

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.

**We deeply respect the
Aboriginal
Community of Wurundjeri
upon whose land our
Parish resides**

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**THE 8.30AM SATURDAY
MORNING MASS
HAS RE-COMMENCED!!!**

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

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Dawn Mass 8.00am
Family Mass 10.00am

MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon 8/2, Tues 9/2, Thur 11/2, Fri 12/2 9.15am
Wed 10/2 Liturgy of the Word 9.15am
Saturday 8.30am Mass Reconciliation 10.00am

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.

MASSES 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 sanitized 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

| Preparation/Presentation date (10am Mass) | Baptism date (@noon) |
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| 7 th February | 21 st & 28 th February |
| 7 th March | 21 st March |
| 7 th March | 11 th April |
| 25 th April | 2 nd May & 16 th May |

BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS & PREPARATIONS

Let us remember..

ZOE SMALE

Daughter of Vivienne and Matthew

CHRISTIAN VERROCCHI

Son of Philip and Paulina Verrocchi

ISABEL MISALE

Daughter of Chiara and Marko Misale

HARPER & ETHAN McKENZIE

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: Noel 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 Aliece, 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 Pobjoy, 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

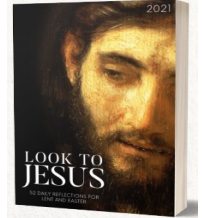
HAIRDRESSING FOR WOMEN & MEN: Hair Cut PH: Uni 9402 8264/0433 614 399 Pensioner Rates. Can attend home.

To view our Safeguarding Children & Young People Code of Conduct, go to www.smot.org.au

LOOK TO JESUS

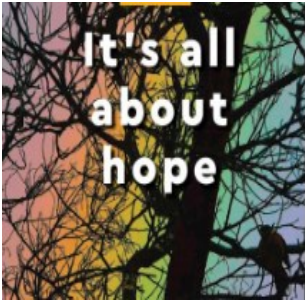
LENT & EASTER RESOURCE (personal use)

The primary focus of Look to Jesus - 52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter will be individual prayer, contemplation on a daily scripture verse from the readings of the day, and a quote from Pope Francis. At the back of the book there will be suggestions for group use and questions for discussion. We have ordered several copies of this resource should you be interested, or you can obtain a copy via www.lentprogram.com for a link to order a copy. Copies are available in the Church foyer and cost \$5.



ITS ALL ABOUT HOPE - GROUP RESOURCE

We are hoping to begin this program either in person or via Zoom for 2021. The program has been written by Christopher J Monaghan CP, Passionist Priest and President of the Yarra Theological Union. After the hardships of Covid 19, many are looking to the future in search of hope. Chris says...*Lent invites us to do more than hope, but without hope we cannot take the journey...Reading through the scriptural text for this year, the theme of hope kept coming to mind because it is not just hope in God that matters, but God's hope in us that keeps emerging.*



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 by sharing 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 Salvadorean 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.

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.

Across the six weeks of Lent, Caritas Australia will be sharing stories from resilient people striving to 'be more' for their families and communities – just a few stories amongst the millions of people who have been helped through Project Compassion.

Keep an eye out for the Project Compassion resources, including the iconic boxes, in the Church.

See <https://lent.caritas.org.au/> for further information.

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.

PARISH ROSTERS
6th & 7th February 2021 Year B
(5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM
SACRISTAN: P KENNEALY
COMMENTATOR: **FILL IN PLEASE**
READERS: A CLEAVER, M RYAN
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 R WEBSTER*, P McIVER, J LANE, K
 FORD, F ESPOSITO, M ANDERSON
WELCOMERS: J OWEN, M ZACCARI
MUSIC: M O'LEARY

SUNDAY 8.00AM
SACRISTAN: B GLEESON
COMMENTATOR: T VITEZ
READERS: M FERNANDEZ
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 M LLOYD, A FERNANDEZ
WELCOMERS: T MELICAN

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY
SACRISTAN: J POWER
COMMENTATOR: P FUMEI
READERS: B WATTS, C WEBB
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 P KENNEALY, J POWER, A-M POWER,
 J SAMUEL, J McALIECE, C HARTE
WELCOMERS: I & B BURGESS, R
 NUI & Y TAN
MUSIC: ROB DI G

PARISH ROSTERS
13th & 14th February Year B
(6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM
SACRISTAN: R DE SOYSA
COMMENTATOR: M FITZPATRICK
READERS: SR A PRIESTLEY, **FILL IN**
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 J LANE, B ANDERSON, C VALENTE,
 S RYAN, J PENTONY
WELCOMERS: L TWINE
MUSIC: H TOMBOLATO

SUNDAY 8.00AM
SACRISTAN: T MELICAN
COMMENTATOR: T JACKSON
READERS: M D'SOUZA
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 A FERNANDEZ*, M D'SOUZA,
 F CARNOVALE
WELCOMERS: TOM MELICAN

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY
SACRISTAN: J POWER
COMMENTATOR: J LUNARDI
READERS: J NEWELL, G NICHOLLS
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 M FLEMING*, C KEITH, AM POW-
 WER, J HARTE, J McALIECE,
 J PAVONE
WELCOMERS: M & N MAXFIELD
MUSIC: J LACHAL

DIARY DATES

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| Friday | 5 | 9.15am Mass |
| Saturday | 6 | 8.30am Mass Reconciliation 10.00am 5.30pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 7 | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8am & 10 am Mass |
| Monday | 8 | 9.15am Mass |
| Tuesday | 9 | 9.15am Mass |
| Wednesday | 10 | Liturgy of the Word |
| Thursday | 11 | 9.15 Mass |
| Friday | 12 | 9.15 Mass |
| Saturday | 13 | 8.30am Mass Reconciliation 10.00am 5.30pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 14 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8am & 10 am Mass |
| Monday | 15 | Liturgy of the Word |
| Tuesday | 16 | 9.15am Mass |
| Wednesday | 17 | ASH WEDNESDAY 9.15am (with school) 7.30pm |
| Thursday | 18 | 9.15 Mass |
| Friday | 12 | 9.15 Mass |

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



Job Vacancies - Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? *Aid to the Church in Need* is recruiting for a number of **Diocesan Outreach Assistants** who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes

across Australia. For more details visit 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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