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Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 6:30pm
Sunday 7:30am & 9:00am
Vietnamese 11:00am

Weekday Services

Mass Wednesday & Thursday 9:15am
Communion Service Tuesday & Friday 9:15am
Benediction Wednesday after Mass
Reconciliation Wednesday 9:45am

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Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday Services

Mass Tuesday 9:00am
Friday 9:15am
Communion Service Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am
Reconciliation Saturday 4:30pm

The Augustinian Sisters

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick: Joseph Xuereb; Helen Borg; Marita Dizon; Pino Statamghalia; Milvia Cutajar; Peter Falzon; Frank Logha; Mary Jones.

Recently Deceased:

Emma Vassallo; Sebastiana Morsello; Mary Cachia; Carmelo Mineo; John Evans; Thanh Van Tran; Elma Susana Pin Pin; Gerard Murray (Ireland); Franco Mete (Italy); Maria Lê Thị Mộng Vân; Dominico Bui Quang Luat; Phaolo Nguyen Xuan Lan; Francesco Calabro; Salvatore Scifo; Joseph Mizzi; Concetta Zappala; Antonio Endaya (Philippines); Mary Attard; Anne Camilleri; Pasquale Vinci; Luciano Capuano; Saverio Polito; Phanxico Xavie Nguyen Hua.

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Adam Szreniawski (1st); Maria Piccione (1st); Andrea & Angela Zaia; Alfonso, Rosetta & Rosa Luvera; Moses Barra; Leo Gavin; Gwen Carroll; Valerie Wegel; Ralph Almeida; Ralph Downes; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomenu Sammut; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Emmanuel & Nazarena Farrugia; Charlie Sciberras; Tonina Darmanin; Dominic Cumbo; Victor Micallef; Victor Apap.

ST JOHN BOSCO'S INFORMATION

Collections:

Thanksgiving: \$1,462 Presbytery: \$515
Loose: \$1,157

Communion to the Sick and Elderly

Please ring the office if you could help take Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

ST MARTIN DE PORRES' INFORMATION

Collections:

Parish Support Programme:
Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,147 Shortfall: \$441
Loose: \$1471 Presbytery: \$1,999

Bible Study with Sr Mayla & Deacon Cuong

Wednesdays commencing this week 12th June at 10am in St Martin's Pastoral Centre. Please bring your own Bible. Ref this week: Matthew 5:17-19. Everyone welcome.

Christian Meditation



Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus
All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am
Parent's Room in the Church

Term 2: 17 June



St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2025

Applications Open: Apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000.

SMdeP & SJB INFORMATION

Letter from Archbishop Comensoli

Please take home a letter available in the foyer from Archbishop Peter's recent 2-week travel to the Holy Lands, the Palestinian Territories and Lebanon. It makes a very interesting read.



St Vincent de Paul Society
Winter Appeal Next Weekend



Caritas Australia's Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster Appeal

Remote communities in Papua New Guinea have been devastated by a catastrophic landslide that struck at 3am on 24th May. The timing of the landslide meant most people were sleeping at the time of the disaster, with little time to escape. Thousands are feared dead. Although the initial estimate from the United Nations was that at least 670 people may have lost their lives. The total population of the entire affected ward is nearly 4,000 people, but this number could be higher due to an increased number of displaced people who have been living in the area in recent times. The ongoing search and rescue operations are facing challenges due to the hazardous terrain and the continuous threat of landslides. Those who have lost their homes urgently need our support now, and in the weeks and months ahead. **You can donate online at www.caritas.org.au/png or Ph 1800 024 413 or scan the QR code**



Prayer

Loving God, we carry in our hearts all who suffer. At this time, we especially plead on behalf of the people of Papua New Guinea who are suffering grief and loss in the wake of landslides. We hold out to you all who have died, their families and communities, and all who have been left homeless. We ask that the Australian community will respond to the crisis of our close neighbours and friends. At the time of the feast of Corpus Christi we remember that Jesus puts his body and blood on the line for us. May we too respond body and soul to the needs of God's family throughout the world. May we be living bread for all.

Amen.

Written by Michael McGirr

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Feast 8th June

Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I give you my heart.
With it, I want to love you, and with you,
and through you,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
and the entire divine creation.

My dear Mother,
I place myself in your Holy and
Immaculate Heart.
I know that you will take care of me,
and all those who have recourse to you in
all our needs.

With you motherly help,
I wish to sanctify this entire day,
for the conversion of sinners,
the reparation of our sins,
the salvation of the dying,
for the glory and love of
the Most Holy Trinity.

Amen



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.

The Parishes of St Martin de Porres and St John Bosco, 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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing this form and leaving it in the collection basket.

Parish of: _____

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

We encourage you to join our programme. Please ring the Parish Office or visit our website.

Gospel Mark 3:20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on today's Gospel, Pope Francis says that 'Jesus' response was not a lack of respect for his mother and his brethren.' He was not turning away from family, but rather widening the very concept.

'Jesus formed a new family,' the Pope explains, 'no longer based on natural ties, but on faith in him, on his love which welcomes us and unites us to each other, in the Holy Spirit.'

This is especially poignant when we remember that Jesus was just accused of being devilish. While Jesus' clever riposte turns the logic of the scribes upside down and puts them on the backfoot, the Pope suggests that 'this episode contains an admonishment which is useful to all of us.'

He points out that 'it can happen that deep envy of a person's goodness and good works can drive one to falsely accuse him or her.' This, after all, was the root of the accusation against Jesus. We must be alert to this temptation ourselves, especially in the Church.

We should also be alert to a little detail in this Gospel which is easily overlooked. Pope Francis draws our attention to it, because it highlights why Jesus attracted both accusations and concerns in the first place.

Jesus, the Pope points out, 'did not even have time to eat.' He was too busy encountering people and encouraging them. 'Jesus,' the Pope says, 'was like that: people first; serving people; helping people; teaching people; healing people. He was for the people. He did not even have time to eat.'

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES & ST JOHN BOSCO

Catholic Parishes

Avondale Heights & Niddrie



10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

9 June 2024

First Reading Genesis 3:9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, '

Because you have done this,
'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust
every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:

you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.
It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak. (R.)

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture - I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:31. 32

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

Alleluia!