



**Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mk 6:30-34**

*They were as sheep without a shepherd.*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

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**ST MARTIN DE PORRES**

**Catholic Parish**

**Avondale Heights**

**Today's Celebration is on pages:**

**Old Missal: 585 New: 658**



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**22 July 2018**

**First Reading Jer 23:1-6**

*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

*The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2**

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

**Second Reading Eph 2:13-18**

*Christ, our peace, has made us one.*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

*The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God*

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME (Thanksgiving):

If you would like to join our programme please take a brochure from the foyer or call the Parish Office.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Maria Mejak (Clara Rizzi's mother); Christine Cortez; Leanne Cargeg; Anna Giunta; Milagros Abelgas; Francesca Catania (Malta); Antonio Castro; Reynaldo Salvador; Maximino Salvador Jnr; Tom Lonergan; Elaine Groves; Giuseppa Bonanno; Rowena Melegrito; Buck Dela Cruz; Calixta Malalang.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Eric Carmuciano (husband of Mary at St Martin's School); Sr Eileen Sheehy; Caterina Gazzara; Peter Murphy (Veronica Dovey's Brother); Charlie Bugden; Max Chester John Andrades; Domenica Palamara; Phyllis Geraghty; Gloria Aldana (Philippines); Lucia Lozada (Colombia); Ana Herb (Laos); Jane McLoughlin; Sofia Mure.

#### ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES

Maria Venuto (1st); Teresina De Luca (1st); Ottavio Scarpino; Elisabetta & Giuseppe Spena; Vittorio Davoli; Antonio & Maria Longo; Gaetano Vitagliano; Maddalena Gasparini; Charlie & Vince Gurrizi; Neda & Andrea Botica; Anna, Grace & Salvatore Mazzurco; Frank Giunta; Caterina Tran Van; Zoran Romich; Giovanni Martello; Paul & Sofia Perconte; Adriana Donato; Carmelo Attana; Giuseppe Visalli; Pierangela Giansiracusa; Joseph Sammut; Charlie Sciberras; Maria & Giovanni Gulizia; Victor Apap; Victor Micallef; Remo Gentile; Joseph Giusti; Felix, Paul, Carl & Tony Galea; Dominic Cumbo; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Menu & Tonina Sammut; Carmelo & Rita De Bono; Francesco & Mary Falzon; Maria Moore.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

<b>MONDAY</b>	No Mass
Devotion to Divine Mercy	2:30pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.15am
Rosary – Caterina Gazzara	7:30pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15am
<i>followed by short Adoration &amp; Benediction</i>	
Funeral – Caterina Gazzara	11:00am
Rosary – Eric Carmuciano	7:00pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15am
Funeral – Eric Carmuciano	12:00pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:15am

### MASS TIMES

<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Vigil	6:00pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
English	8:00am, 9:30am
Italian	11:00am
Vietnamese	12:30pm

### RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 9:45am Saturday 5:30pm

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

#### PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

Pledged: \$3004 Received: \$2484 Shortfall: \$520  
Presbytery: \$1034 Loose: \$527

#### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Flower pick up:** S Pherdy  
**Flower Arranging:** R Delac, G Condro  
**Sacristy:** Volunteer Please  
**Hospital Communion:** Team 3: P Gallo, A Oddo, J Vella  
M Iudica, A Rametta

#### CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

**Confirmations** will be celebrated by Bishop Terry Curtin at this weekend's 6pm & 9:30am Masses  
**First Eucharist** will be celebrated at 6pm Masses on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> August

#### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

*Please contact Parish Office if you are able to assist with the following:*

#### READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS FOR MASSES

Are needed, training will be provided for all.

#### COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Extraordinary Ministers are needed to take Communion to the housebound on a regular basis.

*May our children flourish!*

#### OUR COMMUNITY - WHAT'S NEWS!



Thank you for donations of food, warm clothing and blankets. These will be distributed to needy families in the area. Your generosity is much appreciated.

**ANNUAL NAIDOC MASS** - Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am celebrates National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. A didgeridoo player will open the Mass, there will be a guest speaker from Opening the Doors Foundation and a Special Collection. Please join us for a cuppa after Mass.

#### BAPTISM OF OLDER CHILDREN

If you would like Baptism for your child/ren please contact the Parish Office.

#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Please contact the parish office on 9337 6016 to register your interest.

#### JOBS AVAILABLE

Fitters for blinds and security doors needed. Factories are located in Melton & Epping. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

#### 2018/19 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Available in hard copy or digitally from the Parish Office. Receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers for \$70. Pays for itself in as little as 2 uses. Expires 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2019.

#### READING MATERIAL

Australian Catholics Winter 2018 Edition - Free.  
Melbourne Catholic Magazine July Edition \$4

#### LITURGICAL RECEPTION AND SOLEMN MASS FOR THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE:

##### **MOST REVEREND PETER COMENSOLI**

will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 at 7pm. RSVP via Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne website [www.cam.org.au](http://www.cam.org.au)

#### VOCATIONS

Let us take time to reflect on vocations as we farewell Archbishop Hart and prepare to welcome Archbishop Comensoli.

#### Thank you

As we say thank you to Archbishop Hart for his seventeen years of leadership and his fifty- one years of priesthood in Melbourne, we are grateful for his priestly example of a Good Shepherd in our midst. May this example inspire many others to be 'Good Shepherds' to their brothers and sisters in priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray for vocations from our parish community.

#### Constant in Faith

Archbishop Hart chose as his motto 'Constant in Faith'. For the past seventeen years he has shown us what it is to live this out. May his example, and our prayers and witness help many more young people to be future leaders of our Local Church in the vocations of married life, consecrated life or priesthood.

#### Vocations are our responsibility

In one of his addresses in Broken Bay, Archbishop-Elect Comensoli reminded us that "a priestly vocation is a joint project of the individual, the faith community, and Christ" (August 2017). Let us pray for more vocations from our Local Church. May our prayers and witness inspire young men and women to serve in priesthood and consecrated life.

#### NOTICEBOARD/WIDER COMMUNITY

##### "THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL LUNCH"

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July in Symons Centre, next to St. Monica's Church, Moonee Ponds. Admission to Chinese Lunch \$20. Raffle to raise funds for Shalom Orphans in Nepal. Contact Adrian: 0403 512 936

**AVE MARIA COLLEGE:** Applications for Year 7 in 2020 close on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August** 2018. Find out more by visiting our website at [www.avemaria.vic.edu.au](http://www.avemaria.vic.edu.au)

##### **ST. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE Enrolment Year 7 2020**

Applications close **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August**. Download application form at [www.columba.vic.edu.au](http://www.columba.vic.edu.au) or email [registrar@columba.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@columba.vic.edu.au) to request a prospectus.