

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.

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If you need the ministry of Fr Michael or Sr Maria please ring the Parish Office. This includes viaticum and all the opportunities for healing through the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation.

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For weddings, funerals and baptisms please contact the Parish Office on 9401 6338 for guidelines as to what is currently allowed.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A 25TH & 26TH JULY 2020

ALL PUBLIC MASSES CANCELLED AT SMOT:

In the wake of the re-introduction of stage 3 COVID restrictions, the doors to the Church and the Community Centre have again been closed. The Parish Office is still operating but is no longer available for face to face enquiries. For all enquiries please either phone the parish office on 9401 6338 or email macleod@cam.org.au We strongly encourage you to stay at home and keep well in line with Victorian Government guidelines. Continue active participation in the life of the church through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the scriptures, making a spiritual communion as you participate in our Mass online. Please see our resource guide on page 3 of this bulletin.

HOMILY

Last Saturday I read a story in the Good Weekend section of the paper. The story focused on a young man named Hugh Evans. When Hugh was in year 9 he was given the opportunity to join a World Vision Immersion Experience in the Philippines. Hugh's host family, who had a boy his age called Sonny Boy, lived on the infamous Smokey Mountain in the heart of inner Manila's largest slum area. On the first night, Hugh lay down to sleep with his host family on a slab of concrete on top of the garbage, out in the open. Hugh hardly slept that night - cockroaches were everywhere and there was the terrible smell. It was then that he realised that it was pure chance that he was born into a middle class family in Melbourne, and Sonny-Boy was born there. And in the light of this experience Hugh decided to commit his whole life to changing that.

The first 2 parables of Jesus focus on what happens when a person discovers what really matters in life. And in both parables once a person glimpses what really matters, the Kingdom of God, a decisive decision is made.

This was Hugh Evans' experience. And Hugh has not wavered from that decision which he made at age 15. He continues to act to eradicate global poverty whilst also encouraging many others to join him.

As Brendan Byrne our local scripture scholar comments, Jesus' twin parables describe someone who has been caught by a vision that God's given him/her "which relevatises everything in life and puts them in their place". Jesus' third parable about the dragnet reminds us that we all have limited time. God's grace is a great net thrown over all, but once one is grasped by the kingdom, conversion is required.

Hugh has seen himself as a disciple of Jesus since he was 13 and after he made his vow to eliminate global poverty; it has been his life's focus. The organization he has helped form as a way of facilitating this change in our world is called Global Citizen. Global Citizen

encourages all who connect to it, to take some very achievable/simple actions. However, when actions are pledged by politicians, Global Citizen follows them through to make them accountable. Jesus' parable of the dragnet ends in a positive tone—evil will not always prevail and "the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father". Hugh Evans is optimistic too. Despite the Covid19 pandemic having a negative effect on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Hugh believes world poverty can still be eradicated within his lifetime (ie within the next 50 years). The article I read was entitled 'Good Evans'.

The lives of some people like Hugh can inspire us all. God's grace is given to all, good and bad, as the dragnet parable points out. Truly there is the presence of good and bad in the kingdom, as Jesus' parables of the weeds/wheat and the dragnet have explained to us, yet our merciful God never stops giving us chance after chance to respond generously to the graces that are continuously showered upon us.

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

MACLEOD NEWS!!!!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: (17th Sunday in OT) 1 Kg 3: 5, 7-12; Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: (18th Sunday in OT) Is 55:1-3; Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Noel Connolly SSC, Shane Tuck

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME:

Phyllis Connell, Nicholas Dissendorp, Leo Gibson, Luigi Cecchin, Colleen Hornsby, Katherine Costello, Mary Frewen, Carmelo Marsullo, Mary Caruana, Winifred McKenna, John Jeffers, Beryl Scott, Brenda Tabb, Kathleen Keenan, Joyce Dowling, Mario Sibillin, Christopher Were, Aurelio Caoduro, Pasquale Francavilla, Anthony Zammit, Rosemary Trask, Joan Sherrott, Felicia Carnovale, Margaret Zorzi

LORD THAT I MAY BE WELL AGAIN - PRAY FOR THE SICK-

Fred Assouad, Cheryl Parker, Patricia Valente, Robyn Atherton, Philomena & Leo Boek, Fr Kevin Mogg, Silvana Gennai, Danilo Mikac, Anne-Maree Silfo, Michael Nicholls, Elizabeth Martin, Tony Ryan, Sr Margaret McHugh, Michael Burgess, Bob McAliece, Annette Lewis, Richard Mc Aliece, Katrina Jackman, Brian Flynn, Maria George, Maureen Miller

RCIA & RCIC ENQUIRY FOR 2020

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & 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. Alternatively, contact the parish office on 9401 6338 for an appointment. **An enquiry night will be held on the 6th August via Zoom at 7.30pm.**

All are welcome to virtually attend.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Catholics have long been encouraged to partake in the practice of "spiritual communion" if they are unable to receive the Eucharist for a particular reason (for instance – being homebound). Simply put, it is coming before the Lord in prayer – expressing our deep desire to be united to Him despite the fact that we are unable to be united to Him in receiving the Eucharist. In making an Act of Spiritual Communion we ask the Lord to give us the graces that would come to us if we were able to receive Him sacramentally (Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity).

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You Sacramentally.

Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally and I know that You are spiritually in my heart, I, therefore, embrace You and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

A PRAYER FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Loving God,
we place into your care
all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.
Give them courage of heart
and strength of mind and body.
Keep them safe from harm.
May they know our deep gratitude
for all they are doing
to heal and help those affected by
the coronavirus.

God of all consolation
may they know your protection and peace.
Bless them in these challenging days
and bless their families.
Amen.

A BIG THANK YOU DURING LOCKDOWN... We would like to send a big shout out to all our parishioners who are able and have been helping out during this lockdown time. At a time when people can feel isolated and alone it is heartening to find so many people willing to help keep in contact with our parishioners stranded at home. In particular, we are grateful to our walkers who are delivering up to 80 bulletins every week as part of their exercise routine, parishioners who are ringing the housebound to check in on them on a regular basis. We appreciate the phone calls to the office to check in on Fr Michael and Sr Maria and support from parish groups including PPC and Liturgy Group, and all our groups. We appreciate all our groups meeting via Zoom. Thank you also to the small number of readers and musicians helping out with the weekend Mass. It is tricky to celebrate the Mass with only 5 people in total but we appreciate all the effort that you are putting in. Finally, we encourage you to stay at home and stay safe. If you know of anyone wanting a bulletin delivered or emailed please let the parish office know.

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

RESOURCES TO ACCESS DURING LOCKDOWN

MASSES AVAILABLE TO WATCH ON LINE...

SMOT Weekend Mass can be found on our website www.smot.org.au or on our facebook page @SmotParish
SMOT Weekday Mass livestreamed Tuesday and Thursday at 9.15am on our facebook page (for any anniversaries or special intentions please advise the parish office by phone)

St Patrick's Cathedral The 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral is televised free to air on C31 (often listed as Channel 44 on digital TVs) as well as live streamed on its website and YouTube channel. We invite you to share the news widely, particularly with those who might be limited to TV viewing.

Watch here: <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Mass for you at home This program has been allowing the faithful – particularly those with mobility problems – to participate in Mass from their homes for many years. Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day. It is also the fourth-longest running television program in Australia.

Watch here: <http://www.mfyah.com/video.html> or <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

Mass on Demand Hosted through the CathNews YouTube platform, this is the first Mass of the Day at St Mary's Church in North Sydney. It is uploaded each day, is available for 24 hours until it is replaced with the new Mass of the day. Watch here: <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

RESOURCES FOR HOME PRAYER.....

Richard Rohr, OFM - Action & Contemplation: Daily meditation

<https://cac.org/2020-daily-meditations/>

Joan Chittister, Benedictine Sister of Erie

<http://www.joanchittister.org/node/9231> or

<http://www.joanchittister.org/>



Pray As You Go Is a daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time. A new prayer session is produced every day of the working week and one session for the weekend. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for your own prayer. Lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection. Our aim is to help you to: become more aware of God's presence in your life, listen to and reflect on God's word and grow in your relationship with God. The style of prayer is based on Ignatian Spirituality. It is produced by Jesuit Media Initiatives, with material written by a number of Jesuits, both in Britain and further afield, and other experts in the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. It is available free to download from the App Store and is also available on Google Play. Just search 'Pray as you Go'.



Children's Liturgy

If you would like any additional children's liturgy resources to use at home during this time please drop us an email at macleod@cam.org.au and we can send them to you.

BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP

We will meet again online in Zoom, from 7:30-8:30pm this Tuesday night **28 July**

To join, click on this zoom link: <https://latrobe.zoom.us/j/92296803601>

If you have any questions, or want help setting up your Zoom, contact Dennis Wollersheim on dewoller@gmail.com or 0414529454.

HEART OF LIFE...

An opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to do at this time, as we 'stay at home' and get on with our lives as best we can...

Our upcoming seminar is a 6x Tuesday series on "Treasuring our Later Years".

'Treasuring our Later Years' (via Zoom until face-to-face permitted), 6 x Tuesdays, 1pm-3pm, 4 Aug to 8 Sep 2020. Facilitated by Nicole Rotaru rsm, this series offers participants the opportunity to explore new possibilities that ageing offers daily. It will include reflections on themes that take on particular relevance and meaning in our later years, eg Spirituality...deepest dimension of our life; What is giving my life meaning?; At its core, life is about relationships; etc. Cost \$115 for the series, or \$20 per session. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BKLUH> . For more information, contact holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.