

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

'A faith community where Christian Service thrives and shared ministry is developed'

St Martin's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all Children, young people and adults at risk.

Exploring The Word – The central theme of this week's reading from Matthew is built upon for the next several weeks. In this text, Matthew is reassuring his Jewish audience that Jesus has not come to replace the Law of Judaism but to bring it to fullness and completion. In this gospel, Jesus reassures his hearers that 'not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law.' Instead, Jesus extends the Law of Israel and interprets it in a new way. His emphasis is on the spirit of the Law, not the letter of the Law. Doing only what the Law requires as a minimum is, for Jesus, not enough. Disciples are called to discern what is at the heart of faith and to bring this to all our dealings with people. The observance of outward expressions of faith is hollow unless it is accompanied by an attitude that shapes our whole being and informs all our actions, responses and decisions.

- Discuss why laws are necessary for the best ordering of societies.
- Think of some examples of actions that may be 'legal' but are not necessarily 'moral'.
- Contrast and discuss the 'spirit of the law' and the 'letter of the law'.
- Explore how Christianity is an attitude that shapes the whole being and life of a believer.

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Parish Annual General Meeting – Sunday, 22 February

The **Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on **Sunday, 22 February at 11:15 am** in the **GECCO**. A **cuppa** will be available from **11:00 am**.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Parish Ministry Leaders: Please forward your **Ministry Reports** to the Parish Office to be included in the AGM presentation.



Ash Wednesday MASS

18 FEBRUARY, 2026

9:15am School Mass

7:30pm Parish Mass



Ash Wednesday Palms – Collection of Last Year's Palms

We will be collecting **last year's palms** from **this weekend until Sunday, 15 February**. Palms may be placed in the **basket in the church foyer**.

These palms will be **burnt to create the ashes** used on Ash Wednesday. During the Ash Wednesday service, parishioners come forward to receive the ashes on their foreheads in the **shape of a cross**. The ashes are a visible sign of repentance and are **traditionally not washed off**, remaining on the forehead throughout the day.

Celebrating a Special Milestone

Our parish community joyfully congratulates the following couples as they celebrate significant wedding anniversaries:

Federico & Anna Aspromonte

60th Wedding Anniversary - 12 February

Beryl & Joe Pavone

65th Wedding Anniversary - Celebrated with family on 15 February

We give thanks for their many years of love, commitment and faith, and we pray that God continues to bless them with good health, joy and abundant grace.



Our Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation who are Traditional Owners of the land on which the parish resides, and we pay our respects to elders past and present.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK:

Stewardship \$ 677

Presbytery \$ 347

Loose \$ 541

**RECENTLY DECEASED :** Piero (Peter) Rocca**ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME**

Marietta Cesario (1mth), Giuseppe Boarotto, Violette EL-Hage, Lorraine Wall, Tonino De Amicis, Michael Lorkin, Natalie Mc Carthy, Frank Fumei, Donald Martin, Christina Keating, Trevor Munro, Maria D'Agostino, Elizabeth O'Brien, Betty Conway, William Sullivan, John Gleeson, Patricia Mc Carthy, Slavko Golob

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

Fr Brian Carey, Sr Maureen Sheehan MSC, Louis Sarkady, Judy West, Ahmed Abdulwahid (9yo), Jerome & Salvina Pace, Milka Mikac, Monsignor Pete Jeffrey, Megan Whittle, Fr Prakash Cutunha, Patrick Kennealy, Anita Muscat, Maureen Kavanaugh, Joshua Mullins, Bob Mc Aliece, Marlena Calo, Denise Eagan, Irene & William Burgess, Audrey Tunks (1yr old), Marie Lloyd, Bishop Terry Curtin, Pippa Vecchio, Joe Basile, Monica Ragheb, Liliana Bariola, Nancy Gheno, Jess Cabitac, Augusto DaSilva, Henry DaSilva, John Capaletti, Lauren, Phillip Minnelli, Patricia Valente, Julie & Joe Morris, Stephen Lau, Fr Tony Kerin VG, Charles, Queenie

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2026 Catechist Program
SUNDAY | 11:00 AM

The Catechist Program supports children who live in our parish and are preparing for Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, but do not attend St Martin's Primary School.

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SMOT PARENT & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE PICNIC!

Tuesday 17 February 2026
5:00pm – 7:30pm
 Bottom Yard Lawn Area,
 St Martin of Tours Primary School

Food for Sale! ★ BBQ Sausages ★ Pancakes ★ Drinks

Activities! ★ Petting Zoo & Jumping Castle Fun!

Bring Along: Picnic Blankets & Chairs (optional)

Volunteer Sign Up:
<https://signup.com/go/xNByghP>
 or email: smotpfa@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au

Pre-Purchase by Friday 13th Feb via Square!

\$6 Jumping Castle Combo (Food + Drink / Zooper Dooper + Jumping Castle)

\$10 All In Combo (Food + Drink / Zooper Dooper + Petting Zoo + Jumping Castle)

BUY HERE: <https://smot-pfa.square.site>

COMMUNITY YOGA

at the St Martin's Community Centre

Join us twice a week to feel stronger, steadier, and more at ease in your body.

Mondays 5:00 PM Yoga for Strength With Kath	Fridays 9:30 AM Yoga Flow for Mobility With Nora
Using light dumbbells to build deep, functional strength. Improve balance, stability, and body awareness while developing confidence and resilience.	An inclusive practice blending mindful movement, breath, and awareness. Build mobility and coordination, and leave feeling more grounded and steady.

Class Fee: \$20
 Move, breathe, and build strength in a friendly community space. Everyone welcome.

6th Sunday Of Ordinary Time 14th & 15th February (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

SACRISTAN: J JACOB
COMMENTATOR: F FRIJO
READERS: A. ROSARIO, M CASSAR
COMMUNION MINISTERS: R. WEBSTER,
 C. ANDERSON, I FRIJO, F. ESPOSITO,
 A. CALDERONE
WELCOMERS: S. YEOH, M. ZACCARI
MUSIC: M. O'LEARY, M. PUSPA

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: F. CARNOVALE
COMMENTATOR: J. PURCELL
READERS: T. VITEZ
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 F. CARNOVALE, M. D'SOUZA
WELCOMER: L. & J. MORRIS

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: F. GROBBELAAR
COMMENTATOR: R. BROADBENT
READERS: J. LEWIS, J. NEWELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS: M. FLEMING,
 T. D'ALESSANDRO, M. GRASSO, P. FUMEL,
 A-M. POWER
WELCOMERS: L. ANGEL, G. SCHWABE
MUSIC: BROADBENT'S
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:
 C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: TBC
ALTAR FLOWERS: J. MCALIECE, C. HARTE
COUNTING TEAM: 3, 16/2

1st Sunday Of Lent

21st & 22th February (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

SACRISTAN: S. FITZGERALD
COMMENTATOR: M. FITZPATRICK
READERS: M. DI FABIO, J O'CONNELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS: J. SCANLON,
 A. CALDERONE, B. ANDERSON, J. LANE,
 C. VALENTE
WELCOMERS: M. CASTILLO, T. MC LVER
MUSIC: M. O'LEARY, M. PUSPA

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: S. SAMUEL
COMMENTATOR: J. FERGUSON
READERS: N. RAJASINGAM
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 F. CARNOVALE, F. ESPOSITO, S. SAMUEL
WELCOMER: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: M. LOVE
COMMENTATOR: J. LUNARDI
READERS: J. PAVONE, G. NICHOLLS
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 C. STARMANS, J. STARMANS, P. BASILE, C.
 HARTE, J. HARTE
WELCOMERS: P. BASILE, T. JORDAN
MUSIC: R. DI GIROLAMO
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:
 C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: TBC
ALTAR FLOWERS: NA
COUNTING TEAM: 4, 23/2

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	13 February	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	14 February	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Confirmation Commitment Mass
Sunday	15 February	8:00 am	Mass for 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
		10:00 am	Confirmation Commitment Mass
		11:30 am	Baptism
Monday	16 February	9:15am	LOTW – M. Daly
Tuesday	17 February	9:15am	Mass
Wednesday	18 February	9:15am	Ash Wednesday – Whole School Mass
		7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday	19 February	9:15am	Mass
Friday	20 February	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	21 February	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council Commissioning Mass
Sunday	22 February	8:00 am	Mass for 1st Sunday of Lent
		10:00 am	Parish Pastoral Council Commissioning Mass
		11:00am	Cuppa in GECCO
		11:15am	Annual General Meeting in GECCO
Monday	23 February	9:15am	Mass

READINGS

First Reading:

THIS WEEK

Sir 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18

Second Reading:

1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel Reading:

Mt 5:17-37

NEXT WEEK

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14 17

Rom: 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11

Baptisms Sunday, 15 February

We welcome into our faith community through baptism,

♦ Summer Imbriano Sanfilippo ♦

♦ Jack Vincenti ♦

♦ Liana Veleviski ♦

♦ Harlan Armstrong ♦

♦ Marley Armstrong ♦

May God surround them with his love.



Stations of the Cross in Lent

During Lent, parishioners are invited to join in the **Way of the Cross** every Friday morning from **20 February**, after the **9:15am Mass**.

This devotion will replace the Rosary during Lent and will continue through to **Palm Sunday**. All are welcome.

Lent 2026 Daily Prayer & Reflection – *The Journey Home*

More booklets will be **available soon** in the main foyer for **\$5 (cash only)**. Please place payment in the box provided.

menALIVE – St Martin of Tours Parish, Rosanna

"God is glorified when men are fully alive" – St Irenaeus. Come along, share, reflect, and enjoy fellowship with other men of faith. Sessions are held **fortnightly**, for about an hour. Reconnect session are first and third week of each month) (Excludes Public Holidays)

Next ReCONNECT Sessions:

 **Fridays, 20 Feb 7:00am–8:15am**

 **Stephenie's Acai.Café.Bar, Rosanna**



Monthly Cuppa – Hospitality Team Volunteers Needed

Our Monthly Cuppa is held on the 1st Sunday after Mass and after special parish events. Volunteers are welcome to help with set-up, serving, and pack-up. If you enjoy hospitality and helping build community, please contact the parish office on 9401 6338.

Altar Flower Ministry – Volunteers Needed

The Altar Flower Ministry is seeking volunteers to assist with arranging flowers for the altar. No experience is necessary as training and support are provided. This is a flexible and rewarding way to serve the parish. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact the parish office on **9401 6338**.



Children's Liturgy Program – We Need More Volunteers!

The purpose of this ministry is to share the Good News with the younger members of our community in a safe and age-appropriate way. During the **10am Mass**, volunteer parents and helpers guide children through a short lesson based on the day's readings. We warmly welcome **leaders and helpers** to join the program. **Training will be provided.**

Children aged **4–12** are invited forward at every Mass during the academic year. **Working with Children Checks** are required for all adult volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Coordinator:

Sarah Gittins: wspr.gittins@bigpond.com

Sr. Maria Bui: Maria.Bui@cam.org.au

Safeguarding Essentials Training – Volunteers

All volunteers (new and existing) must complete Safeguarding Essentials Training every 3 years and keep their WWCC current. If you have not yet completed the training, please do so as soon as possible at melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding. You will need your WWCC ID and email to log in. A certificate will be issued on completion.

Hairdressing for Women and Men:

Phone: Yuni on 0433 614 399 Pensioner Rates. Can attend home.

LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://brucedownes.org/len-2026-sign-up/> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Lent 2026: I Am Light

This Lent, journey with us to nurture the Light of Life given to us by Jesus. Each day, receive a 2 - 3 minute video by email with images, music, Scripture, and a simple prayer to help the Light within you grow - a torch to guide and inspire. Created by Michael Hansen SJ, these daily prayers will lead us through Lent and prepare our hearts for the night of lights on Holy Saturday.

Dates: Ash Wednesday, 18 February To Easter Sunday, 5 April 2026

Cost: Free, with the option to donate to support this Ministry.

Register now to receive your daily blessing.

<https://book.venue.life/pch/register/len-2026-i-am-light>



ITALIAN CLASSES AT ST MARTIN OF TOURS "Associazione Culturale "L'Aurora"

Italian Language classes will start at St Martin of Tours Community Centre, Rosanna, on Sat 14th Feb 2026. Classes will run during school terms and will be of 2.5 hours duration from 1:30pm to 4:00pm every Saturday. Students from Prep to Year 12 are welcome to enroll. The tuition fee for the year is \$270.00 per student. Please phone: 0424 902 167 / 0423714028 or email us at info@lauroraschool.com.au for more information.

RCIA ENQUIRY FOR 2026

The parish runs the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** each year. This program is primarily designed to prepare those who wish to become Catholic. It is also suitable for:

- Those who want to deepen their own faith
- Those who wish to understand the Catholic faith of their spouse
- Those who want to be more aware of what their children are learning at St Martin's Primary School

If you would like to enquire about the RCIA program, please **contact the parish office on 9401 6338**.

Hear With Me Audiology Care (All Ages)

Dr Gerard William -hearwithme.com.au or contact: **03 9002 4237**