

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**

PARISH TEAM

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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.

SCHOOL

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PARISH GROUPS

Parish Pastoral Council

David Grasso (Chair)
ph 9401 6338

Child Safeguarding Committee

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Ph 9401 6338

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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 8/3 9.15am, Tues 9/3 9.15am, Wed 10/3 LOTW Carol A, Thur 11/3 9.15am, Fri 12/3 9.15am
Saturday 8.30am Mass Reconciliation 10.00am

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 6TH & 7TH MARCH 2021

Forgiving God, your mercy and compassion bring freedom and hope to our world. In this season of Lent turn our hearts to you. Lift us up when we fall. Restore our broken, fragile world, and give us confidence to live and love again.
Amen



Lenten reflection.....

This week's readings reveal the paradox of the nature of God. What does that mean for us and how we live our lives? The temptation is always to believe that we are the masters of our destiny, and that our sophisticated knowledge can answer all our questions. Yet Paul's heartfelt assertion that "God's weakness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength", still resonates within us as a greater truth. Can we be transformed to live God's 'foolishness' and 'weakness', bringing life to ourselves and to the world?

Jan Newell

Fr Michael's message..... Re-reading the great writer on Celtic Spirituality, John O'Donohue, I was impressed by how the ancient Irish faith tradition can remind us of truths we forget. If you are in Ireland today, if Gaelic speakers greet you in their ancient language, the words will probably be: "God be with you" and the proper response to such a greeting is "God and Mary be with you". And similarly in leaving a person, the words used are "May God come to your assistance" or "May God keep you".

The truth that the ancient Irish disciples of Jesus were so aware of, was that the divine is present in others.

Lent is a time for remembering truths like this that we pick up from a little bit more spiritual reading, and then applying them to our many daily encounters.

Memorial Paraliturg for Fr. Peter Robinson our Parish priest 1993 – 2009

This is an opportunity for us as a Parish and School Community to appropriately farewell our former Parish Priest in a way he deserved. The details of this special celebration are as follows –

Time & Date: 7:30pm March 17

Place(s): Our church – 150 seats & the GECCO – 80 places. We will need to use QR Codes for both venues. ** We need to adhere to these numbers strictly due to current covid regulations

Virtual Attendance: This paraliturg will be live-streamed so as many people can 'attend' as possible.

The web link will be advised next weekend. There is a special publication that has been produced which honours his life and achievements: it is entitled, "Peter Robinson: Priest & Community Builder" (edited by Val Noone). We will advise shortly of its availability and how to obtain a copy.

MACLEOD NEWS

MASSES QR Code registration for the 5.30pm and 10am Masses. Registration sheets are available in the foyer for sign up for all other Masses (these have a 75 person limit). 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. We appreciate your co-operation in this regard. Masks must be worn where you are unable to maintain 1.5m distance.

THE QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION IS BEING USED AT THE 5.30PM VIGIL MASS AND THE 10AM FAMILY MASS. THIS MEANS WE CAN INCREASE OUR CAPACITY TO 150 AT THESE MASSES. PLEASE BRING YOUR MOBILE PHONES TO REGISTER. TO ACCESS THE CODE, 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. PRESS AND SUBMIT THE FORM AND WAIT FOR THE GREEN TICK! YOU ARE NOW GOOD TO GO!! HELP IS AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED IT!

BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS & PREPARATIONS

Let us remember..

ALFRED JOHNSON

Son of Luke and Natalie

ORLANDO GRIMOLI

Son of Francesco and Natalie

LOUIS MURRAY

Son of Andrew and Justine

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: Grace Rogelio (Philippines), Larry Mendoza (USA)

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME: Kathleen Turner, Anthony Micallef, John Williams, Concezio Pantaleo, William Mumford, Gloria Wisby, Catherine O'Ryan, Mary Carbery, James Dempsey, Kathleen Kruger, Marija Kormanic, Vittoria Donati, Marie Abrahams, Rosaria Adornato, Francis Delaney, Jerome Miller, Kenneth Sherrott, Vittorio Lanza, Therese Spencer, Paul Brandon, Sandra McDonald, Bing Mendoza

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, Scott Fitzgerald, Danielle Wintle, Helen Clark, Joan & Barry Pobjoy, Br Brian Brandon, James Lang, Joseph Grima, Dr. Carlo R.H. Magno, Nola Ettery, Ben Dymond (parent at school)

Readings for 3rd, 4th and 5th weeks of Lent.....

Every year in Lent, parishes have the option of choosing Year A readings for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in Lent. Why? The Year A readings are particularly suited to those on the journey to Baptism. So, even though we are in Year B, our parish will use Year A readings for these weeks because we have 4 adults and 1 child all on the journey to be baptised at the Easter Vigil.

BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM Volunteers are invited to join the current Baptism Team. This is a great opportunity to meet new families and guide them through the baptism program here at St Martin of Tours Parish. To find out more about the role please ring the Parish Office on 9401 6338 or Megan Gravell on 0423 870 940. Training is provided. An Information Night led by the current team leaders will be held on Wednesday 28 April at 7.30pm in the Parish Community Centre. So, 'come and see' about the very satisfying service to our young families in the Parish, that this Team carries out, and bring a friend with you!

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP HAS RE-OPENED Please wear a mask when browsing for gifts and exit through the double doors when you have made your purchase. Please use the hand sanitizer prior to and after your visit. This exit is only to be used by people visiting the shop in line with covid guidelines.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS meeting Monday 8th March at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

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.

STEWARDSHIP Thank you for your continued support for your Parish over the past 4 months. My heart is very grateful for your response and care of your Parish community.

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES FROM THE TABLE IN THE FOYER!

Figures for last weekend:

Stewardship \$1076 Presbytery \$440 Loose \$302

POLICE CHECKS AND WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS 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.

LENTEN 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's to gain access to education, to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1 800 024 413.



WAY OF THE CROSS—LENT Simply Jesus: Reflect. Renew. Recommit

This Lent, across our Archdiocese, we are being invited to reflect on the way and person of Jesus, renew ourselves in his love, and recommit ourselves to the path of discipleship. A Way of the Cross resource has been developed incorporating images, Scripture, music, reflection and prayer.

Along with other resources, it can be accessed at: www.melbournecatholic.org/lent2021

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. To sign up to the Look to Jesus podcast [here for Apple](#) and [here for Android](#). (copy and paste link into your browser)

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP— ITS ALL ABOUT HOPE

This program runs on Tuesday nights in Lent at 7.30pm via ZOOM, led by Sr Anne. 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. The booklets have sold out but you can still join the program via Zoom..

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/6579695946?pwd=bTAwU2NNWW1kdFVXKzJaMVNpY2tTdz09>

Meeting ID: 657 969 5946

Passcode: 9HZTpM

Please copy and paste the link into your browser to access the meeting via Zoom. You can also right click over the link and open the hyperlink this way. Alternatively, open Zoom and use the meeting id and password.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Friday morning in Lent, after the 9:15am Mass in the Church. Leaflets will be provided. Please contact Philomena Lewis 0403910446 for further queries.

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.

ARCHBISHOP LETTER RE COVID VACCINATION is available for you to read and take home from the foyer

ADVANCE DIARY DATE Anointing of the Sick Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 20th March at 11am.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA

Recognise, Respond, Prevent Domestic and Family Violence

The Victorian Catholic Bishops have called on people of faith, and church organizations to learn about domestic violence, reflect on their own attitudes, equip themselves with knowledge and create an environment of support and healing. The Bishops' printed statement can be found in the foyer. Posters on the noticeboard have contact points if you are experiencing difficulties. More info can be found at www.css.org.au/dv

All Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop. Daily Mass is streamed from [St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne](#). Masses are livestreamed daily on our [Archdiocesan YouTube channel](#) and on Sundays to view on free-to-air TV via C31 (channel 44 on digital TV). Copy and paste the links above to access these options.

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

PARISH ROSTERS 6th & 7th March 2021 Year B (3rd Sunday of Lent)	DIARY DATES Friday 5 9.15am Mass Stations of the Cross after Mass Saturday 6 8.30am Mass Reconciliation 10.00am 5.30pm Vigil Mass Sunday 7 3rd Sunday of Lent 8am & 10am Mas Monday 8 9.15am Mass - Public Holiday KSC meeting in the CC at 7.30pm Tuesday 9 9.15am Mass 7.30pm Lent Group via Zoom (Sr Anne) Liturgy meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 10 9.15am Liturgy of the Word - Carol A Christian Meditation 7.30pm (see bulletin) Thursday 11 9.15am Mass Friday 12 9.15am Mass Stations of the Cross after Mass Saturday 13 8.30am Liturgy of the Word - J Power Reconciliation 10.00am 5.30pm Vigil Mass - Fr Tom Cleary Sunday 14 4th Sunday of Lent 8am & 10am Mass - Fr Tom Cleary Monday 15 9.15am Mass	
SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM SACRISTAN: CARMINE COMMENTATOR: FILL IN PLEASE READERS: A CLEAVER, M RYAN COMMUNION MINISTERS: *R WEBSTER, P MCIVER, M ANDERSON, J LANE, K FORDE, F ESPOSITO, J OWEN 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, F CARNOVALE WELCOMERS: T MELICAN		
SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY SACRISTAN: J POWER COMMENTATOR: P FUMEI READERS: B WATTS, C WEBB COMMUNION MINISTERS: *P KENEALLY, J POWER, AM POW-ER, J SAMUEL, J MC ALIECE, C HARTE WELCOMERS: I & C BURGESS, R NUI & Y TAN MUSIC: D BROADBENT	THIS WEEK'S READINGS: (Year A) Exodus 17:3-7; Ps 94:1-2, 6-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4: 5-42	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: (Year A) Samuel 16:1, 6-7,10-13; Ps 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
PARISH ROSTERS 13th & 14th March Year B (4th Sunday of Lent)	SMOT YOUTH GROUP The meeting will be held on the 7th of March after 10am Mass in the Club room beneath the church. At this meeting we will be discussing plans for a youth pizza night, organising for the youth Mass on March 28th, as well as any fund-raising initiatives we may want to have in the future. There will be snacks and drinks, and knowing us we'll probably end up playing basketball on the courts.	
SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM SACRISTAN: R DE SOYSA COMMENTATOR: M FITZPATRICK READERS: SR A PRIESTLEY, FILL IN COMMUNION MINISTERS: J LANE, S RYAN, B ANDERSON, C VALENTE, J PENTONY WELCOMERS: L TWINE MUSIC: H TOMBOLATO	EXPLORING THE WORD In John's Gospel, hostility exists between Jesus and the Jews from the very beginning of his public ministry. This is probably a reflection of the situation in which John's community finds itself: that of being excluded from the practice of Judaism after Christians had been ousted from synagogue worship. We should not, therefore, read this text as a criticism by Jesus of Judaism generally. If we read this text only as an example of Jesus' righteous anger over the greed of those who controlled commerce in the temple precinct, we miss much of the point that John is making. The Jews believed that the offering of sacrifice to God in the temple was a central part of their religious observance. Jesus now brings that practice to an end. He speaks of his own body as the new temple, the new centre of worship. Effectively, Jesus is reinterpreting the religious traditions of the Jews to centre in himself. He becomes the physical embodiment of 'my Father's house'. He is the living temple of the Father's presence among us. In what ways does the Church represent 'the sanctuary of his body' to the world today? How does the Church 'embody' Christ and act to bring about the reign of God? How does Jesus help us to understand God more fully and to worship God differently?	
SUNDAY 8.00AM SACRISTAN: T MELICAN COMMENTATOR: T JACKSON READERS: M D'SOUZA COMMUNION MINISTERS: A FERNANDEZ, M D'SOUZA WELCOMERS: T MELICAN	CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA On 1 January 2021, CatholicCare Melbourne/Gippsland merged with Centacare Ballarat & Sandhurst to form a new entity. CatholicCare Victoria. We offer support for children and young people, giving them the skills they need to work through challenges and build resilience. We strengthen families and relationships by aiming to prevent issues like relationship breakdown or lack of connection. We empower the disadvantaged and vulnerable by helping refugees and asylum seekers to overcome the barriers that hold them back. We also walk alongside those on the fringes of society and help to bring them back in. For more information about our services, please visit our website www.ccam.org.au or contact us on 9287 5555.	
SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY SACRISTAN: J POWER COMMENTATOR: J LUNARDI READERS: J NEWELL, G NICHOLLS COMMUNION MINISTERS: *M FLEMING, C KEITH, AM POWER, J HARTE, J MC ALIECE, J PAVONE WELCOMERS: M & N MAXFIELD MUSIC: JUSTIN LACHAL		