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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

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

Recently Deceased:

Tony Cutajar; Bill Harris; Scott Cain; Phanxico Xavie Nguyen Hua; Pero Peter Romich; Sr Agnese Arcarese asjm (Italy); Daniela Di Clemente; Nunziato Trifiletti; Sr Loredana Camilleri asjm; Antonio Calidonna.

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Connie Grech (1st); John Baker; Mary Fenech; Mary Rapa; *Armando Catania; Jimmy Lynch; Bill & Joan Rutter; Colin & Connie Atkinson; Ivor, Cynthia & Joyce Wood; Bernard Cosgriff; Ellis John Crawford;* Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomenu Sammut; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Charlie Sciberras; Tonina Darmanin; Victor Apap; Dominic Cumbo; Victor Micallef.

ST JOHN BOSCO'S INFORMATION

Collections:

Thanksgiving:\$394 Presbytery:\$209
 Loose:\$472 Credit/Debit Cards:\$676
 Project Compassion:\$307

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 25 May; 29 June.

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:\$1,855 Shortfall:\$733
 Loose:\$908 Presbytery: \$1,464

Christian Meditation



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

Term 2: 13 & 27 May; 17 June



Devotion to Divine Mercy

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



Sunday Appeal Weekend

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment & homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals & prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing, grief & trauma.

Please donate generously to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or call 9287 5513 or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au. **Thankyou.**



Fr Nhân Le's appointment as Parish Priest to St Martin's

On Wednesday 1st May Fr Nhân celebrated 10 years being our Parish Priest at Avondale Heights. We thank you for your leadership and guidance over the last 10 years.

St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2025



Applications Now Open

Please apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000.

Annual Mass Count

Will commence this weekend and continue throughout the month of May.



Baptism Preparation Teams, Sacristy Teams, Computer Mass Presentation Operators, etc.

Appropriate training will be arranged.

Please contact the Parish

Office if you would like to discover your hidden God given talents and share them for God's greater glory.



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 Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s
commandments

and remain in his love.

I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,
as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master’s business;

I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you
is to love one another.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Reflection by Greg Sunter

As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to ‘fall in love’ with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It’s exciting and it’s incredibly life-giving!

This is something of the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week’s gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus’ whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the ‘lesser ones’ of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple. The challenge is that we are to love all people – even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, ‘If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!’ (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)



ST MARTIN DE PORRES & ST JOHN BOSCO

**Catholic Parishes
Avondale Heights & Niddrie**



6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

5 May 2024

First Reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. ‘Stand up,’ he said, ‘I am only a man after all!’

Then Peter addressed them: ‘The truth I have now come to realise’ he said, ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.’

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, ‘Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?’ He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God
and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God’s love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him; this
is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God’s love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them. Alleluia!**

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