

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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SCHOOL

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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 17/5 9.15am, Tues 18/5 9.15am, Wed 19/5 9.15am LOTW—John M
Thur 20/5 9.15am, Fri 21/5 9.15am
Saturday-8.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 15TH & 16TH MAY 2021

FR MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

A VITAL ISSUE

A booklet I'm reading, God is in a Leaf, says that it's vital that we recognise the sacredness of the creation around us. For as Pope Francis points out in Laudato Si' (his Encyclical on sharing our common home)- every molecule on our Earth reveals its Maker. I wish I had the talent to write in a way that helps us to realise that when we start to be more aware of God's gifts to us through creation, then we will naturally be wanting to treasure/care for these gifts. All this is important as our church moves toward highlighting Laudato Si' over the next few weeks or so....

VITAL NOURISHMENT

It's important that what we read nourishes our spirit. There are some good books/good spiritual reading donated by a parishioner to anyone who is interested in them. Have a look at the table in the foyer for the box.

EXPLORING THE WORD The central point of this gospel is the instruction that Jesus gives to the disciples to continue his work and mission: to take the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world, and to all creation. He warns that this task may not be easy and that some will reject the message the disciples bring, but for those who do accept it the rewards will be great. They will overcome all that impedes or threatens life and will be given great gifts. In the preaching of the Gospel, Jesus is still present and working with them. The disciples unquestioningly carry out the instructions they are given. The preaching and the sacramental life of the Christian Church is the continuation of the presence of Jesus in the world.

- What hope is offered to us by Jesus taking up his place at the right hand of God?
- What signs of hope accompany the work of the Church in the world today?

SR MARIA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY of her religious profession will be celebrated by our parish on the 6th June at the 10am Mass. If you are unable to come, perhaps in the next few weeks you may want to communicate your thoughts/feelings to Sr Maria. Refreshments will be provided. You are also welcome to bring a plate to share eg a cake or sandwiches.

THANK YOU SMOT PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS Thank you to the Year 4, 5 and 6 students and their teachers for the beautiful artwork in making up the Mothers' Day cards last weekend. Our Mothers were excited to receive the cards and very impressed by the creative minds of our primary school students.

IMPORTANT NOTICE****HELPERS NEEDED****

In line with Victorian Government guidelines QR code for registration is still the required method of registering your attendance at Masses. We are looking for dedicated Covid marshalls at all our Masses, including the 8am Sunday Mass, to help in registering our parishioners. Ideally, you would be checking people in on your own mobile phone where they are not able to do it themselves. We understand that people are frustrated and in some cases unable to utilize this system, but we are obliged to adhere to directives from the Government. The deadline for full use of the QR code is the 28th May. We will try to make it as easy as possible for you. If you could help out on a permanent roster please contact the office. Unfortunately, Covid is not a thing of the past yet, and we must continue to be vigilant in our record keeping, particularly as we have seen a new transmission this week in Melbourne.

We thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

MACLEOD NEWS

MASSES Please help us to keep the Church sanitized between Masses. **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 BE A BACK UP OPTION IF NEEDED, HOWEVER WE MUST USE THE QR CODE FULLY BY THE 28 May.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lina Ferraro, Barry Owen, Judy Spicer, John McCarthy (relative of Margaret & Tony Cleaver), Kathy Wright

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME Anne Maree Humphrey, Francis Lambert, Ernest Neyhaus, Primo Ragazzon, Richard Daly, Giuseppina Gandolfo, Maria Ciarlo, Leonardo Rigoni, George Piggott, Bambina D'Ermiliis, Patricia Willis, Maria Marciniak, Peter Donoghue

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, 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 Diamond (parent at school), Bing Mendoza, Sean Murray, Rosa Filipovic and Joseph Lewis

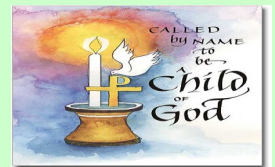
BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

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

**MAISIE ELLA STOTT
NATHANIEL HARRY RIVERA**

**AVALEIGH ELIZABETH STOTT
LEVI CHASE PAPILLO**

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 Tuesday, 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.

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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS 24 MAY The Legion of Mary warmly invites everyone to honour Mary Help of Christians on Monday 24th May with Mass (9:15am) followed by Rosary and morning tea in the Community Centre. As Patroness of Australia, we are indeed blessed to have her protection.

STEWARDSHIP Figures for last weekend: Stewardship \$1338 Presbytery \$851 Loose \$287
Credit cards (month) \$ Credit cards (month) \$

PLENARY COUNCIL NEWS...You may say, "I've heard about the Plenary Council" Yet, what's happening or not happening? A short article in the foyer, 'Plenary Council needs the Catholic Community' can help all of us to answer some of our questions/ponderings about the Plenary Council. It's well recommended.

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 TAKE ONLY 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

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2021 This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy program to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalized in our community, by providing pastoral and spiritual support. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death. You can donate using the envelopes available at the back of the church or online at www.ccam.org.au or call 9287 5513. A flyer of the Chaplaincy Services undertaken is provided for your information in the foyer.

CARITAS IN INDIA India's COVID-19 death toll has officially passed 200,000, as the country continues to struggle through its second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are now more than 18 million confirmed cases in the country, with the local healthcare system overwhelmed by the crisis. The daily death toll is reaching 3000 people. Many Indian cities are struggling to manage a chronic shortage of hospital beds, with several cities reporting that they have nearly run out of hospital beds altogether, especially in ICU departments. Places of worship, sports complexes and even railway coaches have been converted into makeshift hospitals in order to keep up with the demand. "The populations that we work with in India are some of the most marginalised and vulnerable, who have had limited access to clean water and PPE for each outbreak, and are now among those with the least ability to access timely medical attention," said Chanthea Nou, Caritas Australia's Program Coordinator for Cambodia and India.

Donations can be made through Caritas Australia, which continues to work with Caritas India to provide support to the most marginalised and vulnerable through the Asia Emergency Appeal. [Donate online](#) or call 1800 024 413.

LAUDATO SI' (PRAISE BE TO YOU) WEEK 16-25TH MAY Laudato Si' week from the 16th to the 25th May will hopefully re-energise the message that we have an urgent call to tackle the current ecological crisis by making a shift that will allow all human beings to live sustainably in dignity. Fr Andrew Hamilton has a gift for communicating our faith and its connection to our lives/world. The article, The Environment for Change, is well worth reflecting on in the week the Pope has dedicated to his Encyclical. A copy of the article and the 6th anniversary prayer are available in the foyer. Please take a copy.

Don't miss out on Sowers of Hope!

Join us for prayer, scripture, reflection
and dialogue to celebrate the end of
Laudato Si' Year.

Friday May 21st 5:30-6:30pm
Australian Eastern Standard Time
<http://bit.ly/sowersofhope>



**LAUDATO SI'
WEEK 2021**



The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Office of Social Justice and Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare program are co-hosting this prayer and reflection event – *Sowers of Hope*. Register for the Zoom Meeting [here](#).

DEANERY LUNCHEES - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! 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? Are you able to assist in setting up/serving/cleaning up after the lunch? Please contact the parish office on 9401 6338 if you are able to help out. Thank you to those that have volunteered to date.

PARISH ROSTERS 15th & 16th MAY Year B THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	DIARY DATES Friday 14 9.15am Mass Legion of Mary - Rosary after Mass Saturday 15 8.30am Mass No reconciliation this morning 5.30pm Vigil Mass Sunday 16 The Ascension of the Lord 8.00am Mass, 10am Mass Monday 17 9.15am Mass Tuesday 18 9.15am Mass Wednesday 19 9.15am LOTW - John M Thursday 20 9.15am Mass Friday 21 9.15am Mass Legion of Mary - Rosary after Mass Saturday 22 8.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass Sunday 23 Pentecost Sunday 8.00am Mass, 10am Mass	
SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM SACRISTAN: J PENTONY COMMENTATOR: F FRIJO READERS: S RYAN, FILL IN NEEDED COMMUNION MINISTERS: *F ESPOSITO, P MC IVER, C ANDERSON (PLEASE NOTE ONLY 3 NEEDED) WELCOMERS: S YEOH, T MC IVER MUSIC: M O'LEARY ALTAR SOCIETY: M THORN		
SUNDAY 8.00AM SACRISTAN: A FERNANDEZ COMMENTATOR: J PURCELL READERS: T VITEZ COMMUNION MINISTERS: *M LLOYD, A FERNANDEZ, F CARNOVALE WELCOMERS: L & J MORRIS		
SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY SACRISTAN: J POWER COMMENTATOR: R BROADBENT READERS: J LEWIS, M MUDALIAR COMMUNION MINISTERS: *T D'ALESSANDRO, M GRASSO, J POWER, AM POWER (PLEASE NOTE ONLY 3 NEEDED) WELCOMERS: L ANGEL, G SCHWABE MUSIC: R DI GIROLAMI	THIS WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46:2-3,6-9; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15 -20	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 2:1- 11; Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15: 26-27, 16:12-15
PARISH ROSTERS 22nd & 23rd MAY Year B PENTECOST SUNDAY	BOOKS NEEDING A NEW HOME!!! A box of spiritually themed books has landed in the foyer. If you see something you might like to read please feel free to take the book home.	
SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM SACRISTAN: P KENNEALY COMMENTATOR: M FITZPATRICK READERS: M DI FABIO, J O'CONNELL COMMUNION MINISTERS: *J LANE, J SCANLON, D LUNARDI (PLEASE NOTE ONLY 3 NEEDED) WELCOMERS: M CASTILLO, S RYAN MUSIC: H TOMBOLATO	ROTARY RAFFLE Frankston 2021 Raffle Finally, the raffle was drawn and the Bad/Good news is that no one from the Parish won a prize. We thank you for your support. Patrick Kennealy, The Knights of the Southern Cross	
SUNDAY 8.00AM SACRISTAN: K PILKINGTON COMMENTATOR: T JACKSON READERS: N RAJASINGAM COMMUNION MINISTERS: *A FERNANDEZ, F CARNOVALE WELCOMERS: TO BE FILLED	COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DIAMOND VALLEY GROUP CREATIVE ARTS—Craft and Cookery Exhibition Where: Greensborough Masonic Hall, 23 Ester St, Greensborough When: Sunday 6th June 2021 from 10am to 3pm Entry \$5 (children under 16 free) For more information phone 0408 059 353 or email dvgroupecwa@yahoo.com.au	
SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY SACRISTAN: J POWER COMMENTATOR: J MC INERNEY READERS: D WOLLERSHEIM, FILL IN NEEDED COMMUNION MINISTERS: *C & J STARMANS, P BASILE (PLEASE NOTE ONLY 3 NEEDED) WELCOMERS: P BASILE, T JORDAN MUSIC: J LACHAL	TROPICAL RETREAT Sisters of Mercy are running a 5 day tropical retreat in Far North Queensland in July. Flyers are available in the foyer of the Church.	
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/		
CHARISMATIC MASS You are invited to join us to celebrate the next Charismatic Mass at St Thomas the Apostle Parish, 251 Diamond Creek Road, Nth Greensborough on Thursday, 20 th May. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with praise and worship, followed by Mass that will include the Sacrament of Anointing. Please note, bookings are required via TryBooking. https://www.trybooking.com/BRGVG For any assistance with bookings or any further details, contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.		
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.		