

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

3rd Sunday of Lent

'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.



LENTEN THEME 2026: The Light of Jesus leads us to Living Water & a life of Hope
The Living water we have received gives us hope.

Exploring The Word – This gospel should be read in conjunction with the first reading from Exodus, in which the people of Israel, liberated from slavery in Egypt, are left thirsting in the desert. God provides them with water to sustain their journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land. In the gospel, the thirst of the Samaritan woman is a much more profound thirst, and her openness to the living water offered by Jesus and her gradual journey to faith are at the heart of this text. She moves from a superficial understanding that Jesus may be offering her a permanent supply of water to a deeper appreciation of him as one who intimately understands the yearning of the human heart and offers her a way forward. Not only does the woman come to faith but she is also instrumental in leading others to belief, using the classic words of invitation to discipleship in John's Gospel: 'Come and see a man ... I wonder if he is the Christ?' *Do you sometimes have a superficial understanding of what Jesus offers? How can you continue to deepen your appreciation of Jesus? *What 'thirst' characterises your life at the moment?

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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.



Lenten Communal Reconciliation

 Tuesday, 24 March  7:30pm

All are warmly invited to join in this time of prayer, reflection, and God's mercy.

Easter Liturgy Times 2026 – St Martin of Tours

Palm Sunday Vigil Mass, 28 March 5:30pm (Saturday)

Palm Sunday, 29 March: 8am Mass & 10 am Procession Mass (Meet 9:45 am for procession at walk bridge, corner Lower Plenty & McCrae Rd)

Holy Thursday, 2 April: 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Night Watch until 10 pm

Good Friday, 3 April:

10 am Community Stations of the Cross,

3 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, 4 April: 7:00 pm Easter Vigil (starts outside with Easter Fire blessing)

Easter Sunday, 20 April: 8 am Mass, 10 am Family Mass



SIGN- UP SHEETS FOR THE EASTER LITURGIES ARE IN THE MAIN FOYER OF THE CHURCH! PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ROLES IF YOU ARE HERE FOR EASTER!!

Could readers and ministers indicate their availability on the sign-up sheets..

Newsletter Notice - Due to Technical issue, Our parish newsletters will no longer be sent as email attachments. Please access the latest newsletter and updates on our website:

 <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/macleod>

Microsoft subscribers (hotmail, live, msn), must opt in via the [subscription link](#) in our website to receive newsletters. Thank you for your understanding.

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 \$ 531 Presbytery \$ 202 Loose \$ 665

SVDP – Poor Box

Donations for the month of February 2026 - \$270.00. Thank you all.

**RECENTLY DECEASED : Wilfredo Eborde****ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME**

Kathleen Turner, John Williams, Catherine O’Ryan, Marija Kormanic, Marie Abrahams, Kenneth Sherrott, Francis Delaney, Jerome Miller, Sandra McDonald, Mary Carbery, Kathleen Kruger, Rosaria Adornato, Paul Brandon, Anthony Micallef, James Dempsey, Vittorio Lanza, Concezio Pantaleo, William Mumford, Therese Spencer, Rose Costello, John Rutter, Velia Dintino, Stefan Ispanovic, Giuseppe Amato, Gabriele De Amicis, Mary McEvey, Mario Di Ciocco, Linda Gogel, Barry Mcphee, Bridget Harding, Freddy Muscat, Charlie Dalli, Frances Dalli, Mary Livori

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

Fr Brian Carey, Sr Maureen Sheehan MSC, Louis Sarkady, Judy West, Ahmed Abdulwahid (11yo), Jerome & Salvina Pace, Milka Mikac, Monsignor Pete Jeffrey, Megan Whittle, Fr Prakash Cutunha, Patrick Kennealy, Anita Muscat, Maureen Kavanaugh, Joshua Mullins, Bob McAliece, Marlana 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, Augusto DaSilva, Henry DaSilva, John Capaletti, Lauren, Phillip Minelli, Patricia Valente, Julie & Joe Morris, Stephen Lau, Fr Tony Kerin VG, Charles, Queenie, Marilyn Kenneally

**PROJECT
COMPASSION****Third Sunday of Lent**
7–8 March 2026

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future. Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, by scanning the QR code, online:

<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraiser/s/macleodcatholicparish> Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

**The Prodigal Son - Lenten Retreat Days, Kew VIC – 21 & 22 March 2026**

You are warmly invited to a two-day Lenten retreat centred on the beautiful parable of mercy. The days include input, silent reflection and shared spiritual conversation, offering space to slow down and listen for God’s tender mercy at work in your life.

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 March 2026**9.30am – 4.00pm**

Campion Centre - 99 Studley Park Road, Kew

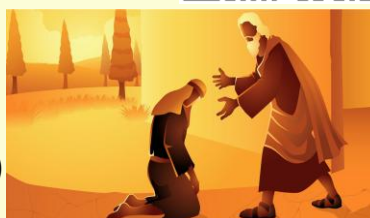
\$130 (includes materials & refreshments)

Bring your own lunch

Facilitated by Anne Priestley RSM and Maureen Atkins (JISA Campion).

Email: info@jisa.org.au

Phone: 1 300 392 636 (ask for more details)

Register by 18 March 2026.**St Martin of Tours**DONATE TODAY
EFTPOS AVAILABLE IN THE
MAIN FOYER**No Cash, No worry!**THE MACHINE IS SET TO COLLECT A
DONATION OF \$2, \$5, \$10 OR \$20 PER
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and tap your card.**Online Donation
Available now****SCAN HERE****Make a Difference
With Every Donation****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.

Scan for
enrolment and
more details

3rd Sunday Of Lent**7th & 8th March (Year A)****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM**

SACRISTAN: R DE SOYSA
COMMENTATOR: M. FITZPATRICK
READERS: SR A PRIESTLEY, J. O'CONNELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS: J. LANE B.
 ANDERSON, C VALENTE, P RYAN, J SCANLON
WELCOMERS: T. MC IVER, M. CASTILLO
MUSIC: M. PUSPA

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: S. SAMUEL
COMMENTATOR: T. JACKSON
READERS: M. D'SOUZA
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 F.CARNOVALE, F. ESPOSITO, S. SAMUEL
WELCOMER: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: F. GROBBELAAR
COMMENTATOR: J LUNARDI
READERS: G. NICHOLLS, J NEWELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 M. FLEMING, M. LOVE, P. BASILE,
 C. STARMANS, J STARMANS
WELCOMERS: L. BAKKER, P.FUMEI
MUSIC: JUSTIN
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE/
 C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: NA
ALTAR FLOWERS: NA
COUNTING TEAM: 2, 9/3

4th Sunday Of Lent**14th & 15th March (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: J. MURONE

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: F. CARNOVALE
COMMENTATOR: J. PURCELL
READERS: T. VITEZ
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 F. CARNVALE, 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. FUMEI,
 A-M. POWER
WELCOMERS: L. ANGEL, G. SCHWABE
MUSIC: R. DI G
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:
 C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: J. GROBBELAAR, D. DIAS
ALTAR FLOWERS: NA
COUNTING TEAM: 3, 16/3

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	6 March	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	7 March	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass for 3rd Sunday of Lent
Sunday	8 March	8:00 am	Mass for 3rd Sunday of Lent
		10:00 am	Mass
Monday	9 March	9:15am	Mass
Tuesday	10 March	9:15am	Mass
Wednesday	11 March	9:15am	LOTW – M. Daly
Thursday	12 March	9:15am	Mass
Friday	13 March	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	14 March	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Confirmation Commitment Mass (Catechists)
Sunday	15 March	8:00 am	Mass for 4th Sunday of Lent
		10:00 am	Confirmation Commitment Mass (Catechists)
Monday	16 March	9:15am	Mass

READINGS**First Reading:****THIS WEEK****Ex 17:3-7****Responsorial Psalm:****Ps 94:1-2, 6-9****Second Reading:****Rom 5:1-2, 5-8****Gospel Reading:****Jn 4:5-42****NEXT WEEK****1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13****Ps 22:R****Eph 5:8-14****Jn 9:1-41****Baptism Presentations this weekend**

In preparation for their upcoming baptism,
Zachary Cusumano and his parents Megan and Andrew,

Darcy Bourke and her parents Caitlin and Shaun,

Ruby Omizzolo and her parents Madeleine and Ben,
Archer Lee and his parents Donnie and Nguyet,

are being presented to the community of St Martin's this weekend at 10am
 Mass. *May God surround them in his love.*

Taizé Vigil Prayer for Peace 🕒 **Tuesday, 17 March, 7:30 pm**
in the Church, Pray with us for peace in the world and an
end to war through meditative music and reflection in the
 spirit of Taizé. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be
 called children of God." – Matthew 5:9



Eucharist28 The journey toward the **International Eucharistic Congress 2028** (Eucharist28), to be held in **Sydney**, has officially begun with the launch of its website and the distribution of parish Starter Packs across Australia. Marking 100 years since the 1928 Congress in Sydney, Eucharist28 is being shaped as a multi-year national pilgrimage of prayer, formation, and renewal.

Church leaders, including **Bishop Richard Umbers** and **Anthony Fisher**, have expressed hope that the Congress will renew Eucharistic faith and inspire deeper intimacy with Christ and missionary zeal throughout Australia.

<https://eucharist28.org/>



WISER WOMEN'S GROUP

The next catch-up will be on **Thursday, 12th March at 10:30am** in the Community Centre, with **morning tea included**. All ladies are welcome to join!

This group aims to support each other, share stories, encourage one another, keep **HOPE** alive in our hearts, and of course, enjoy some fun and laughter.

For more details, contact **Leonie** via the office or **Sr. Maria** at maria.bui@cam.org.au



Holy Week Music Rehearsal – Monday 23rd March

We will be holding an **rehearsal** to prepare for Holy Week music on **Monday 23rd March, from 6:30–8:30 pm** at **St Martin's Church**.

All are warmly welcome to join us as we prepare music for this special time in the Church's calendar.

Thanks so much

From Marg O'Leary 🙏🎵😊



175th Anniversary Lecture Series – The Gospel of St. John Heidelberg

As part of 175th Anniversary celebrations, Associate Professor **Joel Hodge** (parishioner & Parish Pastoral Council member) will present talks on the Gospel of St. John.

Dates & Time: (Free)

•10th March, 7:00 pm * 17th March, 7:00 pm

Location: St. John's Heidelberg \$ Cost Free (Approx. 1 hour per talk) All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Walk with Mary 2026

Join the **Combined Societies of Mary** and **Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ** for a special Mass, street procession, and entrustment to Our Lady on this special Sunday in memory of her Annunciation. **All are welcome!**

To commemorate **40 years of days of prayer**, the first **1,000 adults** to attend and stay will receive, **free of charge**, the *Precious Prayers* book—120 pages of beautiful and powerful prayers.

Event Details:

•**Date:** Sunday, 15 March 2026

•**Time:** 2:00pm–4:00pm

•**Venue:** St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

For enquiries, email csmary.org@tpg.com.au or call (03) 9509 2207.



St Patrick's Day Mass & 2026 Patrick Oration

Tuesday 17 March 2026

St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

Parishioners are warmly invited by Archbishop **Peter A Comensoli** to join this special diocesan celebration at **St Patrick's Cathedral**.

Mass will be celebrated at **6.00pm**, followed by the **Patrick Oration** at **7.15pm**. Cathedral doors open from 5.00pm. As the Oration will be broadcast live, attendees are kindly asked to be seated by 7.15pm.

The Oration will formally launch *Light into the City*, the Archbishop's vision for the renewal of the Cathedral and its surrounds — strengthening the connection between faith, culture and community.

RVSP By 6 March:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1538179>

📺 Unable to attend in person? Live Broadcast

• On TV via **C31 Melbourne** (Digital Channel 44)

• Online via the **Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne** YouTube Channel:

www.youtube.com/archmelb

Enquiries: chancery@cam.org.au

Journey Through Lent with the Bethany Way

Join the **Bethany Way**, the Archdiocese of Melbourne's flagship formation initiative, as we journey through the spiritual desert together this Lent—for **free**. Each week from **Tuesday, 24 February**, receive:

•A **podcast conversation** exploring Lent's themes, challenges, and graces.

•A **prayer resource** with Scripture and reflections for the week.

Perfect for individuals, small groups, and parishes. A facilitation guide is available for group leaders.

Register and find out more (free):

melbournecatholic.org/events/the-one-thing-necessary-lenten-online-retreat-series

🎵 Mary Magdalene – The Musical

An uplifting Lenten production retelling the journey of Mary Magdalene through music and story. Presented by **COG Theatre Group** and directed by **Beth Mondragon Williams**, this moving work reflects on redemption, grace, and hope.

📅 **When:** Fri & Sat 13–14 March, 7:00 pm

Sat & Sun 14–15 March, 1:00 pm

📍 **Where:** [Renaissance Theatre, High Street, Kew](#)

🎫 **Tickets:** trybooking.com/DHZPD



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