

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed is he who inherits the
kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according Luke

*Lord remember me when you come into your
kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 853 New Missal: 969



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C 23 November 2025

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly
compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of
judgement
of the house of David. (R.)

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*He has taken us into the kingdom of his
beloved Son.*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities,
Powers –
all things were created through him and
for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through
him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on
earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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

Recently Deceased:

Chloe Gomez; Cassandra Galati; Filippo Ardino Antonio Serrano; Rommel Dizon; Giovanna Montalto; Renzo Lanini; Assunta Esposito; Giuseppe Di Pasquale; John Zeolla.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Giuseppina Cuce (1st); Marcella Del Cimmuto; Jessie Robottom; Diana Gomes; Giuse Bui Minh Dac; Nicola Montagnese; 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; Charlie Sciberras.

Holy Souls' Prayers

Please record remembrances in the 'Book of Holy Souls' located on the Sanctuary.

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,467

Shortfall: \$121 Loose: \$910

Presbytery: \$1,749

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

Term 4: Nov 24; Dec 8.



Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla

Wednesdays 10am in St Martin's Pastoral Centre. All Welcome!



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays: 2.30pm Rosary

3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

followed by Stations of the Cross, 4pm finish.



CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

Baptism:

Benedetta Chessa Bocanegra



Christmas Items available in the foyer

Majellan Christmas cards 10 pk

2026 Columban Calendars

\$10 each available after Mass

Please bring correct money. Thank you.



WYD

Cross and Pilgrimage Walk

**ACYF Launch and Reception of the WYO
Cross & Icon and Pilgrimage Walk
Sunday 30 November**

All are invited to St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 30 November as we welcome more than 6,000 young pilgrims from across Australia for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

Let us gather together as the local Church in Melbourne to share in their joy and offer a truly warm Melbourne welcome.

Cathedral Program:

- 1:30pm - Melbourne Catholic Festa: A joyful celebration of the diversity and beauty of our faith communities, gathering on the Cathedral forecourt.
- 2:30pm - Reception of the WYD Cross and Icon: Join us as we welcome these powerful symbols of faith which have travelled the world inspiring young Catholics.
- 3:00pm - Pilgrimage Walk: A pilgrimage of hope, led by the WYD Cross and Icon, journeying 5km from the Cathedral to MCEC (note: only ticketed pilgrims can enter MCEC). A shorter 3km Cathedral - Birrarung Marr - Return route is also available.



Foster Carers Wanted

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Prayer to Christ the King

Lord our God,

You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.

We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our families and the land of our birth.

Guard us, we pray, Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.

Jesus, You are the King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King,
we bow before You and pray;

May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognised on earth.

Amen

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney



Altar Servers, Baptism Preparation Teams, Mass Laptop Operators, Sacristy Teams, etc. Appropriate training will be arranged. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to discover your hidden God given talents and share them for God's greater glory

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.