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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:** Helen Borg; Milvia Cutajar; Peter Falzon; Pino Statamghalia; Frank Logha; Mary Jones.

**Recently Deceased:**

Joseph Xuereb; Eugenia Dela Cruz; Fr Brendan Dillon PE; Marita Dizon (Filippines); Emma Vassallo; Sebastiana Morsello; Mary Cachia; Carmelo Mineo; John Evans; Thinh 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; Phanxico Xavie Nguyen Hua.

**Anniversaries and Remembrances:**

Joseph Hieu Bui (1st); Rocco Piccolo (1st); Pio Dizon; Ivan Siric; Anja Eres; Joseph Rapa; Peter De Cello; Bernard O'Sullivan; Paul Fennessy; Victor Apap; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomenu Sammut; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Charlie Sciberras; Tonina Darmanin; Dominic Cumbo; Victor Micallef.

**ST JOHN BOSCO'S INFORMATION**

**Collections:**

Thanksgiving: \$1,287 Presbytery: \$286  
Loose: \$747

**Bible Study Group**

Exploring the wonders of God's word through the guidance of the Holy Spirit will truly enlighten and uplift our hearts. Join us Saturday at 4pm in the Presbytery for our next meetings 27 July; 24 August.

**Communion to the Sick and Elderly**

Please ring the office on 9337 9994 if you could take Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

**Statue of Our Lady**

Please contact the office if you wish to have the Statue of Our Lady in your home for one week.

**ST MARTIN DE PORRES' INFORMATION**

**Collections:**

**Parish Support Programme:**  
Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$1,913 Shortfall: \$675  
Loose: \$1472 Presbytery: \$1,461  
**Papua New Guinea Landslide Victims:** \$1,645



**Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla & Deacon Cuong**

Wednesdays 10am in St Martin's Pastoral Centre. Please bring your own Bible.  
Ref this week: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18  
Everyone welcome.

**Christian Meditation**



**Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus**  
Monday 17 June 10 - 11am  
Parent's Room in the Church

**St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2025**



**Applications Now Open**

Please apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000.

**SMdeP & SJB INFORMATION**

**The Augustinian Sisters**

Ask that you join them in prayer as Sr Lorraine travels to Vietnam on 25 July to seek out the possibility of opening a convent and starting a mission there. This first trip is 'fact finding' but we know that if God wills this to be, it will be.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**

**Winter Appeal 2024** *good works*

**This year, we are focusing on the issue of the working homeless.**

The lack of affordable housing and increased demand for rental properties in Australia means that even those working can't afford a roof over their heads. As a result, more and more Australians are being forced into homelessness - 'the working homeless'.

**CASE STUDY: LUKE'S STORY**

Luke works five days a week at a bakery and supports his elderly father, Colin, who suffers from a variety of health issues, including acute chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) that causes difficulty breathing and walking. "I've got to do just about 95% of all the basic things that someone would need to do or get done with [my father] being on disability," explains Luke. "It's a matter of I've got to do it or nothing's going to happen." Luke's outlook on life is pragmatic however his living situation is anything but. "I've been on the streets for two years without finding any place while I'm holding down a full-time job." "It's not easy. It's very hard." *Luke is part of a group known as the working homeless.*

**Will you help?**

Your donation can help provide food for people like Luke and his dad, who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness, can give vulnerable people immediate relief providing warm clothes and blankets this winter, and can find secure housing for the future.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**

7<sup>th</sup> June 2024



O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

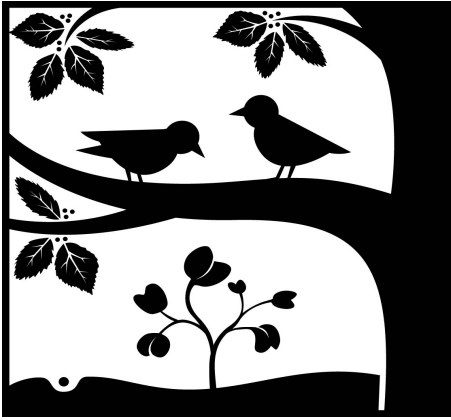
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**PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

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



**Gospel** Mark 4:26-34

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

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**ST MARTIN DE PORRES & ST JOHN BOSCO**

**Catholic Parishes**

**Avondale Heights & Niddrie**



**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**16 June 2024**

**First Reading** Ezekiel 17:22-24

**A reading from the book of Ezekiel**

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a  
shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high  
mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of  
Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade  
of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that  
I, the Lord, am the one  
who stunts tall trees and makes the low  
ones grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the  
withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

**(R.) Lord it is good to give thanks to  
you.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most  
High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the  
night. (R.)

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

3. Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

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

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it,  
we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we  
remember that to live in the body means  
to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do  
by faith and not by sight - we are full of  
confidence, I say, and actually want to be  
exiled from the body and make our home  
with the Lord. Whether we are living in the  
body or exiled from it, we are intent on  
pleasing him. For all the truth about us will  
be brought out in the law court of Christ,  
and each of us will get what he deserves  
for the things he did in the body, good or  
bad.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The seed is the word of God,**

**Christ is the sower;**

**all who come to him will live for ever.**

**Alleluia!**