

St Martin de Porres Parish

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am

Vietnamese 11:00am

Weekday Services for September

Mass Wednesday & Friday 9:15am

Communion Service

Tuesday & Thursday 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:

Joseph Nguyen Ngoc Thi; Claudia & Thomas; Maria Nguyen Lam Quynh; Monika Marland; Nancy Green; Alex Mather; Andreu & Marita; Rose; Emily & Grace; Adamo; Robyn; Mellisa; Giovanni; Hazel.

Recently Deceased:

Franca Cassisi; Angela Soccio; Gabina Mejos Tan; Teresa Borg; Antonina Trifiletti; Pina Caruso (Italy); Colomba Novella; Paul Cugliari; Kathleen Rookas; Arinda Alvarez; Maria Tran Thi Tho; Bishop Peter Elliott; Guise Tran Xuan Hoang (USA).

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Victor Degabriele; Joseph Rapa; 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.

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,017

Shortfall: \$571 Loose: \$928

Presbytery: \$1,471

The Archbishop's Campaign: \$631

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.



Parish Office Notice

Please note the Parish Office will be closed this Wednesday 17th September, reopening Thursday 18th September.



Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla

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

Christian Meditation



Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Monday 15 Sept. 10-11am in Parent's Room in the Church.

Greetings

Dear friends, parishioners of St Martin de Porres Parish, Avondale Heights.

I am Fr Paul, newly appointed Parish Priest of St Martin's.

May the Peace and Grace of God and Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Pace a tutti voi!

Xin Chúa chúc lành và ban bình an cho tất cả anh chị em!

Il-Paci Maghkom!

I am humbled to become your next Parish Priest.

I thank God for his love to us.

I am grateful to the Archbishop for entrusting me with the pastoral care of the Parish of Avondale Heights.

I am looking forward to being with you and journeying with you in the very near future.

I will arrive at the Parish on Monday 29 September 2025 and will celebrate Mass on Tuesday 30 September at 9:15 am.

Mass times for weekdays and weekends will be the same.

I wish you all the very best with abundant blessings from God and our Patron St Martin. Please pray for me, as I also pray for you and your families.

Sincerely yours,

Fr Paul Tru



The Archbishop's Campaign 2025

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese.

Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are available in the church or you can make a gift via the QR code, or online @ www.melbournecatholic.org/archbishops campaign



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

The Augustinian Sisters Latest Newsletter



Read about Sr Lorraine's journey to the Philippines and Vietnam.

<https://www.asjmoz.org/mission-news-august-2025.html>



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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 John 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up as
Moses lifted up the serpent in the
desert,
so that everyone who believes may have
eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may
not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might
be saved.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we concentrate on the power of the cross in our lives. It is the ultimate demonstration of the nature of God. Christ gave of himself even to death on the cross. This is characteristic, not only of the man Jesus, but of the Godhead. Creation is the first example of divine emptying; redemption is the ultimate example. Unlike Good Friday when we stand before the stark cross and mourn the death of our innocent messiah, today we stand before the glorious cross and praise God for God’s incomprehensible goodness toward us. God’s graciousness is poured out indiscriminately, prodigally as only profound love can be given. Such is the nature of our God, and the cross is the symbol of this nature.

Jesus compares the pole in the wilderness on which was fixed the serpent to the cross which becomes the source of our healing. It was through the cross that Jesus conquered sin and death and won for us access to God. It is through the cross that we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. As painful as life’s crosses may be, they serve to transform us. It can be our hope in the midst of pain and suffering and brokenness, because it promises to carry us into new life.

Through the goodness of God, which has been poured out for us, we have been granted eternal life. It is incomprehensible to think that death is the way to life, but that is the message of this feast. The cross, which is a sign of shame and misery, is now a symbol of glory and exaltation.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today’s Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 907 New Missal: 1021



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

14 September

First Reading Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.’

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.’ Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, ‘Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.’ So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. (R.)
2. When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their
rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. (R.)
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.

For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. (R.)

4. Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**We adore you, O Christ, and we praise
you,**

**because by your cross you have
redeemed the world. Alleluia!**