

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: Phyllis Xerri; Silvia Galic; Frank Logha; Patrick & Norma Moore; Helen Borg; Peter Falzon; Alexander, Felipe, Anne; Mary Jones; Milvia Cutajar.

Recently Deceased:

Frances Abela; Antonino Lombardo; Angelo Bonanno; Peter Lightfoot; Sylvio Jurisevic; Maria Merlino; Noel Navarro; Anna Di Sisto; Mario Di Pasquale; Kathleen O'Neill; Norman Martin; Sam Simon Casa; Hilda Marchena (Peru); Rosamaria Gizzarelli (Italy); Luigi Mosca; Sue La Fontaine; Pauline Clarke; Giuseppina Usai; Iolanda De Blasis; Antonio Genovese; Mary Gallagher (Ireland).

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Gaetano Gangemi; John Alderuccio; Antonino Prochilo; Eugenia dela Cruz; Mario Aquilina; Alberto & Amelia Rozzi; Tony & Frank Patti; Nicola Lo Guarro; Dominic Cumbo; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Charlie Galea; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomenu Sammut; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Victor Apap; Charlie Sciberras; Tonina Darmanin; Victor Micallef.

COLLECTIONS

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,117
Shortfall: \$471 Loose: \$705
Presbytery: \$1,335



Bible Sharing with Sr Mayla & Deacon Cuong

Wednesdays 10am in St Martin's Pastoral Centre. Ref. Luke 4:38-44

Christian Meditation

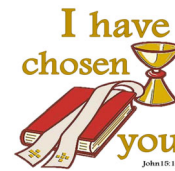


Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am
Parent's Room in the Church
Term 3: 9 September.

HAPPY
Father's
DAY

Deacon Cuong Celebrations



Sunday 8th September
Deacon Cuong will be Ordained in St Martin de Porres Church at 10am. Followed by light refreshments under the school covered area. Please bring a plate of your cultural food to share. The 8 am Mass will be celebrated as usual. No Vietnamese Mass at 11 am.

Sunday 15th September
Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Fr Cuong followed by morning tea in the hall. The 8 am Mass will be celebrated as usual. No Vietnamese Mass at 11 am.

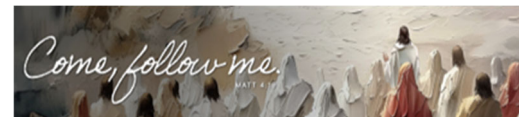
Catholic Theological College

Upcoming Events

Information Session for Educators
Information Session for Prospective Students

Engaging Your Faith Online Sessions
For more information:

ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/
ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/
or see flyer on the noticeboard.



The Archbishop's Campaign 2024 the theme is: Come Follow Me

One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne: Preferably monthly recurring by Credit Card or Direct Debit.

Please give generously.

Corpus Christi College Building Fund
Priests Retirement Foundation
John Pierce Centre
Melbourne Overseas Missions
University of Divinity Building Fund
Annual Grants to Catholic community agencies and community service organisations
Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives
Seminar Education

Envelopes are on the seats & brochures regarding this campaign will be in the foyer for you to take home and consider your contribution to these worthwhile causes.

Blessing Prayer for Fathers

Dear God, thank You for the gift of our Fathers!
Thank You for their encouragement, their guidance, and their provision for us. Thank You for their patience, understanding and sense of humour - in short, for their unfailing love!
Please bless our Fathers with Your Spirit of wisdom, counsel and fortitude. May they feel Your love in their hearts, Your peace in their minds and Your joy in their spirits this day.
We ask this in the name of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ through the intercession of Saint Joseph, whom You chose to be His father on earth.

Amen



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.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Phone No. _____

Address: _____

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

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

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making them holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

**Today's Celebration is on pages:
Old Missal: 606 New Missal: 682**



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1 September 2024

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!**

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