose to spend your time reading, drawing, sitting quietly, or praying through Lectio Divina (sacred reading) or Visio Divina (sacred gazing). Arrive at 9:30am for a cuppa and stay after 2pm to share reflections/insights/comments.

Where: St Joseph's by the Sea:

16 Esplanade, Williamstown.

Free parking in Cole Street.

Cost: Free - Donations appreciated to cover costs. Tea & coffee provided.
What to bring: Lunch, pens/pencils & paper. Books and readings will be available on the day; however, you may like to bring your own.

RSVP by 21 June

Ros: harrisroslyn61@gmail.com

Clara: clarariz@bigpond.com



Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation. Mark 16:15

In a world where many are seeking meaning, truth and belonging, are we ready to proclaim the Gospel in this moment in time?

Join world-renowned Catholic author, and expert on discipleship and mission, Sherry Weddell for Proclaim26, a two-day gathering to form, equip and send Catholics to share Jesus Christ in their communities.

Proclaim26 will host formative keynote talks, inspiring real-life stories of parish renewal and practical workshops on formation, RCIA, youth and young adult discipleship, music and more.

For the full program and to register:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/proclaim26>

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Month of June



O most holy heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing,
I adore you,
I love you,
and with lively sorrow for my sins
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient,
pure and wholly obedient to your will.
Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in
you and for you.
Protect me in the midst of danger.
Comfort me in my afflictions.
Give me health of body,
assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessing on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death.

Amen

MASS FOR
**MARRIAGE
ANNIVERSARIES**

Sunday 12 July 11am



Married couples and their families are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Please register for your spot by Tues 7 July.

For any queries, please contact 9926 5761

or proclaim@cam.org.au or

register now using the QR Code:

**Where: St Patrick's Cathedral,
East Melbourne**



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.