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St Martin de Porres Parish

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

Weekday Services
Mass Wednesday 9:15am
Thursday 9:15am & 7:00pm
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 & Thursday 9:00am
Friday 9:15am
Communion Service Wednesday 9:00am
Reconciliation Saturday 4:30pm

The Augustinian Sisters

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Alexander, Felipe, Anne; Patrick & Norma Moore; Helen Borg; Peter Falzon; Mary Jones; Frank Logh; Milvia Cutajar.

Recently Deceased:

Jacinta Cantwell; Romaldina D'Abreo; Luigi Mosca; Sue La Fontaine; Rosamaria Gizzarelli (Italy); Pauline Clarke; Giuseppina Usai; Iolanda De Blasis; Antonio Genovese; Mary Gallagher (Ireland); Anton Franzoni; Gregorio Marazita; Sr Bernadetta Attard asjm (Malta); Margaret Graham; Alfred Scalpello; Anthony Degabriele; Inez Jansz; Caterina Filippone; Fr Kazimiersz Trawicki; Perla Dando; Luningning Pinpin (Phil.); Rolando Paza & Romeo Roldan; Sr Battistina Ceccarelli; Joyce Bazzarelli; Rosie Pinpin.

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Filippo Roda (1st); Giuseppe Arbace; Giovanna Barrasso; Anna Di Sisto; Ellen Sepala; Celestino Fernandes; Patricia Evans; Brian Nelis; Queenie Alva; Ted Riley; Mary Malone; Des Athaide; Mary Revell; Margaret McIntosh; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomenu Sammut; Emmanuel & Nazzena Farrugia; Victor Apap; Charlie Sciberras; Tonina Darmanin; Dominic Cumbo; Victor Micallef.

ST JOHN BOSCO'S INFORMATION

Collections:

Thanksgiving: \$1,565 Presbytery: \$717
Loose: \$460

Interim Mass Times from
Wednesday 21st August

Following Fr David Cartwright's appointment to St John Bosco Parish he has advised of these interim Mass times:

Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
(Reconciliation 4.30pm)
Sunday 10:30am
Weekday Masses Wednesday - Friday 9:30am

Bible Study Group

Exploring the wonders of God's word through the guidance of the Holy Spirit will truly enlighten and uplift our hearts. Next Meeting in the Presbytery: 4pm Saturday 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.

ST MARTIN DE PORRES' INFORMATION

Collections:

Parish Support Programme:
Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,070 Shortfall: \$518
Loose: \$710 Presbytery: \$1,626
Opening the Doors Foundation: \$886 Thank You

New Mass Times from 24th/25th August

Following Fr David Cartwright's appointment to St John Bosco Parish our Mass times will be:

Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
(Reconciliation 5.30pm)
Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am
Vietnamese 11:00 am

Weekday Masses Tuesday - Friday 9:15am
Benediction Wednesday after Mass
Thank you for being so adaptable to the changes.



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.
Ref. this week: Matthew 18:15 - 20 All Welcome.

Christian Meditation



Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus
All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am
Parent's Room in the Church
Term 3: 12 & 26 August; 9 September.

SMdeP & SJB INFORMATION

Mass Thursday 15th August
Feast - Assumption of BV Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

St Martin de Porres: 9:15am (+ School) & 7pm
St John Bosco: 9am



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Assumption of Mary

Feast 15th August

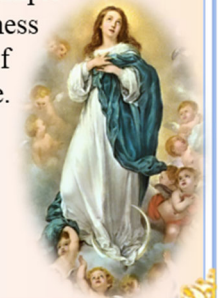
Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come
from you.

In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to
be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example
in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of
endless love and praise.

We ask this through
Christ our Lord.

Amen



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.

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 John 6:41-51

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,

and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God,

and to hear the teaching of the Father,

and learn from it,

is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,

except the one who comes from God:

he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,

everybody who believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert

and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,

so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Your mother and my mother, carrying her baby in the womb for nine months, effectively said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' A mother able to breastfeed continues this communion as she offers her body to give life to her child.

Our Lord Jesus Christ adopts maternal language to express his deepest desire for us! He gives us his risen and glorified Humanity: 'Take, eat, this is my body', and a sort of life-giving mutual indwelling occurs: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' This is as intimate as a baby dwelling in the womb of its mother. As St Paul put it in a different context, 'In Him we live and move and have our being.'

The Saviour of the World, the Conqueror of Death, dwells in my body and I dwell in his glorified body. This gives us 'eternal life' which is not something which begins after death, but is simply a label for Our Lord's Divinehuman life which we can share right now. However, because it is the life of the Conqueror of Death it will certainly impel us beyond the grave: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could take a moment to pray to more fervently realise and take advantage of the fact that, at every Mass, we can respond to the invitation to come forward to Holy Communion so as to be wombbed in the maternal Christ.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES & ST JOHN BOSCO

Catholic Parishes

Avondale Heights & Niddrie



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 August 2024

First Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all his terrors he set me free. (R.)

3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R)

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue
them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 4:30-5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

Alleluia!

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