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

Weekday Services

Mass Wednesday & Thursday 9:15am
 Friday –Beginning of School Term 9:15am
Communion Service Tuesday 9:15am
Benediction Wednesday after Mass
Reconciliation Wednesday 9:45am
 Saturday 7:30pm

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Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
 Sunday 10:30am

Weekday Services

Mass Tuesday 9:00am
 Friday –Beginning of School Term 11:45am
Communion Service Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am
 Friday 9:15am
Reconciliation Saturday 4:30pm

The Augustinian Sisters

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick: Peter Falzon; Frank Logha; Milvia Cutaja; Helen Borg; Mary Jones.

Recently Deceased:

Daniela Di Clemente; Nunziato Trifiletti; Sr Loredana Camilleri asjm; Antonio Calidonna; Antonio Teixeira; Renza Peruch Pullicino; Ron Munro.

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Domenico Vilone (1st); Mons. Gerry Cudmore; Martin Michael; Emmy Allen; Gordon Windsor; George Fabri; Pepito PinPin; Zoran Romich; Joseph Nguyen Nha; Joseph Tran Luan; Maria Dinh Thi Nhu; Maria Dinh Thi Thap; Joseph Nguyen Van Nguyet; Nguyen Van Giang; Vo Kim Phung; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomena Sammut; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Charlie Sciberras; Tonina Darmanin; Dominic Cumbo; Victor Apap; Victor Micallef.

ST JOHN BOSCO'S INFORMATION

Collections:

Thanksgiving: \$548 **Presbytery:** \$237
 Loose: \$1,708 Credit Cards: \$1,275

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 27 April; 25 May.

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: \$1,981
 Shortfall: \$607 Loose: \$774
Presbytery: \$1,607

Christian Meditation



Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus
 All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am
 Parent's Room in the Church

Term 2: 15 & 29 April; 13 & 27 May; 17 June



Devotion to Divine Mercy

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

St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2025



Applications Now Open

Please apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000.

Project Compassion

THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. Please return Project Compassion boxes and envelopes ASAP.

Good Shepherd Sunday 2024

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.



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

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Prayer of Praise

God of our salvation we give you thanks, for Christ our Saviour has redeemed the world.

Lifted high above the earth

all nations have seen his saving power. You have set us free: Praise to the Lord, alleluia.

God of life we praise you for Christ is risen from the dead.

Death has no power, salvation has been won, we are dead to sin and alive in Christ Jesus. You have set us free: Praise to the Lord, alleluia.

God of power and might we rejoice in Christ the Lamb who has ransomed us with his blood. Lifted high above all the earth, he is our hope and our salvation.

You have set us free: Praise to the Lord, alleluia.

God of majesty, we glorify you for now Christ reigns on high.

Exalted by you and given a name above all names let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

You have set us free: Praise to the Lord, alleluia.

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 Lk 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

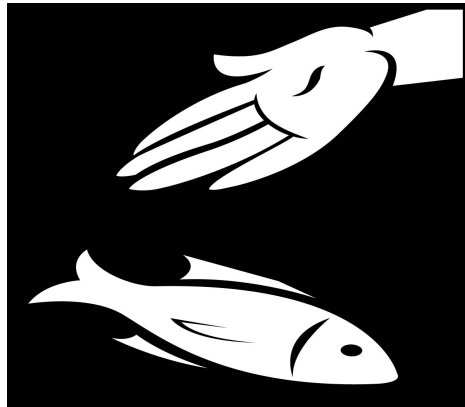
They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.



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



3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B

14 April 2024

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!