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Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 6:30pm
 Sunday 7:30am & 9:00am
 Vietnamese 11:00am

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: Pino Statamghalia; Marita Dizon; Helen Borg; Peter Falzon; Frank Logha; Milvia Cutajar; Mary Jones.

Recently Deceased:

Clare Slattery; Blanche Mathews; Joseph Mizzi; Concetta Zappala; Antonio Endaya (Filippines); 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.

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Gaetano & Angela Gangemi; Anna Dinh Thi Mao; Moses Barra; Rinaldo Morosinotto; Kitty Colaco; Brian Spink; Dominic Cumbo; Victor Micallef; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Maria Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Filomenu Sammut; Carmelo & Rita Debono; Emmanuel & Nazzarena Farrugia; Charlie Sciberras; Tonina Darmanin; Victor Apap.

ST JOHN BOSCO'S INFORMATION

Collections:

Thanksgiving: \$1,853 Presbytery: \$398
 Loose: \$565

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: \$2,004 Shortfall: \$584
 Loose: \$1,086 Presbytery: \$1,639

Christian Meditation



Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus
 All welcome: Mondays 10 - 11am
 Parent's Room in the Church

Term 2: 27 May; 17 June



Devotion to Divine Mercy
 Mondays 2:30pm in the church.
 All Welcome!

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEKEND

First Eucharist Children

Will be attending the 6:30pm & 9am Masses this weekend in preparation to receive the sacrament. Please remember these children in your prayers.

St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2025



Applications Now Open

Please apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are an adult interested in the Catholic Faith, please contact the office to register for instruction commencing Wednesday 22nd May 7:30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Annual Mass Count

Continues throughout the month of May.

1st Milleara - Joys, Cubs, Scouts



Scouts VICTORIA

Scouts (ages 5-18) means adventure, challenge and new skills - programs which develop life skills, leadership and resilience. Scouts enjoy being outdoors and off screen, as they earn badges and make heaps of new friends.

1st Milleara Scouts meet at Doyle Street Scout Hall in Avondale Heights. Term fees are affordable and the first three trial visits are free.

For more information Ph: 0401 060 013 or email gl.1stmilleara@scoutsvictoria.com.au



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone our Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.



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

Mary Mother of the Church

Day after Pentecost

O God, Father of mercies, whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother, to be our Mother also, grant, we pray, that with her loving help your Church may be more fruitful day by day and, exulting in the holiness of her children, may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

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

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES & ST JOHN BOSCO Catholic Parishes Avondale Heights & Niddrie

Pentecost Sunday, Year B

19 May 2024

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.