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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 Cutajar; Helen Borg; Mary Jones.

Recently Deceased:

Mary Attard; Pasquale Vinci; Luciano Capuano; Anne Camilleri; Tony Cutajar; Bill Harris; Scott Cain; Phanxico Xavie Nguyen Hua; Pero Peter Romich; Sr Agnese Arcarese asjm; Daniela Di Clemente.

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Nicola Petrecca (1st); Natalina Carminati (1st); Hazel Monteiro; Pat Cooper; Rosa Bartalotta; Angela & Gaetano Gangemi; Concetta Borg; Julie Fenech; Marianna & Caterina Cugliari; Maria Tran Thi Mien; Maria Tran Thi Thom; Agostino D'Angelo; Romeo & Rosa Barrasso; Antonio Esmaque; Sam Tomarchio; Moses Barra; Kevin Martin Bignell; John Baker; Simon Nguyen van Duong; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomena Sammut; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Charlie Sciberras; Tonina Darmanin; Victor Apap; Dominic Cumbo; Victor Micallef.

ST JOHN BOSCO'S INFORMATION

Collections:

Thanksgiving: \$1,788 Presbytery: \$855
 Loose: \$981 CatholicCare: \$509

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: \$2,422
 Loose: \$1,207 Presbytery: \$2.161
 CatholicCare: \$1,975

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!

St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2025



Applications Now Open

Please apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000.

Parish Support Programme

The new sets of envelopes along with your receipt and Pastoral letter from Fr. Nhân are available at the back of the church. Please take yours home today. **Thank you for your continued support.**

Annual Mass Count

Continues throughout the month of May.

MacKillop Family Services:

Foster Carers wanted. Call 8398 6800 or go to www.mackillop.org.au



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.



Blessing Prayer for Mothers

Lord God, through your creative power you give birth to all and love all as a mother loves her child. Bless these women who are mothers. When they worry for their child, hold them in your care. When they work to provide a home for their child, stand beside them. If they mourn for their child, hold them in your love. When the joy of their child overtakes them, laugh with them. Bless them, and may they each be a living symbol of your love; a symbol to their children and all who they encounter. We make this prayer 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 Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

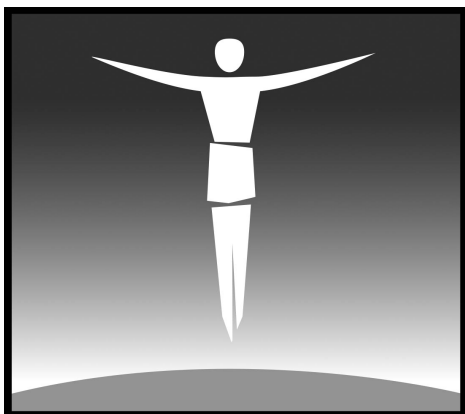
The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES & ST JOHN BOSCO

**Catholic Parishes
Avondale Heights & Niddrie**



The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

12 May 2024

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, *Theophilus*, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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