

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice,

says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring. The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 341 New Missal: 463



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

27 September 2026

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

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Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am

Vietnamese 11:00am

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Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.

The Parish of St Martin de Porres 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Angela; Mary; George Pinpin; Nancy Green; Kimberly Damanik; Vlad; Jan, Miecia, Zygyuch; Janice Murray; Rossini Burns; Mark; Franca; Monica Marland; Zac; Emily & Grace; Mellisa; Kay; Susie.

Recently Deceased:

Angela Gattellari; Josephine Falzon; Frank Tassone; Salvatore De Luca; Frank Maisano; Concetta Cutri; Raymond Barber; Teresa Talia; Tito Mandozzi; Vincent Vu Huu Chien.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Domenica Barbante (1st); Ross Iudica; Aldo Asta; Peter Falzon; Tony & Frank Patti; Dominic Cumbo; Bernarda & Francis Grima; Teresa, Emmanuel, Tonina, Phillip Sammut; Emmanuel & Nazarena Farrugia; Adam Hood; Rita & Carmelo De Bono; Joseph Consiglia.

Parish Support Programme:

Pays Wages, Electricity, Cleaning, Insurance,
Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$1,880
Loose: \$900

Presbytery: Supports Parish Priest,
Retired Priests & Cathedral. \$1,413

The Kids Bulletin

A fun way for children to learn about our Catholic faith. Weekly updates, please visit thekidsbulletin.com/



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate and pray for:
Amelia Rae Diaz



Daylight Savings Starts Next Weekend

Remember to move your clocks 1 hour forward on Saturday night.

Melbourne Archdiocese Vacancies

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Synodality: Global and Local

Presented by Most Reverend

Patrick O'Regan DD

Archbishop of Adelaide

Thursday 22 October at 7pm

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RSVP by Thursday 15 October 2026



Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Feast 29 September

Glorious Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,

I entrust myself to your angelic mediation.

Please set into motion God's plan for my life,

protect me from the evil one, deliver to me God's holy word, and heal me of my sin.

I thank you for the glorious duties you fulfill in the divine mission and rely upon you in my life.

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, pray for me

and mediate God's grace to me.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.

Source: My Catholic Life



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays: 2.30pm Rosary

3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

followed by Stations of the Cross, 4pm finish.



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