

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.

PARISH TEAM

Fr Michael O'Connell
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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.

Macleod Parish Mass can be found on our website
www.smot.org.au or on our facebook page

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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.

OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm (closed for lunch 1-2pm)

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: Please email or contact parish office prior to noon on Wednesdays.

WEEKEND MASSES Sunday 10.30am (bookings essential for weekend Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15am

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY-YEAR A 6TH & 7TH JUNE 2020

Homily-Looking at an image of the Trinity I was struck by the explanation. The artist has sculpted 3 circles close to each other and in each circle is a person of the Trinity. However, what is so striking is that each person of the Trinity is directing themselves to a body. The body is human...and it is suffering greatly, poor and weak, unable to even lift its head.

Soon after looking over this, I read on the weekend an article about the way creation, the body we all depend upon for the health, of all life-is suffering, is screaming in pain. And it is true. We all know this truth:- the Earth as we know it is hurting badly-tropical rain forests cut down, soaring temperatures, oceans warming, the rapid rise in extinctions of all kinds of species, air polluted, dying rivers, melting icecaps, coral reefs bleached....the list could go on and on....

In the sculpture the Father from his circle bends over the body holding and supporting it and raising the forehead. The Father is the one who embraces, hears our cries, sustains us in our suffering.

The Son in the sculpture, from his circle, gently touches the feet of the body, tending his wound. The body that is creation is like the person in the Good Samaritan parable-beaten and half dead. The Son tending the feet of the body reminds us of his service to his friends at the Last Supper. The Son is all about great love/compassion for all.

Then the Holy Spirit from her circle (in Hebrew the word spirit is feminine in form) as the poet says, broods over the body with her warm wings as if beckoning the body to rise. The Holy spirit hovers over us and creation, protecting us and inspiring us to respond to the new life that is offered to us.

The coronavirus pandemic is, as many have commented, offering an opportunity for the natural world to start and repair, even a little bit. The corona virus is also proving we can change our behavior. So as the former UN Executive Secretary for Climate Change, Christiana Figueres says, this gives us some hope:- however, we need global cooperation in a big way to help the Earth recover for the sake of future generations of human beings/and all life forms. In Australia we've responded well to the scientists and led the world in our efforts to suppress Covid 19. Yet there are problems in our political will to listen to the consensus of the worlds scientists about the health of the Earth/climate change.

The sculpted image of the Trinity reminds me of God's desire to see life on Earth thrive. It can't with the Earth being so sick. The hour is crucial. When political leaders have not listened to scientists or fire chiefs, the young people of the world are stepping up to address our greatest threat. And our Pope has declared a climate emergency and urges immediate action:-for the planets interests and ours are the same, our fates are bound together. This is what I was starting to see in that sculpture of the Trinity.



The Merciful Trinity, Sr Caritas Muller OP ©
Sr Caritas Muller 2007

MASS TIMETABLE AT SMOT Easing of restrictions by the Victorian Government currently allows Mass for strictly 20 people only. As a result weekday Mass will be held next week on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday** at 9.15am. Mass will be held on Sunday at 10.00am. Weekend Mass is strictly by booking only. It will be imperative that you adhere to strict hygiene conditions, which are detailed in the Church, sign a register to say you have attended the Mass, follow entry and exit signs, and follow any other instructions as relayed by Fr Michael. We also ask that you only attend if you are well. The Church remains closed at all other times.

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

ST. MARTIN'S NEWS !!

HELP NEEDED... If you know of anyone in the current Covid19 climate who is housebound, has no family support and requires help via a food hamper please let the Parish Office know via phone or email. We are in contact with several providers who very generously are able to provide these food hampers to those that are struggling at this time. We thank these providers for their generosity in caring for those less fortunate during these difficult times.

RECENTLY DECEASED David Shortal

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME:

Christopher Cooper, Franco Vivarini, Olive McHugh, Brendan Tupper, Marion Collings, Thomas Kirby, Lawrence Bonnici, Amy Theodoulis, Harry Anderson, Edna Heraity, Vincenzo Blancato, Eileen Crapper, Irene Heydon.

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

Salvatore(Salv) Caleo, 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, Annette Lewis

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'.

If you would like any 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 The weekly bible reflection group was again a great success. We read, and each got a chance to talk about our reaction to the coming week's bible reading. I enjoyed having a chance to consider the text, in the company of the people who care about living this sort of life. You are welcome to join. We will meet again online in Zoom, from 7:30-8:30pm on Tuesday night **16 June**.

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.

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: (The Most Holy Trinity) - Ex 34: 4b -6, 8-9; Ps Dan 3:52-56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; John 3:16-18.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: (Corpus Christ) - Deu. 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps: 147; 1Cor 10:16-17; John 6:51-58.

RCIA & RCIC ENQUIRY FOR 2020:

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. Alternatively, contact the parish office on 9401 6338 for an appointment.

ST MARTIN OF TOURS CATECHIST PROGRAM FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2020

The cut-off date for registration for First Eucharist is Monday 22 June. All parents must register their children for the Catechist Program via the Parish Office. There are leaflets with more details in the foyers of the Church and also on the Parish website. For further details please contact Sr. Maria Bui on (03) 9401 6338 or at Maria.Bui@cam.org.au

PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Spiritual Direction, Counselling, Family Relationships
Sr. Maria Bui, our Pastoral Associate, is available for home visits on a Wednesday and Thursday between 10.30 am & 5.30 pm. For an appointment please call 9401 6338 or email: Maria.Bui@cam.org.au.

BAPTISM TEAM

Volunteers are invited to join the Baptism Team. Those interested to joining us in this important role are requested to contact the Parish Office 9401 6338. Training will be provided.