

Parish Priest Fr. Nhàn Le
St Martin de Porres Parish

158 Military Rd, Avondale Heights Vic 3034
Website: www.cam.org.au/avondaleheights

Deacon: Cuong Dang
Parish Secretary: Paula McKernan
Pastoral Associate: Sr. Cres Villas, asjm
Sr. Connie Mamo, asjm (Vol)
Phone: 9337 6016
Fax: 9337 1943
E-mail: avondaleheights@cam.org.au
Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9:30am - 5:30pm

St Martin de Porres School

Principal: Stefanie Harvey
Secretaries: Mary Carmuciano & Maria Aloe
Phone: 9331 9000
E-mail: principal@smavondaleheights.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.smavondaleheights.catholic.edu.au

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

St. John Bosco's Parish

29 Muriel Street, Niddrie 3042

Parish Secretary: Charles Meneze
Phone: 9337 9994
E-mail: niddrie@cam.org.au

St. John Bosco's School

6 Teague Street, Niddrie 3042

Principal: Peter Monaghan
Phone: 9337 2314
E-mail: principal@sibniddrie.catholic.edu.au

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

Convent: 2 Venice Court, Avondale Heights
Phone: 9337 4595
E-mail: spinelli@bigpond.net.au
Website: www.asjmoz.org

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick: Inez Jansz; Patrick & Norma Moore; Helen Borg; Mary Jones; Milvia Cutajar; Frank Logha; Peter Falzon; Pino Statamghalia.

Recently Deceased:

Giuseppe Morizzi; Josephine Vella; Val Sawyer; Theresa Buckley (Ireland); Magdalen Borg; Libarale Cendron; Gino Barzetti; Joseph Xuereb; Eugenia Dela Cruz; Fr Brendan Dillon PE; Marita Dizon; Sebastiana Morsello; Gaetana Maugeri.

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Christina Micallef (1st); Fr Joseph O'Keefe; Pat McKernan; Joseph Nguyen Van Nguyet; *Brian Moroney*; Dominic Cumbo; Victor Micallef; Victor Apap; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomenu Sammut; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Charlie Sciberras; Tonina Darmanin.

ST JOHN BOSCO'S INFORMATION

Collections:

Thanksgiving: \$1,351 **Presbytery:** \$254
Loose: \$680 **Peter's Pence:** \$270

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: \$2,051 Shortfall: \$537
Loose: \$613 **Presbytery:** \$1,485
Peter's Pence: \$1,250



Devotion to Divine Mercy

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



Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla & Deacon Cuong

Wednesdays 10am in St Martin's Pastoral Centre. Please bring your own Bible. Reference this week Matthew 10: 1-7
Everyone welcome.

New SMdeP's Parish Office Hours

From Monday 8th July

Monday & Thursday: Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
9.30 am - 5.30 pm

SMdeP & SJB INFORMATION



Join Our Maltese Language Classes!

Registration is now open for Maltese language classes for both adults and children.

Learn to speak, read, and write in Maltese while exploring the rich cultural heritage of Malta. Whether you're a beginner or looking to improve your skills, our classes are tailored to meet your needs.

For more information & to register, visit our website <https://mccv.org.au/services/language/>



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone our Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

VMCH Villa Maria Catholic Homes
At - Home Aged Care Services

At VMCH, we support thousands of clients with their at-home aged care needs. We deliver personal care, domestic care, respite, companionship & wellbeing checks in strict health & safety. If you are after support or any advice, contact one of our compassionate consultants on 1300 698 624.



Provides a wide range of family & relationship services, emergency relief, pastoral services, schools counselling, refugee settlement and asylum seeker support. Our services are available to all regardless of religious belief or background. Ph: 9287 5555 or go to www.ccam.org.au

Mackillop Family Services

Foster Carers wanted. Call 8398 6800 or go to www.mackillop.org.au

*From 14th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Prayer Service*

God of all kindness

Jesus loved little children
for he was meek and humble of heart.
Teach us to learn his ways
and be gentle people of peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

Lord Jesus,
though we may at times
be rejected and ridiculed,
give us strength to bear witness
to the truth of God's message.
We make this prayer through
our Risen Lord Jesus.

Amen

Source: Liturgy Help

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 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes through us, it comes from God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

The psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Lectionary for the Mass ©1981 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc.(ICEL). All rights reserved. The psalm texts, from The Psalms, A New Translation, ©1963 by The Grail, England and used by permission of the publishers. The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.
© 2017 Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd
All use must be in accordance with your user licensing agreement.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES & ST JOHN BOSCO
Catholic Parishes
Avondale Heights & Niddrie



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B **7 July 2024**

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

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

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!