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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.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Phone No. _____

Address: _____

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

We encourage you to join our programme. Please ring the Parish Office or visit website.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Frank Testa; Larry Paulusz; Frank De Giorgio; Sr Carmelina Borgasjm; Sr Nancy Bezzina asjm; Pasqualina Rocca (Italy); Rocco Frachea; Joe Luppino; Mnsgr Gerard Diamond.

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Vito Arbaci (1st); Vincent Dinh Duoc (1st); Tony & Frank Patti; Angelo Assunto Zaia; Charlie Sciberras; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomenu Sammut; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Dominic Cumbo; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Tonina Darmanin.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Mass Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

Ash Wednesday 9:15am & 7:00pm

Adoration & Benediction Wed after Mass

Stations of the Cross after Mass

Vietnamese Mothers' Group Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday

English 8:00am & 9:30am

Italian 11:00am

Vietnamese 12:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 9:45am Saturday 5:30pm

COLLECTIONS

Parish Support Programme:

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,043

Shortfall: \$545 Loose: \$936

Presbytery: \$1,307

Instructions for Baptism Starting Soon

Anyone who would like to become a Catholic please contact the Parish Office.



Our Lady of Lourdes

Feast 11th February

Blessed be the holy and

Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Most Holy Mother, have mercy on us.

Our Lady of Lourdes, heal us for the greater glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of Lourdes, heal the sick, convert sinners.

Mary, Health of the sick,

Help of the suffering,

pray for us.

Mary, conceived

without sin,

pray for us who have

recourse in thee.

Amen



St Martin's Prep Enrolments for 2025



Applications Now Open

Please apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000.

Lenten Programme

Reflection Sessions with Sr. Connie



Tuesdays after Mass in the Pastoral Centre Meeting Room. Commencing 13th February. All welcome.

Lenten Regulations from the Archdiocese

Copies in the foyer of the church.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.

The Parish of St Martin de Porres, Avondale Heights 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.

Project Compassion Prayer 2024

God of all hope,

we pray for our world with all its beauty and need.

We thank you for the love in our lives that is a mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent and may we take courage to share it, especially with those who don't have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses:

'I will be with you,'

when you ask us to do courageous things.

Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, move us to act in the company of your Spirit, showing compassion and acting for justice to renew the face of the Earth, now and for all future generations.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen



Project Compassion 2024



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations.**

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

Also donate by Ph 1800 024 413 or visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 550 New Missal: 618



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 February 2024

First Reading Lev 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

2. By now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jew or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared

among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!