

Gospel Acclamation John 6:39

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 7:11-17

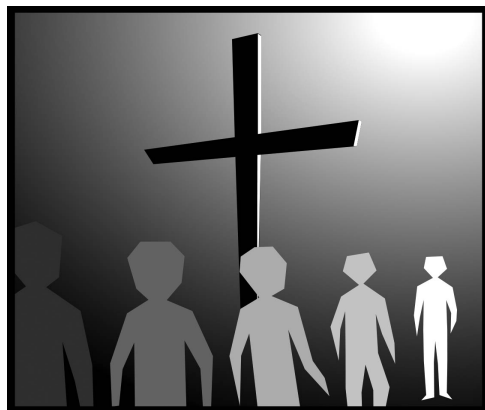
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Young man, I say to you, to get up.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

If we are honest we will have to admit that though we have died with Christ to sin and risen with him to new life, we do not fully die to sin. In fact, there are many times in our lives when we live in sin, when we actually cling to sin. What happens to those who die in such a state? They may not have turned completely away from the goodness of God, but they have not been faithful either. The remnants of sin cling to them, making them somewhat unfit to stand before the face of God. Are they lost? Or are they saved?

In God there is mercy in abundance. Jesus is not willing to lose anyone. Therefore, the power of Jesus and the strength of his promises give us hope that even after death there is the possibility of purification and pardon. We have no idea of when this might happen or how it will happen. All we know is that the lovingkindness of God far surpasses any infidelity of which we might be guilty.

The feast of All Souls is not a feast of sadness, but one of great hope and confidence. It invites us to entrust our dead to God, because we know that they are really God's dead. We know that if we have loved them, God has loved them more. They are in God's care, and like a good shepherd God will lead them to peace.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 916 New Missal: 1029



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First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The Lord God will destroy death for ever.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples, and
the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will
destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his peoples shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We
exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14. R v.1. Alt. R v.13

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- 1 The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. (R.)

3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

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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Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

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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:

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; Nancy Green; Emily & Grace; Adamo; Rose; Mellisa, Rose.

Recently Deceased:

Rosalio (Leo) Esquillo; Phyllis Xerri; Domenica Barbante; Harry Degan (Ireland).

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Josephine Rowbottom (1st); Vivian Lamicela; George & Bass Srou; Charlie Sciberras; 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 Galea.

Holy Souls' Anniversary

Gaetano Giampiccolo; Enna & Antonino Ilardi; Orazio & Giuseppina Giampiccolo; Vince Ilardi; Michael Vella; Michael Vella Jnr; Delores Vella; Gateano Vella; Joseph Vella; Joseph Caruana; Melita Caruana; Charles & Lena Spalia; Leon Slater;

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

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,072

Shortfall: \$516 Loose: \$1,506

Presbytery: \$2,340

Australian Catholic Youth Festival: \$572

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.



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays: 2.30pm Rosary
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

followed by Stations of the Cross, 4pm finish.



Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla

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



CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

Baptism: Lilian Claire Abinoja



Holy Souls' Mass for

Deceased Parishioners

Thursday 6th November 7pm

Invitations have been posted to the families. **All Welcome**



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



Christian Meditation

Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am
Parent's Room in the Church

Term 4: Nov 10 & 24; Dec 8.



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

Pastoral Care Team Update

We thank Fleur Allen for her positive contributions to our Parish as she prepares to move on and we wish her well for the future. Please give a warm welcome to Lee Tran who will be starting as the new Parish Secretary this month, she will be a great addition to the pastoral care team.

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.