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Sunday 7:30am & 9:00am
Vietnamese 11:00pm

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Mass Tuesday - Friday 9:15am
Adoration & Benediction Wednesday after Mass
Reconciliation Wednesday 9:45am
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Sunday 10:30am

Weekday Services
Mass Tuesday - Thursday 9:00am
Friday 9:15am
Reconciliation Saturday 4:30pm

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick: Daniela Di Clemente; Veronica Dovey; Helen Borg; Peter Falzon; Frank Logha; Milvia Cutaja; Mary Jones.

Recently Deceased:

Nunziato Trifiletti; Sr Loredana Camilleri asjm; Antonio Calidonna; Antonio Teixeira; Renza Peruch Pullicino; Ron Munro; Mary Camilleri; Sr Rosanna Bonnici asjm; Sr Gisele Isp; Maria Antonia Romeo; Nella Salemi.

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Maryanne Walsh (1st); Vincenzo Raffa (1st); Maria La Porta (1st); Luis Figueroa (1st); Zoran Romich; Petronilla & Nicola Lo Guarro; Marianna Ganci; Judy Vaitkunas; Carl Pereira; Ralph Downes; Jim Cahir; Jack Brown; Archbishop Frank Little; Joseph Nguyen Nha; Joseph Tran Luan; Maria Dinh Thi Nhu; Maria Dinh Thi Thap; Joseph Nguyen Van Nguyet; Nguyen Van Giang; Vo Kim Phung; 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.

SMdP & SJB INFORMATION
NEW MASS TIMES from 13/14 APRIL

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Vietnamese 11:00am

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Mass Wed & Thurs 9:15am
Communion Service Tues & Fri 9:15am

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Mass Tuesday 9:00am
Friday 9:15am
Communion Service Wed & Thurs 9:00am

Leaving Collection for Fr Thomas

Fr Thomas has been recalled to India by his Bishop. We wish him all the best for the future when he leaves us next Saturday 13 April.

ST JOHN BOSCO'S INFORMATION

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 at 4pm in the Presbytery for our next meetings 6 April & 27 April.

Divine Mercy Novena

Concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April after 10:30am Mass.

People who go to confession (within seven days) and 'receive Holy Communion' on this Sunday 'shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.' (Diary 699).

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Divine Mercy Novena and especially to Father Thomas for saying the extra masses. If you can, please continue to say the Divine Mercy Chaplet, especially for those who are dying.

ST MARTIN DE PORRES' INFORMATION



Devotion to Divine Mercy

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

Essendon & District Diabetes Support Group

Newsletter available in the church foyer.



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Looking for Italian speaking volunteers in the Essendon, Avondale Heights areas

The Regional Co-ordinator for the North-West area is currently looking for Italian speaking male volunteers in the Essendon and Avondale Heights areas to visit lonely, isolated gentlemen who would appreciate a friendly chat once a week for an hour or so to help reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness. If you have an hour a week to spare and would like to make a difference to an elderly persons' life and a rewarding experience for yourself, please contact Linda for more information. Ph:0432 422 332 Em: Lfrancione@coasit.com.au

Feast of the Annunciation

8th April

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

V. And the word was made flesh:

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

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 Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

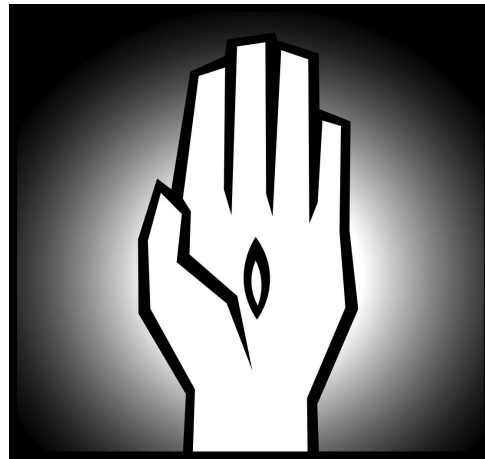
'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES & ST JOHN BOSCO'S

Catholic Parishes

Avondale Heights & Niddrie



2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B

7 April 2024

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You believe in me, Thomas, because
you have seen me;**

**happy are those who have not seen me,
but still believe!**

Alleluia!

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