

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.'

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this endtime with patient endurance of difficulties.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 850 New Missal: 965



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

13 November 2022

First Reading Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the book of Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;

your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

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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:

Renzo Lanini; Giovanna Montalto; Assunta Esposito; Giuseppe Di Pasquale; John Zeolla.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Alba Salomone (1st); Rosa Busa (1st); Giuse Bui Minh Duc; Agostino Mondo; Leonilda Gulotta; 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.

Holy Souls' Prayers

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

Pioneer Parishioner Funeral Mass

Renzo Lanini Monday 17th November
10.30am Rosary; 10.45am Mass

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$1,953
Shortfall: \$635 Loose: \$1,125
Presbytery: \$2,092

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.



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.



CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

Baptism Welcome:

Benedetta Chessa Bocanegra

What's next for St Martin de Porres Church?

We have some exciting news!

With your generous donation we'll be able to enhance our mass services with 3 new widescreen high-definition TVs, which will significantly improve viewing, with advanced display technologies allowing for a superior picture quality. Your generous donation will help us enhance our mass services and encourage further participation.

Donations can be given directly to Fr Paul or to the Parish Office.

Thank-you in advance for your support, together we can make a big difference in the Parish life and community here at St Martin de Porres Parish.

Thank-you!



Parish Bulletin Announcement

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support.

Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$4,817 contributed by St Martin de Porres Catholic Parish, Avondale Heights.

These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives.

Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

Parishioners of St Martin's, we can give ourselves a well-deserved pat on the back



A Prayer for the Month of November

God of Compassion,

We remember with gratitude and love all the people we have known and who you have called home to yourself.

In this month of the holy souls we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses

who have shaped us, inspired us, loved us and forgiven us.

We pray especially for our deceased family members,

knowing that they also pray for us.

We hold out to you

the millions who are dying because of war, famine, disease and climate change.

We pray for refugees who die in search of safety.

May our sorrow encourage us to work for a more just world where every life is treated with equal dignity.

Living and dead, we are all your family.

May your perpetual light shine on us all.

Amen

Written by Michael McGirr



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.

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.