St Martin of Tours - Parish of Macleod

‘A faith community where Christian service thrives and shared ministry is developed’

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St Martin’s Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YEAR B
12TH & 13TH DECEMBER 2020

Advent Reflection Week 3

Advent is pointing us to the birth of Jesus, our hope and joy in troubled times. There is so much to take from the readings we hear each week so here are some ideas for each week of Advent which will hopefully lead to further reflection. As you reflect, look at the environment of the church which will also engage our senses so we can immerse ourselves in this happy and hopeful season.

Jesus said, ‘he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor’, so let us be filled with joy and hope because he also said, ‘The Spirit will not fail you’

This coming Sunday is Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday. In the previous two Sundays we have lit purple candles, representing hope and faith, whereas this Sunday we light the pink candle as rose is a liturgical colour used to signify joy.

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome the Catechist Confirmation Candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament this weekend. We congratulate them on behalf of the Parish and wish them well in their studies in 2021. We continue to keep them and their families in our prayers in a year that has continued to challenge them and us in so many ways. Well done Candidates for your perseverance!!

Caitlin Morris, Hamish Sherlock, Holly Morris, Isaac Loncar, James Grimshaw, Jessica Sherlock, Joel Arul, Joshua Seneca, Victoria Bland, Virginu Apahumy

Thanks also to Marcelle R who led these young adults through the lessons on a weekly basis, while battling the restrictions that Covid brought to the table. We appreciate the work you have put in to prepare these young adults for Confirmation.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we welcome into our Faith community the following children who are being baptised:

DONNIE KEVIN SCHOLES & SHANAAL SEBASTIAN HENRY RATNAYAKE

We assure them of our prayerful support. We pray also for their families and Godparents. May God keep Donnie and Shanaal always in His love.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In contrast to last week’s text on John the Baptist, this one comes from the last of the written gospels. The Gospel of John was penned at the very end of the first century. One common characteristic, however, is clear: the Baptist is again presented as the forerunner. John the Baptist rejects all messianic or quasimessianic titles. He throws human expectation into chaos. He claims for himself only the role of the ‘voice’ of Isaiah 40, but the evangelist presents him as the most reliable of witnesses, ‘Sent by God … to speak for the light’. The only other person in John’s Gospel to come from God is Jesus himself. Before an audience of the leaders of the religion of Israel, John witnesses with an authority and a truthfulness that has its source in God.

- In what ways can you speak with authority about Jesus?
- What truths have you come to recognise about Jesus?
- How do you give witness to Christ?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING MASS BOOKINGS AND ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES …SEE PAGE 2 OF THE BULLETIN!!!!
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GARDENING: TIM O’HANLON 0433 952 705 GENERAL HOME MAINTENANCE: Bernie Power 0409 936 860

MASSES AT SMOT
All Weekend Masses are capped at 150 people

PLEASE NOTE: TRYBOOKING LINKS ARE UPDATED WEEKLY TRYBOOKINGS OPEN AT 3PM ON MONDAY

WEEKDAY MASSES
No bookings required for weekdays but you must still sign in with your name and contact number when arriving.

WEEKEND MASSES
For the time being, all Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by Archbishop Peter.

There is still the need for extensive cleaning after each Mass/service with a 1 hour gap between them. Please help us to keep the Church sanitised between Masses. Let us know if you can help.

Please be patient while waiting to enter the Church and be mindful to socially distance at all times.

Allow extra time in your journey for entry to the church. If you cannot distance safely inside/outside please put on your mask which you must carry with you at all times.

Hand sanitiser is available and must be used. Only attend if you are well.

TRYBOOKING In order to be allowed to increase the numbers at a Mass we MUST move to a fully electronic booking system, otherwise we will have to revert back to the 75 person limit.

ALL VOLUNTEERS/MINISTERS IN ANY ROLE ON A WEEKEND MUST NOW BOOK VIA TRYBOOKING FROM THE 19/20th DECEMBER.

Please book each person coming to Mass separately so we have contact tracing details if necessary. Children over 12 months must also have a ticket for the weekend and are included in the count.

Beginning this weekend we will have 2 scribes to assist with entry into the church on the weekends. Surnames will be split into A-L and M-Z and 2 entrances will be used. Allow extra time to tick your name off the list.

For parishioners that do not have a computer, Pat Kennealy has kindly offered to book you in via Trybooking. Please call him on 0418 321 646 between 9-5pm Wednesday and Thursday, should you wish to attend Mass. Unfortunately, bookings for Mass will no longer be taken in the office.

MASSES THIS WEEK
Monday 14 9.15am Mass
Tuesday 15 No Mass this day
Wednesday 16 No Mass this day
Thursday 17 9.15am Mass
Friday 18 9.15am Mass
Saturday 19 5.30pm Mass https://www.trybooking.com/BNNWM
Sunday 20 8.00am Mass https://www.trybooking.com/BNNWR
10.00am Mass https://www.trybooking.com/BNNWW

THIS WEEK’S READINGS: Is 61:1-2, 10-11; Ps Lk 1: 46-50. 53-54. 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12,14, 16; Ps 88:2-5.27. 29. Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

RECONCILIATION Not available this week as Fr Michael is on retreat.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Unfortunately due to the Covid19 restrictions we cannot have our usual Christmas collection of toys for the children of families we have helped during the year. Macleod Conference will still provide our usual Christmas food gift cards for those families with a bit extra to enable the families to provide some toys for the children. As we will probably have a limited number of Masses for collections, Vinnies have provided a way of making donations:

1. By phone using a credit card and calling 13 18 12. Donors can allocate donations by giving the name of the conference (eg Macleod Conference M915) over the phone.
2. By an online donation to vinnies.org.au allocating the donation to a specific conference (eg Macleod Conference M915).

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MASS 2020
SMOT Liturgy Team is calling for children to perform in the Christmas gospel play at 5pm during the Christmas Eve Mass on 24th December 2020 here at St Martin of Tours Church.
We need shepherds, wise persons, a drummer person, angels, singers from the school choir, speaker for prayers of faithful and more...All costumes provided. Parent helpers are also required to assist with rehearsals and at the 5pm Mass.
This is a great opportunity for parents and children to be involved in their school parish and help bring the Christmas story to life!
Please email Mira Puspa at mirapuspa@gmail.com should you wish to participate at this Mass.
To attend/participate at this Mass bookings will need to be made via Trybooking. This link will be provided closer to the date.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL 12TH/13TH December 2020
People in third world areas of MOM activity have been even more devastated than Australians and need our support and are being helped. MOM thanks you for your support which has, over the years, made it possible to fund many projects for disadvantaged people in Papua New Guinea, Peru, West Africa, Pakistan and the many Islands in the Pacific. Some $200,000 has been provided in clean water, health, education and improved living standards to people who would not otherwise have had this opportunity over the last year. This is especially in the areas of MOM activity, where the effect of the pandemic has been devastating.

Please visit https://mom.org.au for more information or to donate
Or post direct to MOM, PO Box 146 East Melbourne 8002

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
If you were unable to attend the AGM last Sunday after Mass, reports are available in the foyer of the Church if you would like a copy. Thank you to the groups that presented/prepared reports this year.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES.
There are volunteer sheets inviting parishioners who are involved in the Liturgical Ministries, ie sacristans, lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of Welcome, to add their names where/when they can help. If you are not attending Mass as yet but feel that you would like to assist in time for the Christmas Masses please email/phone the office with your preference. See attached roster.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS 2020 ‘ADORE’- This year’s reflection booklet is available for $5 in the foyer. Adore contains rich daily reflections from the beginning of Advent thru to the Baptism of the Lord.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS—If you would like a copy of the 2021 Columban Calendar they are available for purchase from the parish office for $10. Please try to have the correct money on the day. Thank you.

DAILY MASS BOOKS
If you would like your own copy of the Daily Mass Book, we now have 3 copies available to buy. They are $25 each. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING...
The SMOT website has now been updated with the latest information pertaining to Child Safeguarding, included are policy documents and links to documents and websites that will help you complete WWCC and National Police checks. Please visit the Safeguarding tab on the website www.smot.org.au

POLICE CHECKS AND WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS
Many people have expired WWCC and Police Checks. Our guidelines regarding child safeguarding require ALL volunteers to have a current WWCC and Police Check where relevant. Anyone who does not have a current registration cannot volunteer in their ministry until their registration is renewed.
Please refer to the SMOT website under the safeguarding tab for information on how to renew your checks.

To view our Safeguarding Children & Young People Code of Conduct, go to www.smot.org.au
First Spiritual Exercises are designed in a similar way to the way that St Ignatius helped people to pray before he developed the Spiritual Exercises as we have had them since. These are named Field Hospital exercises in reference to the way that Pope Francis sees the Church as a Field Hospital for a broken world. If you would like to join in a group then please let me know so that it can be arranged. My email address is, anne.priestley@mercy.org.au For those of you who wish to subscribe, go to-https://www.fsecloud.life/field-hospital-sign-up/

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS APPEAL Advent prepares us for the birth of Jesus Christ, a cause of great hope and joy. It is in this spirit that we partner with schools and parishes nationally in the collective effort to act and pray for a fairer, more just world. Many communities are grappling with ongoing poverty and injustice, without proper access to sanitation, healthcare and education. A lack of infrastructure and support services can make life very challenging, particularly this year with the new threats posed by Covid19. Global Gift Christmas Cards can be ordered on line at www.globalgifts.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413. Flyers in the church foyer.

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