

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.

OFFICE HOURS: Mon— Friday 9.00 am — 5.00 pm (closed for lunch 1.00 pm — 2.00 pm)

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

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR A 9TH & 10TH MAY 2020

Homily from Fr Michael

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me.'

Jesus speaks these words, (from our gospel text today), from his own experience of opening himself to the Father each day and finding peace and reassurance especially when he needed it. And one senses that Jesus needed peace and reassurance often because of the hostile response he received from those in powerful positions who felt threatened by his ministry.

And so Jesus encourages us to also regularly turn to God and himself in prayer so that we too receive peace and reassurance. This spiritual practice is something that is very pertinent to us as we feel the threat of Covid 19. In our gospel, Jesus goes on to promise us that 'rooms' or 'dwelling places' will be ours within his Father's house. As local scripture scholar Brendan Byrne points out, through the death and resurrection of Jesus those who are disciples/those who trust in him, are able to even now share in the very life of God.

So the 'dwelling places' or 'rooms' that Jesus speaks of can refer to God dwelling in us as a result of the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. And truly the Lord Jesus does remain with his disciples/those who trust in him in a variety of ways as we journey in faith.

This celebration, the Eucharist, opens up four of these ways:

- i. The Lord's presence in the people of God who make the effort to participate (even from afar by watching this broadcast).
- ii. The Lord's presence in the Presider.
- iii. The Lord's presence in the word of God that we receive at this little table, the lectern
- iv. And the Lord's presence in the food/drink that we receive at the Table of the Lord.

Yes, now the Lord Jesus is present with us in many ways to support us in our mission, for Jesus is no longer bound by the constraints of time or space but available to work in and through all who trust in him.

Finally, a point about the 1st reading from The Acts of the Apostles. The passage refers to the need of the early Church to make some decisions. And one of the decisions concerned ensuring that the apostles were free to exercise their particular calling to prayer and breaking open the word of God. As Sr Verna writes in her commentary, this episode can help us to reflect on our contemporary church scene. For today, priests, pastoral associates, pastoral workers can get tied up in a lot of administration. So we need good lay people 'full of the spirit and wisdom' to take up such tasks in order to free the pastors/pastoral associates/pastoral workers to devote themselves to the ministry they are called to do. On a day that we remember our Mother's, it is good to keep in mind that they can also easily be trapped with too much to do. Mother's Day ought remind us to be aware and make a conscious effort to assist/care for our mother everyday.

We heard in our reading that after resolving this crisis, the earliest faith community flourished and experienced great growth. Let us hope and pray that the Plenary Council in October of this year will address many issues that will help our Australian Catholic community to also flourish.

In dwelling Trinity of Love whose fire kindles life and draws all into communion, give us eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts open and attentive to You at the centre of our lives.

Expand our capacity to create space for the other and to listen with respectful hearts.

May this health crisis disturb our complacency.

May it awaken in us a renewed response to the call to be prophetic people,
witnessing to your steadfast love amidst the cries of a world
in need of healing.

Help us cast ourselves entirely
into the arms of your loving Providence. Amen.

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.

*Wishing all
Mother's a peaceful
and relaxing
Mother's Day.*



A Prayer for Mothers

We offer our prayers to you, O God,
for our mum.

May worry be eased from her mind
and replaced with peace
in her heart.

May the creative work of her hands
be recognised and her
thoughtfulness be met
with gratitude.

May times of pain and loss
be made bearable by the love
and care of those around her.

And may she know that as much
as she loves her children,
she too is loved.

Amen

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME:

Klotilda Salikow, Domenico Carnovale, April Clarke, Charles Rietwyk, Mary Batty, George Piggott, Bambina D'Ermiliis, Charles Partridge, Maria Marciniak, Emilia Nespeca, Stephen Clarke, Saverio Curcio, Margaret Salter, Charles Saunders, Peter Donoghue, Anne Humphrey, William Tupper, Josefino Mendoza, Mary Nolan

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

Joyce Lewis, Thelma Webster, Salvatore(Salv) Caleo, Silvana Gennai, Danilo Mikac, Anne-Maree Silfo, Michael Nicholls, Elizabeth Martin, Tony Ryan, Sr Margaret McHugh, Michael Burgess, Josee Finnis, Robyn Atherton (wife of Jamie)

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE In keeping with existing restrictions, the Bishops of Victoria have suspended all celebrations of Mass and public liturgies until further notice. However, life goes on. The Parish is still in need of your financial support as the day to day bills keep coming in. I therefore appeal to those of you who contribute via the weekly envelope collections to continue to contribute by forwarding your envelopes to the letter drop opening at the front door of the Parish house. We thank you for your support. If you see fit, you may wish to change your contribution method to credit card/direct debit which can be achieved by contacting Liz in the Parish house on 9401 6338 or elizabeth.jernejcic@cam.org.au If you are aware of someone in need please contact the Parish Office. God bless.

In the wake of the COVID 19 crisis the doors to the Church and Community Centre at Macleod are now closed until further notice. The Parish Office is still operating for now but we request that you call the office prior to visiting. We strongly encourage you to stay at home and keep well. 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, or participating in a Mass online.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL MASS During this time of physical isolation, the 11 am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will continue to be televised free to air on C31 (often listed as Channel 44 on digital TVs) and live streamed on our YouTube channel and website. [C31 \(Please note: this is channel 44 on digital TV\)](#)

[CAM YouTube Channel](#) [CAM website](#)

Please also see <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>, <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS RAFFLE

As with so many other matters, the sale of the Rotary Raffle ticket has been interrupted. The Victorian Commission for Raffles and the like have extended the sales period and thus the drawing of the raffle until October 14, this year. So! keep your tickets, and if you dare to win a ship cruise, I still have tickets. Patrick Kennealy 9459 1950

If you would like children's liturgy resources to use at home during this time drop us an email at macleod@cam.org.au and we can forward them to you. Currently we have resources available up to Pentecost.

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