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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 11:00pm

Weekday Services

Mass Wednesday & Thursday 9:15am
Communion Service
 Tuesday & Friday 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 9:15am
Communion Service
 Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am
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:

Pero Peter Romich; Phanxico Xavie Nguyen Hua; Sr Agnese Arcarese asjm (Italy); Nunziato Trifiletti; Daniela Di Clemente; Sr Loredana Camilleri asjm; Antonio Calidonna; Renza Peruch Pullicino; Antonio Teixeira.

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Zoran Romich; Sheila Villanti; Salvatore De Lucia; Russell Pelly; Lorraine Hyslop; Carol D'Souza; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomenu Sammut; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Charlie Sciberras; Tonina Darmanin; Dominic Cumbo; Victor Micallef.

ST JOHN BOSCO'S INFORMATION

Collections:

Thanksgiving: \$235 Presbytery: \$183
 Loose: \$623 Credit/Debit Cards: \$875

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 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: \$1,339 Shortfall: \$1,249
 Loose: \$983 Presbytery: \$1,121

Christian Meditation



Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am
 Parent's Room in the Church

Term 2: 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.

Good Shepherd Sunday 2024

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church.

Your tax-deductible donation will support costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians.

ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Session for the Permanent Diaconate

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 4 May 2024, 10:00 - 11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

For more information pick up a letter from Archdiocese of Melbourne - Vocations at the back of the church or

Visit: Archdiocese of Melbourne Permanent Diaconate webpage

vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate or

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate

Ph: 9412 3357 or Email: diaconate@cam.org.au

Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one of 9 online sessions

Engaging Your Faith: May 2024

Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.

For more information and to register:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father,

You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through 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 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

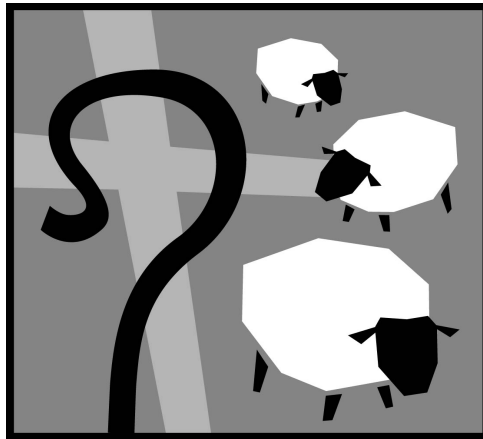
The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays
down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the
shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters
the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have that
are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been
given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES & ST JOHN BOSCO

Catholic Parishes

Avondale Heights & Niddrie



4th Sunday of Easter, Year B

21 April 2024

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

**(R.) The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given
answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord
I will thank you for you have given
answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has
lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children; and
that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge
him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the
children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not
yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed we
shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!**

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