

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church;

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 219 New Missal: 333



The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

17 May 2026

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky?'

'Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must
fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

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Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am
Vietnamese 11:00am

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Saturday 5:30pm

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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, Zygyuch; 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:

Teresa Morello; Giuseppe D'Angelo; Steve Cachelja; Terezija Kolaric; Sebastiana Silluzio; Leonardo Mendez Rivera; Giuseppe Lucifero; Hermina Volk; Indianna Te Aakau Tupaea-Attard; Edelvais Battiato.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Teresa Di Pasquale (1st); Dolores Vella (1st); Gaetano & Angela Gangemi; Josephine Vella; Giovanni Di Pasquale; Giuse Bui Minh Dac; Simon Nguyen van Duong; Charlie Sciberras; Dominic Cumbo; Bernarda & Francis Grima; Teresa, Emmanuel, Tonina, Phillip Sammut; Emmanuel & Nazarena Farrugia; Adam Hood; Rita & Carmelo De Bono; Joseph Consiglia.

Parish Support Programme:

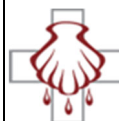
Pays Wages, Electricity, Cleaning, Insurance, Rates, Maintenance.

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,388
Loose: \$1,083

Presbytery: Supports Parish Priest,
Retired Priests & Cathedral. \$1,739

Annual Mass Count

Continues throughout the month of May.



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate and pray for:
Aurora & Albert Apap; Cora Hall;
Eva Acevedo; Maya Causevski;
Xavier Muzaferovic.

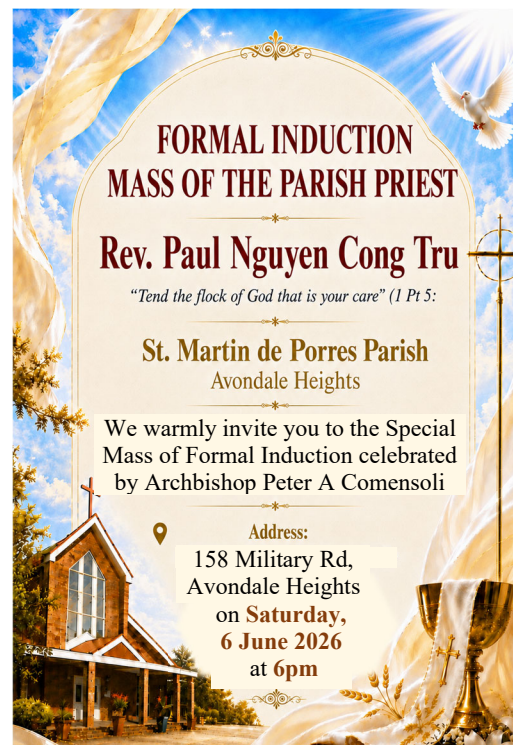


CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate and welcome
Mandy Gu into our
Catholic Christian Family.

The Catholic Weekly

Get current news at catholicweekly.com.au/



Upcoming Events

Formal Induction Mass of Parish Priest

We ask that parishioners kindly bring a plate to share as we will have a celebration in the hall with Archbishop Comensoli after Mass.



Sat 30 May 2026
9:45am - 5:00pm
Catholic Regional College
Caroline Springs
\$80 per couple

Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLAGK>
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!

Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia

Feast 24th May

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land.

May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

We ask this through Jesus, your Son.

Amen

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.



St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2027



Applications Now Open

Please apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000.



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.



Foster Carers Wanted

Call 8398 6800 or go to
www.mackillop.org.au

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing the New Parishioners Form in Documents and Forms under Recommended Links on our website and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you.