

## St Martin de Porres Parish

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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

### Sick:

Pham Thi Dung; Benedette Ugwu; Carl Mejak; Anna Giunta; Hellonor Donato jnr; Michael Bryce; Pat Loft; Lorraine Berry; Sandra Oliver; Tecla Alessi; Josefina Cortez; Reynaldo & Max Salvador; Nguyen Thu Tram; Christopher Greenwood; Anna Nguyen Thi Ban.

### Recently Deceased:

Jerry Lynch (Ireland); Francesco Talia; Patsy Smith (UK); Denzil Gomez (Sri Lanka); Noel Pinto; Giuseppe Spano; Horace Fenech; Arceli Tan; Anacleto Ritumbin.

### Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Concetta Borg; Erich Goelz; Anna, Grace & Salvatore Mazzurco; Frank Giunta; Charlie Sciberras; Victor Micallef; Joseph Giusti; Felix, Paul, Carl & Tony Galea; Maria Moore; Dominic Cumbo; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Phillip & Tonina Sammut; Carmelo & Rita De Bono; Maria & Francesco Falzon; Victor Apap.

## ONLINE WEEKEND MASS

### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Nhân will celebrate Mass online at 6pm this Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October available on our website via YouTube and on Facebook.

## MASSES THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH

150 double vaccinated people per Mass.

Attendees must register via the QR Code

upon arrival. Face masks to be worn

unless there is a medical exemption.

Children under 12 are exempted.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - All Saints Day 10:00am  
Tuesday - All Souls Day 10:00am  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:15am

## 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

## CELEBRATION NEXT WEEKEND 6/7 NOV

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be received by the school children at the 6 pm and 9.30 am Masses.  
Please pray for them as they prepare for their special day.

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.

### Link to Augustinian Sisters Newsletter

[www.asjmoz.org/mission-news-2021.html](http://www.asjmoz.org/mission-news-2021.html)



### Christian Meditation Resumes

Psalms 46:10

"Be Still and know that I Am God"

Monday 10 - 11am on the Church Terrace  
8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November; 6<sup>th</sup> December.



The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust

## All Souls' Day 2021

Due to the ongoing nature of coronavirus restrictions, All Souls' Day events will not be held at Keilor Cemetery. We encourage your presence and participation at our online pre-recorded Mass to be available for viewing on Tuesday 2nd November, concelebrated by Fr Nhân, Fr Thomas and Fr Sebastian on St Martin de Porres and Greater Melbourne Cemeteries Trust websites  
[www.gmct.com.au/events/all-souls-day-services](http://www.gmct.com.au/events/all-souls-day-services)



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Ph: 9287 5555 or go to [www.ccam.org.au](http://www.ccam.org.au)

## The Quiet Tree with a Noisy Miner

Michael McGirr

God of beauty,

We thank you for our world,  
especially for birds.

They go about their business and don't  
seem to realise

How beautiful they are.

Jesus asked us to consider the birds  
of the air.

He said that they don't sow or reap,  
But that not even a king looked as majestic.  
Jesus' message was not to worry too much.

To accept each day.

To deal with its challenges honestly.

To give thanks for the gift of life in  
all its forms.

To get on with life whatever this day  
presents.

May we all take his advice!

Amen.

## Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)

'Cuppa with Mary' - MMHC is reopening for parishioners on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Nov from 9am-5pm. Come visit the Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ's story, do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary's place of birth. Special times have been set aside for Parish groups to have a 'Cuppa with Mary' which includes a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, at \$20 per person. Contact Kate on 9926 9300 for a group booking.

'Advent with Mary MacKillop' - The MMHC Education Team will be delivering an online Advent reflection program of 4 one-hour sessions 7-8pm on Wednesdays on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. The sessions will be based on the Advent readings and will be combined with reflections on St Mary of the Cross. To register click [here](#). Donations of \$7.50 per session or \$25 for the 4 sessions greatly appreciated.

Mary MacKillop Gift shop & SOSJ Calendar 2021 - With Christmas coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by clicking [2022 Josephite Calendar](#) to purchase a calendar (\$8).



### Gospel Mark 12:28-34

*This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

**The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.

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## ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish  
Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:  
Old Missal: 638 New Missal: 719



**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**31 October 2021**

### First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

**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 to the God that saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

### Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

*This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

**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!**