



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of
your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love
Alleluia!*

Gospel John 20:19-23

*A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John*

*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive
the Holy Spirit.*

In the evening of the first day of the week,
the doors were closed in the room where
the disciples were, for fear of the Jews.
Jesus came and stood among them. He
said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and
showed them his hands and his side. The
disciples were filled with joy when they saw
the Lord, and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them
and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the
Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It
brings the Easter season to its conclusion.
The Risen Lord has been exalted to his
rightful place next to God and he has sent
his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power.
The world is charged with divine energy; it
needs but a spark to ignite it with life and
with excitement. This vitality explodes into
the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and
speech overflows its linguistic constraints;
charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human
habitation; barred doors are burst open
and frightened hearts are calmed. The
Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one
reason, only to discover that God has
gathered us for another. Through the Spirit
of God, we are reconciled to each other
and then together we spend ourselves for
the common good. Through the Spirit of
God the world is renewed, the community
is revitalised, and we come to know the
mysterious yet all pervasive peace of
Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works
wonders wherever human hearts are open
to its promptings. The earth is renewed
each time rivalries are resolved,
distinctions are recognised as merely
expressions of diversity, peace is restored,
comfort and solace are offered, and
forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in
the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have
to do is open ourselves to it and the reign
of God will be born in our midst.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 236 New Missal: 346



Pentecost Sunday, Year A

24 May 2026

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and
began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the
apostles had all met in one room, when
suddenly they heard what sounded like a
powerful wind from heaven, the noise of
which filled the entire house in which they
were sitting; and something appeared to
them that seemed like tongues of fire;
these separated and came to rest on the
head of each of them. They were all filled
with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak
foreign languages as the Spirit gave them
the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in
Jerusalem from every nation under
heaven, and at this sound they all
assembled, each one bewildered to hear
these men speaking his own language.
They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely'
they said 'all these men speaking are
Galileans? How does it happen that each
of us hears them in his own native
language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites;
people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and
Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya
round Cyrene; as well as visitors from
Rome – Jews and proselytes alike –
Cretans and Arabs; we hear them
preaching in our own language about the
marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they
came.
You send forth your spirit, they are
created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians*

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making
one body.*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is
under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the
same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to
be done, but always to the same Lord;
working in all sorts of of different ways in
different people, it is the same God who is
working in all of them. The particular way in
which the Spirit is given to each person is for
a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up
of many parts, is a single unit because all
these parts, though many, make one body,
so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were
all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves
as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given
to us all to drink.

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:

Jan, Miecia, Zygyuch; Janice Murray; Charles; John & Rossini Burns; Pan Giannenas; Zac; Nazzi & Teresa Demaio; Peter Falzon; Susie; Nancy Green; Emily & Grace; Monica Marland; Mark; Anna; Franca, Mellisa.

Recently Deceased:

Gaetano Mammoliti; John Burns; Frank Rafa; Teresa Morello; Giuseppe D'Angelo; Steve Cacerla; Terezija Kolaric; Sebastiana Silluzio; Giuseppe Lucifero; Leonardo Mendez Rivera; Hermina Volk.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Dolores Vella (1st); Josephine Vella; Domenico Velone; Giuseppe Scarcella; Victor Degabriele; Angelita Mendoza; Joan Remedios; Giuse Bui Minh Dac; Charlie Sciberras; Maria Tomaino; 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, Rates, Maintenance.

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,067
Loose: \$824

Presbytery: Supports Parish Priest,
Retired Priests & Cathedral. \$1,467

Annual Mass Count

Concludes this weekend.



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

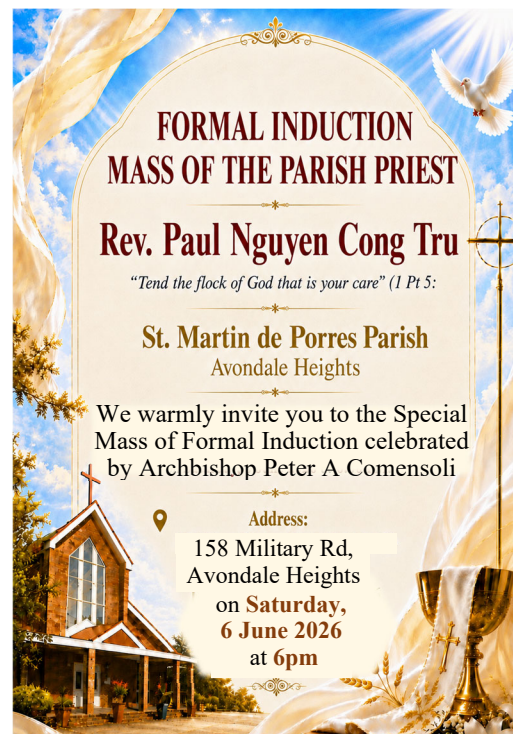
We congratulate and pray for:
Harper D'Andrea

Thank You

With deep gratitude, love and respect, we thank Luigi & Agata Bucciarelli for 50 remarkable years of faithful service to our parish. May God bless you with peace, strength and the knowledge that your work has truly made a difference.

St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2027

Please apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000 for Applications.



Upcoming Events

Formal Induction Mass of Parish Priest

We ask that parishioners kindly bring a plate to share as we will have a celebration in the hall with Archbishop Comensoli after Mass.

Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession

Sunday 7 June 2026, 2pm

Begins at St Patrick's Cathedral
Concludes at Federation Square

Communities invited to bring their banners!
The procession will begin with a gathering at St Patrick's Cathedral at 2pm, walk through the streets of Melbourne's CBD, and conclude at Federation Square. Mass will not be part of the official proceedings. Like those disciples who recognised Jesus on the journey to Emmaus, this afternoon is our opportunity for the whole Archdiocesan community - parishes, schools, movements, chaplaincies, families - to walk together and bear witness to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, our light and hope, into the heart of the city.

Mary Mother of the Church

Day after Pentecost

O God, Father of mercies,
whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung
upon the Cross,
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his
Mother, to be our Mother also,
grant, we pray, that with her loving help
your Church may be more fruitful day
by day
and, exulting in the holiness of her
children, may draw to her embrace all
the families of the peoples.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns
with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen



BEYOND THE VOWS

*= A one day =
marriage retreat*

Sat 30 May 2026
9:45am-5:00pm
Catholic Regional College
Caroline Springs
\$80 per couple

Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLAGK>

A practical, faith-grounded day retreat with
real insights, communication tools, & quality
couple time. All married couples welcome!
If you have any questions, please reach out.
Email: beyondthevowsmelb@gmail.com



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.