

St Martin de Porres Parish

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Weekend Masses

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: Margaret Roe; Rose; Mellisa; Claudia & Thomas; Nancy Green; Peter Falzon; Joseph Nguyen Ngoc Thi; Maria Nguyen Lam Quynh; Monika Marland; Alex Mather; Emily & Grace.

Recently Deceased:

Sophie Saidel; Maria Nguyen Thi Ram; Matteo Ciavarella; Antonio Pesce; Geoff Loft; Elisa Sepe; Giuseppe Suraci; Carmel Gravino; Victor Degabriele; Sr Mariana Said (asjm, Malta); Hildegard Sieger; Franca Di Sabato; Teresa Di Pasquale.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Liberale Gino Cendron (1st); Haydee Barra; Lorenzo & Antonio Di Stefano; Angelo Michael Di Lisio; Mgr Pierre Bach (mep); Victor Micallef; Dominic Cumbo; Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa & Menu Sammut; Francis & Bernarda Grima; John & Tonina Darmanin; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Carmelo & Rita De Bono; Charlie Galea; Charlie Sciberras.

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$1,945

Shortfall: \$643 Loose: \$1,027

Presbytery: \$1,998

Special Collection

For a Parish Retirement gift for

Paula McKernan

Thank you for your generosity.

Contributing to the Collections

You may wish to use the QR code if you have left your cash at home.



Masses Next Week:

Tuesday Mass at St Peter's 9:15am

Thursday Communion Service 9:15am

Wednesday & Friday as normal

The Augustinian Sisters will be away on Retreat 19th to 24th June.



Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla

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

St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2026

Applications Now Open

Please apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000.



Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds, hide me.

Let me never be separated from you.

From the wicked enemy, defend me.

At the hour of my death, call me

and bid me come to you

That with your saints

I may praise you

For ever and ever.

Amen



You are invited to celebrate with us a

Mass of Thanksgiving

for 32-year service of

Paula McKernan

upon her **Retirement**

Sunday July 6th 9:30am

Followed by morning tea in the hall

(Please bring a plate of food to share)

NO 11am Vietnamese Mass this Sunday



St Martin's Youth Masses - Get Involved

All Are Welcome - Grade 5s - Under 30s!

Term 3 6pm Sat July 26; 6pm Sat Aug 30

Rehearsals 7pm Tues Jul 22/Aug 26

Term 4 6pm Sat Oct 11; 6pm Sat Nov 15

Rehearsals 7pm Tues Oct 7/Nov 11

Give it a go!

Find a ministry... sing, play, read, serve, collect, bring up the gifts.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Pope Francis

Melbourne Archdiocese Vacancies

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for various positions in the Archdiocese.

Further details can be found at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>



Foster Carers Wanted

Call 8398 6800 or go to

www.mackillop.org.au

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.



Gospel Luke 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They all ate and were fed.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The feeding of the five thousand in today's Gospel is one of those anticipatory sharings in the heavenly banquet of the age to come.

We say this feeding is miraculous, and it was. A major part of the miracle is in the transformation of the Twelve. Our Lord did not personally feed the five thousand. He required his followers to get involved in alleviating hunger: 'You give them something to eat,' rather than leaving the crowd to fend for themselves, or resort to market economics. When they shared the food he had blessed, the miracle of the hospitality of God was multiplied throughout the crowd – extravagantly.

And so Our Lord gave his followers and the crowd a real taste of the future generosity of God in the heavenly banquet. But, it would not have happened had the inner groups of disciples not shared Jesus' vision and got involved in what seemed to be an impossible task.

The Last Supper was the greatest anticipatory meal which Our Lord shared with his disciples. And, at Mass, we are eating and drinking the glorified humanity of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ: the life of the future.

We could pause for a moment to identify the myriad of hungers in this world and resolve to fulfil Our Lord's Command: 'You give them something to eat!' so that Divine Generosity might transform human history.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 728 New Missal: 827



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year C

22 June 2025

First Reading Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R).
2. The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. (R).
3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I
begot you. (R.)
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not
change.
You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R).

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live
for ever.**

Alleluia!