

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**

PASTORAL TEAM

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If you need the ministry
of Fr Michael or Sr
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the opportunities for
healing through the
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Reconciliation.

SCHOOL

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School Principal
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PARISH GROUPS

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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 3/5 9.15am, Tues 4/5
9.15am, Wed 5/5 9.15am LOTW Thur 6/5
9.15am, Fri 7/5 9.15am
Saturday-8.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 1ST & 2ND MAY 2021

FR MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Recently, Michael Leunig, in a cartoon, drew attention to two important notices. And under the heading "Important notices" were two drawings. On the left hand side a drawing of a face mask and the caption from the Victorian Government, "You must wear a face mask while travelling". We have all grown in our understanding of the importance of this notice! Then, on the right hand side, was a drawing of a teapot with the caption, "You can wear a teapot when travelling". This notice was auspiced from Curly Flats. For Leunig fans, Curly Flat is where his beloved character Mr Curly resides and it's a place where teapots are widely used!

What the cartoon immediately says to me is to think about using a teapot.....Maybe many of us have forgotten what a teapot can do and create. When I was a young priest, my parish priest in his busy life often found time to make tea in a teapot. And as we waited for the tea to brew we naturally started to talk/share, which continued with the common activity of drinking our cup together. A good friend of mine often reminds me also of his mum and how so many in her neighbourhood knew the healing that was there from sharing a cup from her teapot.

Maybe Michael Leunig is pointing out that a teapot can be important for the health of our human hearts and indeed just as important as our mask when we board a train, tram or bus.....



SR MARIA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY of her religious profession will be celebrated by our parish on the 6th June at the 10am Mass. This will be followed by some refreshments in the GECCO. If you are unable to come, perhaps in the next few weeks you may want to communicate your thoughts/feelings to Sr Maria.

COPIES OF ROSTERS FOR THE MINISTRY OF WELCOMERS AND LITURGY ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THOSE THAT DO NOT HAVE EMAIL. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND ON A PARTICULAR ROSTERED DAY PLEASE ORGANISE A FILL IN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WORK IN YOUR MINISTRIES.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus continues to speak to the disciples through imagery that they understood from their everyday experience and with symbols that come from their Jewish tradition. The vine is a staple part of Israel's agricultural life. It carries the idea of the life that flows into the branches from the thick stalk of the vine. Jesus becomes that giver of life and prosperity, but behind his life-giving presence is the Father. Like the vinedresser, the Father must cut away anything that impedes that life or comes from a source that is not nourished from the 'true vine'. Jesus exists to make the Father known, and so it must be with disciples of Jesus. We must 'remain with' Jesus and thus make the Father known.

- Discuss the ways in which you cultivate and keep healthy your connection to Jesus. Who or what helps you do this?
- How may you continue with this after the period of mystagogy?

MACLEOD NEWS

MASSES Please help us to keep the Church sanitized between Masses. Let us know if you can help on the day. We appreciate your co-operation in this regard. **OUR CAPACITY IS 150 AT MASS. PLEASE BRING YOUR MOBILE PHONES TO REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE FOR MASS. A HAND WRITTEN SIGN IN SHEET WILL ALWAYS BE A BACK UP OPTION IF NEEDED, HOWEVER WE MUST USE THE QR CODE TO KEEP OUR CAPACITY UP.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Sheehan, Victoria Veda (Gajsek)

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME Nanette, Allannah & Madelene Mikac, Natalina Cuce, Jean Williamson, Mario Zolin, Karl Mikulik, Kathleen Pigdeon, Rocco Pellegrini, Adrian O'Connell, Francesco Barca, Domenica Bertoli, Sr Lexie Brooks, Mary Shearn, Edward Orłowski, Julianna Gulyas, Dianne Were, Carmelo Giuliano, Josefino 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), Bing Mendoza, Sean Murray, Rosa Filipovic and Joseph Lewis, Kathy Wright,

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

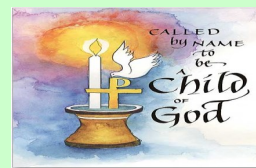
This weekend we welcome into our faith community the following children who are being baptized:

**CIARA HAZEL WARD
EZRA MICHAEL SEVER**

**AUDREY ROSE ANGEL
SEBASTIAN JOSEPH BARONE**

JACOB PETER SZYMANSKI

We assure them of our prayerful support and we pray for them, their families and Godparents. May God keep them always in his love.



PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Spiritual Direction, Counselling, Family Relationships

Sr Maria, our Pastoral Associate, is available for home visits on a Wednesday and Thursday between 10.30am and 5.30pm. For an appointment please call 9401 6338 or email maria.bui@cam.org.au

ST MARTIN OF TOURS CATECHIST PROGRAM

The cut off dates for enrolment in 2021 are as follows:

**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.

AVVISO AGLI ITALIANI

DOMENICA 9 MAGGIO SI CELEBRERA' LA S. MESSA IN ITALIANO NEL COMMUNITY CENTRE CON ORARIO 9AM TUTTI BENVENUTI A PARTECIPARE, LA S. MESSA SI CELEBRERA' LA SECONDA DOMENICA OGNI MESE PER IL MOMENTO PER REGOLAMENTO DEL COVID19, LA S.MESSA SARA' CELEBRATA DA PADRE VITO PEGOLO VI PREGO DI ESSERE NUMEROSI SE SI VUOLE CONTINUARE NEL CELEBRARLA IN ITALIANO.

LEGION OF MARY During May, the Legion of Mary Invites all in our community to join in praying the Rosary after every Friday morning Mass (9:15am) to honour Our Blessed Mother. May her intercession grant us peace, compassion and presence of mind to be like Christ her Son, in our own way. Please contact Philomena Lewis on 0403910446 for further queries.

STEWARDSHIP Figures for last weekend: Stewardship \$1190
Credit cards (month) \$

Presbytery \$596 Loose \$226
Credit cards (month) \$

COPIES OF FR PETER ROBINSON'S BOOK, KINDLY DONATED BY HIS FAMILY, ARE STILL AVAILABLE. THERE IS NO COST FOR THE BOOK BUT WE ASK THAT YOU ONLY TAKE ONE COPY PER FAMILY.

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

*Compassionate God,
Your unconditional love for all
inspires our hearts and empowers our actions
for those who are most vulnerable.
Keep our hearts open to the joys and the hopes of our world, and
our ears ready to hear your call to truth, justice and reconciliation.*

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Pope Francis has dedicated this year to St Joseph. He did so after he saw how much pressure coronavirus put on many families through anxiety, unemployment and fractured relationships. He emphasises St Joseph's role as father of his family.

When introducing the year Pope Francis described St Joseph as a father who worked to support his family and found himself in doing so. The importance of work in our lives is picked up in the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, celebrated on 1 May. The feast is relatively new. Its date was chosen to compete with May Day which represented work as a battleground between greedy employers and oppressed workers. The Feast commended a cooperative world in which work is a central part of human life and workers are honoured for themselves and not simply for their use to their employers.

Pope Francis also speaks eloquently of the importance that work plays in any human life:

'Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour.

'In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron.' The world of work in St Joseph's time differs from our own. He was self-employed as a carpenter, was skilled, saw his work through from beginning to end, and supported Mary and Jesus through his work. In his work he was relatively privileged – for many others work depended on being hired each day and could be back-breaking and dangerous. Supporting a family was always precarious.

In our developed nation, fewer people work at making things for people to buy. Women and men are more likely to work at computers in large organisations and to see only a tiny part of the finished product. Women are consequently less reliant on men for support, but are often expected to contribute to family income. Because manufacturing is so often mechanised and computerised, requiring few workers and privileging people with a higher level of education, work for manual workers is precarious, and many can find only part-time work. People who are unemployed live on the edge of poverty and homelessness.

For both women and men work is an expression of their dignity as human beings. Respect for their dignity demands that they be seen and be able to grow as persons through their work. They are not simply cogs in a machine, nor costs on a balance sheet to be hired or fired at will as profits dictate. Respect also demands that people have security of employment and participate in shaping the conditions under which they work.

Because work is so intertwined with what is most deeply human in us and connects us so strongly to our society, it is important that young people be encouraged to make connections. Because of disadvantage in their early years many of the young people whom we accompany at Jesuit Social Services struggle for connection.

The stigma and punitive conditions attached to unemployment benefits intensify this difficulty.



For St Joseph work was both a gift and a struggle. It remains so today. Because individual workers are weak in relation to employers, and so are at risk of being treated as no more than a cost on their balance sheet, or as a tool to be used and discarded, the relationship between them will always need to be negotiated. The Feast of St Joseph the Worker reminds us that this negotiation must be based on respect, and its fairness be enforced by governments, which must also be fair to people who are unemployed.

Fr Andy Hamilton SJ

BAPTISM DATES New dates are filling fast!! The only dates available now are the **27 June** (presentation 13 June) and the **29th August** (presentation 1 August). In order to reserve a place please submit the application form which can be found on the website. If you have any questions please phone Ingrid at the Parish Office on 9401 6338. For any baptisms from June onwards we will also be trialing a new way of presenting and preparing families for the Sacrament. Families will attend the 10am Mass, and after the opening prayer will be taken out of the Mass as a group and prepared by the Baptism Team in the GECCO or Community Centre. They will then all return to the Church, in time for Communion. We are hoping this will stream line the process of preparation.

Catholic Theological College Series of short sessions: online via Zoom, Engaging Your Faith

Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running 11th to 31st May

Booking, payment and further information: www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/

PARISH ROSTERS 1st & 2nd MAY Year B 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	DIARY DATES Friday 30 9.15am Liturgy of the Word—Sr Anne MAY Saturday 1 8.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass Sunday 2 5th Sunday of Easter 8.00am Mass - Confirmation Preparation 10am Mass - Confirmation Preparation Monday 3 9.15am Mass Tuesday 4 9.15am Mass Wednesday 5 9.15am LOTW - Carol A Thursday 6 9.15am Mass Friday 7 9.15am Mass Legion of Mary - Rosary after Mass Saturday 8 8.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass Sunday 9 6th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day 8.00am Mass, 9am Italian Mass in the Community Centre 10am Mass	
SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM SACRISTAN: C VALENTE COMMENTATOR: FILL IN NEEDED READERS: A CLEAVER, M RYAN COMMUNION MINISTERS: *R WEBSTER, ESPOSITO, P MC IVER, M ANDERSON, J LANE, K FORDE 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: C WEBB COMMUNION MINISTERS: *P KENNEALY, J POWER, AM POWER, J MC ALIECE WELCOMERS: I & B BURGESS, R NUI & Y TAN MUSIC: D BROADBENT ALTAR SOCIETY: SR ANH	THIS WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 21:26-28.30-32. 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 97:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17
PARISH ROSTERS 8th & 9th MAY Year B 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION The Christian Meditation Group which meets on Wednesday evening, meets via 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.	
SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM SACRISTAN: R DE SOYSA COMMENTATOR: M FITZPATRICK READERS: SR A PRIESTLEY, A CLEAVER COMMUNION MINISTERS: *J LANE, B ANDERSON, C VALENTE (PLEASE NOTE ONLY 3 NEEDED) WELCOMERS: L TWINE MUSIC: H TOMBOLATO	MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. The next residential weekend is on 21 -23 May 2021 in Wantirna South (Book early to avoid disappointment) Info/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au	
SUNDAY 8.00AM SACRISTAN: TO BE FILLED COMMENTATOR: T JACKSON READERS: M D'SOUZA COMMUNION MINISTERS: *A FERNANDEZ, M D'SOUZA, F CARNOVALE WELCOMERS: T MELICAN	BISHOPS COMMISSION FOR LIFE, FAMILY AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT Catholics in Australia are being encouraged to receive a COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available to them, with the relevant Bishops Commission saying it is morally permissible to accept any vaccine. The Commission follows the guidance of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in urging people to be vaccinated for their own health, and for the health of the wider community. The document, copies of which are available in the church foyer, includes questions and answers about COVID-19 vaccines and encourages people to consult with their own medical practitioner when making decisions about vaccines.	
SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY SACRISTAN: J POWER COMMENTATOR: J LUNARDI READERS: J NEWELL, G NICHOLLS COMMUNION MINISTERS: *M FLEMING, C KEITH, AM POWER (PLEASE NOTE ONLY 3 NEEDED) WELCOMERS: M & N MAXFIELD MUSIC: J LACHAL ALTAR SOCIETY: M FLEMING	DEANERY LUNCHES Priest Deanery lunches have resumed again in 2021 after a long hiatus. During a full calendar year, Macleod Parish hosts this lunch in the presbytery approximately 3 times. Pre Covid the food provided at the lunch consisted of parishioners and school parents cooking a variety of meals that were able to be re-heated for our lunch guests. Our first lunch is on 3rd June and we are hoping the tradition of having delicious home cooked meals provided will continue. Are you able to assist in providing a meal? With Winter coming on, soups, casseroles, curries and warming puddings would be ideal. Please contact the parish office on 9401 6338 if you are able to help out.	