**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.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm (closed for lunch 1.00pm-2.00pm)

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:** Please email or contact the Parish Office prior to 12.00 noon on Wednesday.

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD YEAR B 6TH & 7TH FEBRUARY 2021**

Fr Michael’s message…..

Again, in the spirit of the article by Mgr Robert McElroy (San Diego, USA), about words we need to focus upon in our church life today - let’s look at the word ‘PARTICIPATION’. Participation was a key word in the 2nd Vatican Council documents and now 60 years later we need to look at how we can encourage the participation of the people of God in parish/church life.

For people like me, the call to priesthood is a call to ‘service, prayer and compassion’. It’s important to remember in a time when there are not so many priests/religious, that the Holy Spirit is still bestowing upon parishes and the church the gifts we need to be used widely and wisely in our communities of faith. What then must we do?

One direction is for us to look at those who make up our faith communities and they are mainly women. So how can we increase the responsibility and participation of women in our parish/church in ways not precluded by Catholic doctrine? Another direction is to seek out our young adults. There aren’t too many of them visible at Mass. Yet, can we invite and encourage those who are connected to us to participate and take on responsibilities in the life of our faith community?

Many will be hoping that issues like these will be addressed at the Australian Catholic Church’s Plenary council this year.

**WORD OF GOD SUNDAY**

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 7 in 2021. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

**MASS AT SMOT CURRENTLY LIMIT 75 ATTENDEES via manual registration**

Registration sheets available in the foyer for signing for all Masses except the 10am. Please help us to keep the Church sanitised between Masses. Let us know if you can help on the day. Please be patient waiting to register with QR or other; it may take a little longer for entry while we introduce this new way! If you cannot socially distance appropriately we ask that you wear a mask. This also applies inside the Church. We appreciate your co-operation in this regard.

**BEGINNING THIS WEEK WE ARE INTRODUCING THE QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION AT THE 10AM FAMILY MASS. THIS MEANS WE CAN INCREASE OUR CAPACITY TO 150. PLEASE BRING YOUR MOBILE PHONES TO ASSIST IN THIS REGISTRATION. HELP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE PARISHIONERS WITHOUT A PHONE OR WHO ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE QR SYSTEM. WE ARE HOPING THIS WILL BE A SMOOTHER ENTRY THAN THE TRYBOOKING SYSTEM!**

**OPEN THE CAMERA FUNCTION ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE AND HOVER OVER THE READER AS IF YOU WERE TO TAKE A PHOTO. IN A COUPLE OF SECONDS YOU SHOULD SEE A LINK APPEAR AT THE TOP OF YOUR PHONE SCREEN. CLICK ON THE LINK AND FILL OUT THE DETAILS, SUCH AS NAME, PHONE CONTACT AND EMAIL ADDRESS IF ASKED. PRESS AND SUBMIT THE FORM AND WAIT FOR THE GREEN TICK! YOU ARE NOW GOOD TO GO!! HELP IS AVAILABLE IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES!**
EXPLORING THE WORD  In touching Simon’s mother-in-law and then allowing her to serve him, Jesus is breaking down traditional barriers. He brings wholeness and holiness to her by his presence. The kingdom of God cannot tolerate prejudice and taboo, just as sickness and evil have no place in the kingdom. This text shows us a typical day for Jesus—the first of his ministry. He listens to the Word of God, then worships with his community; he relaxes in the home of a friend; he pursues his work of healing and preaching and, before dawn, he withdraws alone to develop his relationship with the Father through prayer. There is a wonderful pattern of balance here between prayer, work and rest. When the disciples find him, they want him to return to Capernaum to the acclaim he is receiving. Instead, Jesus insists that the boundaries of the kingdom be pushed out. The kingdom of God must reach further and further. It is for this that he came!

* How is the balance in your life?

Have you found the taped Masses useful? Please give us your feedback on whether you watched them.

BAPTISM DATES FOR 2021

Baptism dates have been decided for the first half of 2021! If you have already submitted an application but have not been able to go through with the baptism due to Covid please check the dates below and let the office know of your preference. Some dates are filling fast. On the presentation day, attendance at the 10am Mass is required, and is then followed after Mass with a meeting with the Baptism Preparation Team in the Church. Application forms for baptism are available on our website, www.smot.org.au

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BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS & PREPARATIONS

Let us remember..

ZOE SMALE  ISABEL MISALE
Daughter of Vivienne and Matthew  Daughter of Chiara and Marko Misale
CHRISTIAN VERROCCHI  HARPER & ETHAN McKENZIE
Son of Philip and Paulina Verrocchi  Children of Cassie Murchie & Rohan McKenzie

who this weekend begin the Parish Preparation and Presentation Program.
We pray for them and their families and godparents. May God always surround them in his love.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Noël Murray (Kay Ford’s nephew), Florence Bastiampillai (USA), Brenda Hatton (Carmel Harte’s sister),

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME: Margaret (Peg) Power, Susan Murphy, Mary McCaw, Olivia Carter, Paul Trenka, Noelle Tupper, Massimo Midolo, Iris Hince,

LORD THAT I MAY BE WELL AGAIN - PRAY FOR THE SICK:
Bernie Herridge, Kate Mulholland, Sr. Mary Fankhauser, Cheryl Parker, Patricia Valente, Robyn Atherton, Philomena & Leo Boek, Fr Kevin Mogg, Danilo Mikac, Anne-Maree Silfo, Michael Nicholls, Elizabeth Martin, Tony Ryan, Sr Margaret McHugh, Michael Burgess, Annette Lewis, Richard Mc Alliece, Katrina Jackman, Brian Flynn, Maureen Miller, Brigid Harding, Joan McKeegan, Terry Walsh, Judith Price, Sophie Nathan, Merle Fernandez, Sr Joyce Shillito, Sr Brigid Maloney, Scott Fitzgerald, Danielle Wintle, Helen Clark, Joan & Barry Pobjoj, Br Brian Brandon, James Lang (19yo severe spinal injuries), Joseph Grima,

ALTAR SOCIETY Altar society is inviting new members to join our roster beginning after Easter. For more information please contact Pia 9459 6187 or Margaret 9457 2108.

ASH WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY—9.15AM MASS (WITH 3 CLASSES OF THE SCHOOL) AND 7.30PM

GARDENING: TIM O’HANLON 0433 952 705 GENERAL HOME MAINTENANCE: Bernie Power 0409 936 860

To view our Safeguarding Children & Young People Code of Conduct, go to www.smot.org.au
See Keep an eye out for the Project Compassion resources, including the iconic boxes, in the Church. 

Across the six weeks of Lent, Caritas Australia will be sharing stories from resilient people striving to 'be more' for extreme poverty are set to rise for the first time in twenty years. It's a timely message, given that this year, owing to complications resulting from coronavirus, rates of extreme poverty are set to rise for the first time in twenty years. This year's Lenten program explores the theme of hope over six weeks using prayer, biblical reflection and insightful exploration of the Easter liturgies. It is a program that will create energy for all the things the Lord wants to do with us and for us. SIGN UP SHEETS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK IN THE FOYER.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Dear Parish family, Lent is upon us (17th February – 2nd April 2021). Our faith has endured the trials of the past year and now it's time to renew that faith in Our Lord's Passion. Like Mary, let us walk with Jesus in the Stations of the Cross, which at St. Martin of Tours, will be held every Friday morning in Lent, after the 9:15am Mass in the Church. Leaflets will be provided for the same. Please contact Philomena Lewis 0403910446 for further queries.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 – ‘BE MORE’
Every year, people around Australia turn Lent into a demonstration of faith, love and generosity. Nowhere is this more apparent than in Project Compassion, the fundraising campaign run by Caritas Australia. This year’s theme for Project Compassion is ‘be more’, referring to the words of El Salvadoran priest and martyr St Oscar Romero, ‘Aspire not to have more, but to be more.’ This simple idea serves as a reminder of the simple actions people can take to ‘be more’ for our world, and help make a difference in the lives of others.

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ST MARTIN OF TOURS CATECHIST PROGRAM
The cut off dates for enrolment into the program for 2021 are as follows: 
Monday 8th February for Confirmation
Thursday 20 May for First Eucharist
Thursday 26 August 2021 for Reconciliation
Leaflets with more information are in the foyer of the Church and also on the website. All parents must register their children for the program via the Parish Office.

RCIA & RCIC ENQUIRY FOR 2021
RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and RCIC—Rite of Christian Initiation of Children.
We warmly welcome anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith for yourself or for your children/grandchildren.
Please see Fr Michael or Sr Maria for further information.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
Due to COVID restrictions, the Christian Meditation Group which meets on Wednesday evening will be meeting on Zoom. We will begin meditation at 7.30pm and end approx. forty minutes later. All are welcome. For enquiries, please contact Joan McKeegan on 0418 584 970.

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.

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**THIS WEEK’S READINGS:** Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 146:1-6. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:** Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1: 40-45

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**Diocesan Outreach Assistants** who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Australia. For more details visit [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work)

Low-income communities are not asking for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist in building the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now. Find out more: Ross House, Mezzanine-Sue Healy Room, 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE on Saturday 20 February @ 10:00am

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