

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:

Nancy Apostolidis; Nancy Green; Helen Borg; Charlie Coxhead; Phyllis Xerri; Frank Logha; Silvia & Thomas Galic; Patrick & Norma Moore; Milvia Cutajar; Mary Jones; Alexander, Felipe, Anne; Phillip; Elena and Lorenzo.

Recently Deceased:

Tony Gangemi; Rev Leonard Thomas PE; Janet Dunne; Joseph Giliberto; Maria Ferraro; Concetta La Pila; Marija Gorscak; Giuseppina Cuce; Helen Healy (Ireland); Carmela Pisanelli; Maria Lourdes Castro.

Anniversaries & Remembrances

Antonio Vitalone (1st); Agostino D'Angelo (1st); Richard Evans; Dominic Nguyen Van Lung; Maria Nguyen Thi Dung; Amalia Gangemi; Anunzia & Fantino Avignone; Charlie Galea; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomenu Sammut; Charlie Sciberras; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Victor Apap; Tonina Darmanin; Dominic Cumbo; Victor Micallef.

COLLECTIONS

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$1,970

Shortfall: \$618 Loose: \$712

Presbytery: \$1,346

No Cash For The Collections

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Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays 2:30pm in the church.

All Welcome!

Catholic Theological College

2025 Enrolments are open

Study scripture, theology, pastoral ministry and spirituality

- Introductory or further studies
- Face-to-face or online modes
- Audit, undergraduate or postgraduate level

For more info: [view our 2025 Prospectus](http://www.ctc.edu.au/view-our-2025-prospectus)

www.ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/ or see flyer on the noticeboard.



Christmas Activities



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th December

Family Mass 6:00pm

- children please dress as Nativity figures

Vietnamese Mass 9:00pm

Carols & Midnight Mass 11:30pm

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25th December

English 8:00am & 9:30am

Vietnamese 11:00am

Christmas Rosters

Are in the foyer of the church – Please indicate where you can help out at Masses.

2025 Columban Calendars \$10

Available in the foyer.



St Vincent de Paul Society
Christmas Appeal *good works*



Gifts for the needy under the Christmas Tree

Thank you to everyone who responded with generosity by placing gifts under the tree for the less fortunate.



Caritas AUSTRALIA 60 YEARS 1964-2024

In lieu of Christmas presents some families may like to support Caritas this Christmas.

Global Gifts Campaign

www.globalgifts.org.au/

Christmas Appeal

www.caritas.org.au/Christmas

Emergency Appeals

www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/



Advent Prayer of Praise

O redeemer, creator of the stars,
you reign in everlasting light.
Your people look to you in hope
for your promise is our reward.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

You have set your people free
for you came among us
and redeemed your people.

We watch and wait for your coming again
when all will be judged in fairness and truth.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Save us by your everlasting power
hear your servants when we call.

Light our lamps, open our eyes,
make us ready to meet you face to face.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

No longer a people in darkness,
your glory reaches to the ends of the earth.

Let the paths be straight
and the mountains laid low.
Exult in the Lord, all you just.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Amen.

Liturgy Help

The Augustinian Sisters Latest Newsletter



Read about Sr Lorraine's journey to Vietnam, and see photos of the generosity of people in helping to set up the mission in Go Vap.

www.asjmoz.org/mission-news-november-2024.html

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 Acclamation Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with
a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animosities are set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it.

The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God.

We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually reenact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 662 New Missal: 748



4th Sunday of Advent, Year C

22 December 2024

First Reading Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule
over Israel.*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon
them

till the time when she who is to give birth
gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will
come back

to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock

with the power of the Lord,

with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he
will extend his power

to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall
be saved.**

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you
have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon
your name. (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into
the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin;

then I said,

just as I was commanded in the scroll of
the book,

'God, here I am! I am coming to obey
your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want
what the Law lays down as the things to be
offered, is: the sacrifices, the oblations,
the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin,
and you took no pleasure in them; and
then he says: Here I am! I am coming to
obey your will. He is abolishing the first
sort to replace it with the second. And this
will was for us to be made holy by the
offering of his body made once and for all
by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.