

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 John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you
another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my
commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer
see me;

but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.

On that day
you will understand that I am in my
Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my
commandments and keeps them will
be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved
by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 215 New Missal: 329



6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

10 May 2026

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They laid hands on them, and they received the
Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with
joy.**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your
deeds! (R.)

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.
(R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my
prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he
was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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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:

Jan, Miecia, Zyguich; Janice Murray; Charles; John & Rossini Burns; Pan Giannenas; Zac; Nazzi & Teresa Demaio; Peter Falzon; Susie; Nancy Green; Emily & Grace; Monica Marland; Mark; Anna; Franca, Mellisa.

Recently Deceased:

Terezija Kolaric; Leonardo Mendez Rivera; Giuseppe Lucifero; Hermina Volk; Sebastiana Silluzio; Indianna Te Aakau Tupaea-Attard; Edelvais Battiato.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Teresa Di Pasquale (1st); Carmencita Jones; Angela & Gaetano Gangemi; Nicola Petrecca; Rosa Nisi; Gerard Murray; Concetta Borg; Agostino & Salvatrice D'Angelo; Salvatore & Maria Tomarchio; Filomena Gurrissi; Charlie Sciberras; Dolores Vella; Giuse Bui Minh Dac; Peter & Zoran Romic; Victor Degabriele; 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, Rates, Maintenance.

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$1,172
Loose: \$909

Presbytery: Supports Parish Priest,
Retired Priests & Cathedral. \$1,390

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal: \$1,563



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays: 2.30pm Rosary
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

followed by Stations of the Cross, 4pm finish.

Christian Meditation 2026



Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Monday 10 - 11am
Parent's Room in the Church
Term 2: May 18; June 1 & 15.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Adoration Music Night, A Youth-Led Evening of Prayer

All parishioners are warmly invited to a **Holy Hour** on **Tuesday 12 May, 6:30 - 7:30pm** at St Martin's. The evening will include a Gospel reading, reflection, music and time for silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Come and spend an hour in quiet prayer and encounter with the Lord, supported by the faith and leadership of our young people.

All welcome.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

Formal Induction of Parish Priest

'We warmly invite all parishioners to a special Mass for the Formal Induction of our Parish Priest, Fr Paul Tru.

This joyous celebration will be presided over by Archbishop Peter Comensoli and will take place **Saturday 6 June 6pm. All welcome.**

A message to Mothers from Fr Paul on Mother's Day

As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, I warmly extend my heartfelt wishes to all the mothers of St Martin de Porres Parish. On this occasion, we honour the unconditional love that mothers have for their children, and the deep love children hold for their mothers. With gratitude, we recognise that we can never fully repay the sacrifices they make or the love they give so generously.

Throughout this week, all Holy Masses will be offered for the intentions of all mothers in our parish—those who are with us, and those who have gone before us to their eternal rest.

As we honour our earthly mothers, we also turn to our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, asking her to watch over and guide all mothers. May the Lord bless these women, strengthen them in their vocation as Christian mothers, and let the example of their faith and love shine forth for all to see.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may always honour them with deep love and respect. Amen.

Blessing Prayer for Mothers

Lord God, through your creative power you give birth to all and love all as a mother loves her child. Bless these women who are mothers. When they worry for their child, hold them in your care. When they work to provide a home for their child, stand beside them. If they mourn for their child, hold them in your love. When the joy of their child overtakes them, laugh with them. Bless them, and may they each be a living symbol of your love; a symbol to their children and all who they encounter. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



BEYOND THE VOWS *= A one day = marriage retreat*

Sat 30 May 2026

9:45am–5:00pm

Catholic Regional College

Caroline Springs

\$80 per couple

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A practical, faith-grounded day retreat with real insights, communication tools, & quality couple time. All married couples welcome! Thank you for supporting marriage and family life in your parish community. If you have any questions, please reach out. Email: beyondthevowsmelb@gmail.com We hope you can join us in praying that this day blesses all Catholic married couples, especially those who might need it most!