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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: _____

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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:

Denise Waldron; Pat Loft; Josefina Cortez; Sandra Oliver; Anna Nguyen Thi Ban; Tecla Alessi; Anna Giunta; Christopher Greenwood; Reynaldo & Max Salvador.

Recently Deceased

Silvie Robertson; Werner Kann; Anne Gordon (Ireland); Anna Tran Thi Lai; Mike Paulusz; Maria Cardaci; Dominico Phan Van Duong; Anna Tran Thi Ngoc Ngoan; Salvatore Lentini; Giuse Bui Ngoc Gang; Elena Basas Malvas; Caterina Conidi; Elaine Egan.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Lorenzo & Antonia Di Stefano; Eric Goelz; Frances Webster; Domenica Bonetti; Anna, Grace & Salvatore Mazzurco; Frank Giunta; Charlie Sciberras; Victor Micallef; Joseph Giusti; Felix, Paul, Carl & Tony Galea; Victor Apap; Maria Moore; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Menu & Tonina Sammut; Carmelo & Rita De Bono; Maria & Francesco Falzon; Dominic Cumbo.

MASS ONLINE celebrated by Fr Nhàn on St Martin's home page

Youtube St Martin de Porres Avondale Heights
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COLLECTIONS

The parish is still functioning and needs your support during this challenging time, so we encourage parishioners to complete and submit the direct debit form on our website.

Collections: Weekend 17/18 October
Presbytery: \$335 Thanksgiving: \$1,568
Pledge: \$3,004 Shortfall \$1,436

The Parish of St Martin de Porres, Avondale Heights and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. Our message is that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

There will be no Masses During Current COVID-19 Restrictions.

OUR COMMUNITY - WHAT'S NEWS!

All Souls Day Mass Monday 2nd November

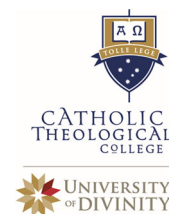
Mass usually celebrated at Keilor Cemetery will be available online on our website, on YouTube and on Facebook from 10am 2nd November.

Parish Magazine

Invitation to parishioners to send articles especially how they have been managing during COVID19 Lockdown. We would like to hear your stories.

Christmas Cards for Sale in Parish Office:

Majellan cards \$9 pack of 10.
Columban handmade cards \$20 pack of 10



2020 Knox Public Lecture

Thursday 5th November at 7.00pm Online

Safe Church: Commitment, awareness & action for cultural change

Facilitator: Sheree Limbrick

CEO Catholic Professional Standards.

Book here

or visit our website to book:

ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture

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In May 2019 Catholic Professional Standards Ltd (CPSL) published the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. More than 20 church entities have been audited to date to assess the extent to which they are implementing necessary safeguards for children, with audits revealing a strong commitment and dedicated action to create child safe environments. Since late 2019, CPSL has been working to expand the Standards to include protections for adults engaging with Church ministry.

This lecture will explore some of the trends and findings emerging from CPSL's audit work, as well as the directions of the groundbreaking framework for the safeguarding of adults.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of all people,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are
in trial, but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.



'Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom'

Saturday 7 Nov 2020, 10am - 1pm. Cost \$25.
Facilitated by Carol Dyer (B.A. (Psych), Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy Level 5 (Trainer), Cert. Spiritual Direction), this event provides the opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. There will be some input to enable participants to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time away from the Zoom screen for meditation and mindfulness practice.
Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/663916>
For more information, tel 9890 1101 or contact holsc@bigpond.com

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!

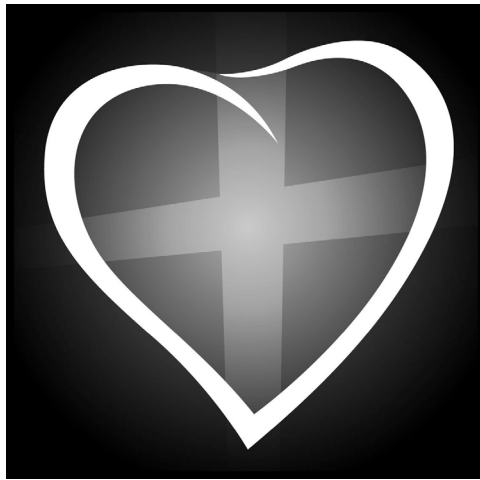
Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour
as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Michael Tate

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being.

We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being. The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:
Old Missal: 355 New Missal: 480



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 October 2020

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my
anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.
(R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

*You turned away from idols to serve God
and await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time by Deacon Clement Baffoe

We live in societies where there are numerous rules and regulations guiding our lives. For instance, a person is not supposed to use a mobile phone while driving, a driver is not supposed to jump a red light, buying and selling of illegal drugs is forbidden; abusing a child is a criminal offence and many more. And so, should I ask which of the many rules of our society is important, what would your answer be? It is clear that each of the rules and regulations of society has its own importance and purpose to achieve. To belittle one of the many rules and laws could lead a person into trouble.

Like our societies today that have many laws and rules, Ancient Israel had multiplicities of laws to govern them. The Ten Commandments had been broken down into 613 laws. Against this background, we read in the Gospel today that, a Pharisee asked Jesus: “Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?” To put it another way, it was as if they were asking Jesus which of the 613 laws was the greatest. If Jesus had chosen any particular law, he would be in trouble since he might indirectly be belittling the other 612 laws. For Jesus, each of the Laws is important and he rather gives a summary of the whole Law as: “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind....you must love your neighbour as yourself.”

Dear friends, Jesus states that the love for God is as important as the love for a neighbour. Similarly, in 1 John 4:20, St. John exhorts that “*those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.*” We show our love for God through devotions, pilgrimages, popular pieties and our active participation in the Mass. However, all these become unproductive if the love for God becomes merely an opportunity for me to save my soul (personal salvation) and holiness. Our love for God becomes deficient if it does not translate into our love for one another.

Jesus says “whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25:40). Therefore, is it not contradictory that we clothe Jesus in fine linens and gold in the Church whereas he lies naked and cold on our streets, at train stations and under bridges? Again, is it not sad that every particle of the Communion (Eucharist) is treated with care whilst we treat each other with scorn? Lastly, is it not hypocritical that we spend hours before the Blessed Sacrament whilst we hardly can spend a minute with the same Jesus who is manifested in the poor, the sick and the stranger? If we really love God, we will love our vulnerable neighbours. The First reading specifically pinpoints strangers, the orphan, the widow and the poor as the most vulnerable. Brothers and sisters let us pray that our love for God will be translated into our love for one another.