

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: Rose; Mellisa; Claudia & Thomas; Sophie Saidel; Nancy Green; Peter Falzon; Joseph Nguyen Ngoc Thi; Maria Nguyen Lam Quynh; Edward Tortoreto; Monika Marland; Anthony Sgro; Alex Mather; Emily & Grace.

Recently Deceased:

Dolores Vella; Nunzio Monitto; Santina Leo; Veronica Dovey; Palma Prato; Roger Cerezo; Faye Tudor; Linda Saidel; Fernando Francis; Pope Francis.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Rocco Piccolo (1st); Carmelo Mineo (1st); Frank Calabro (1st); Gaetano Gangemi; Maria Nguyen thi Khen; Maria Nguyen thi Thuy; Phanxico Nguyen Minh Cuong; Moses Barra; Nicola Petrecca; Charlie Galea; Victor Micallaf; Dominic Cumbo; Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa & Menu Sammut; Francis & Bernarda Grima; John & Tonina Darmanin; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Victor Apap; Carmelo & Rita De Bono; Charlie Sciberras.

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,136

Shortfall: \$452 Loose: \$1,183

Presbytery: \$1,920

Reminder: Parish Support people please return your Census cards as soon as possible.

Contributing to the Collections

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



Annual Mass Count

Continues this weekend & throughout May.



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays 2:30pm in the church.
All Welcome!



Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla

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

St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2026



Applications Open

Please apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000.



CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

First Eucharist Children

Will attend the 6pm and 9:30am Masses to hand out Prayer cards for the congregation to pray for them.



St Martin's Jubilee Year Calendar

Reflect on Ageing and Spirituality

Sr Lorraine's 1st session was very engaging and the time flew. There is still time to book into the next 2 separate sessions.

Tuesdays 20th and 27th May 7-8pm

St Martin's Hall \$5 per session

Journey into Caring-Who Cares for The Carer?

The Journey to Eternal Life

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/DARQO

13th - 15 June Episcopal Visitation

by Archbishop Peter Comensoli who will reside in the parish that weekend

Saturday 14th June 6pm Youth Mass

Date to be advised Pilgrimage

to Mary MacKillop Church, Keilor Downs



St Martin's Youth Masses

Pick up a flyer in the foyer to find out how you can become involved

or scan the QR code for more info.

2nd Mass Saturday 14th June 6pm

Celebrated by Archbishop Comensoli



Altar Servers, Baptism Preparation Teams, Computer Mass Presentation Operators, Sacristy Teams, etc.

Appropriate training will be arranged. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to discover your hidden God given talents and share them for God's greater glory.



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>



MacKillop Family Services

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 Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

‘Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my
disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The passage from the Gospel of John actually comes from the Last Supper account, as is indicated by the opening line: ‘When Judas had gone’. However, the passage is being used during the post-resurrection Easter season. The passage about being glorified can be read in this context as referring to the crucifixion that was, rather than the crucifixion that is still to come in the original setting. The reference that Jesus will not be with the disciples much longer can also be read as an indicator towards the Ascension. It is a clever liturgical use of a gospel passage out of its intended context.

The second half of the gospel passage is perhaps the more familiar section. It is a common text for marriage ceremonies. However, sometimes its selection is purely based on the use of the term ‘love’. Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The ‘new’ commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, ‘just as I have loved you’. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 712 New Missal: 802



5th Sunday of Easter, Year C

18 May 2025

First Reading Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. ‘We all have to experience many hardships’ they said ‘before we enter the kingdom of God.’ In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your
reign. (R.)

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Revelations 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth;
the first heaven and the first earth had
disappeared now, and there was no longer
any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new
Jerusalem, coming down from God out of
heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed
for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice
call from the throne, ‘You see this city?
Here God lives among men. He will
make his home among them; they shall be
his people, and he will be their God; his
name is God-with-them. He will wipe away
all tears from their eyes; there will be no
more death, and no more mourning or
sadness. The world of the past has gone.’

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke:
‘Now I am making the whole of creation
new.’

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**