

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

The Most Holy Trinity

'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.

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

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Exploring the Word: John 3: 16-18

Nicodemus, a member of the ruling elite of the Jewish people, wants to believe in Jesus but is afraid to do so publicly, so he comes to Jesus at night (John 3:2). Darkness and night are often used in John as symbols of an inability to accept the truth of who Jesus is, but still Nicodemus is drawn. He is open to the truth but fears the consequences. One of those consequences is that belief in Jesus as Son of the Father leads to life, while rejecting that truth leads to condemnation.

In John, 'the world' is used as a symbol of unbelief or darkness, but Jesus tells Nicodemus that the world is not to be condemned because the light has come into the world. It is now up to individuals to recognise that light and come to belief. Only thus can the world be saved. Jesus is also showing the relationship he has with the Father—that of the only Son.

Do you empathise with Nicodemus at all? Is there a nagging fear or uncertainty about coming to believe in Jesus and learning more about him?

Reflect on times when you have found light in the darkness.

In what ways does Jesus give you a glimpse of God?



Volunteering is a gift of service, freely given for others and our community. Throughout May, **we invite you to reflect on this theme.**

Join us for a **special morning tea on Sunday 31 May** after the **10:00am Mass** as we give thanks for all who serve. All are welcome!

Reflection on volunteering with the RCIA team

The RCIA is a journey of faith, walking with those enquiring about or seeking reception into the Catholic Church. It is so much more than merely religious instruction; it is about developing a life-long relationship with God, through Jesus with the support of our faith community.

Although challenging at times, it is a life-giving experience not only for the candidates, but also for the volunteers who walk with them, and for the whole community which welcomes and supports them. Well worth contemplating.

FIRST EUCHARIST INFORMATION NIGHT 2026 on TUESDAY 2ND JUNE at 5pm in the GECCO

Parents and Catechist children who are registered for 2026 are required to attend this session.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK:

Stewardship \$ 632 Presbytery \$ 234

Loose \$388

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Stewardship: \$11360 Presbytery: \$ 955

An EFTPOS machine is available in the main foyer for your convenience.

Donations of **\$2, \$5, \$10, or \$20** can be made with a simple tap. Thank you 🙏**RECENTLY DECEASED : Shirley Reading****ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME**

Domenico Carbone, Giacomo Mercante, Denis Kirby, Agnes Polglaze, Kathleen Lambert, Bruce Lachowicz, Mihaly (Michael) Haller, Patricia McGowan, Robert Crapper, Pasquale Pesce, John McHugh, Angelo Gandolfo, Elizabeth Sargentson, Irma Cain, Maria Panozzo, Rosa Redmond, Marie Dam, Elizabeth Laffan, Kevin O'Brien,

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

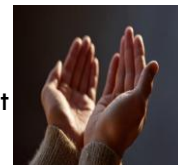
Joshua Mullins, Ahmed Abdulwahid (11yo), Jerome & Salvina Pace, Milka Mikac, Monsignor Pete Jeffrey, Megan Whittle, Fr Prakash Cutunha, Patrick & Marilyn Kennealy, Marlena Calo, Irene & William Burgess, Audrey Tunks (1yr old), Marie Lloyd, Bishop Terry Curtin, Pippa Vecchio, Joe Basile, Monica Ragheb, Liliana Bariola, Nancy Gheno, Augusto DaSilva, Henry DaSilva, John Capaletti, Lauren, Patricia Valente, Julie & Joe Morris, Stephen Lau, Fr Tony Kerin VG, Charles, Damien, Anna, Susie, Julietta S. Taneca (Philippines)

Parish Synod Corner**Synodality and the laity**

Synodality affirms that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of all the baptised.

Lay people are not simply helpers of clergy; they are active disciples called to witness to Christ in families, workplaces, and society. A synodal Church takes this vocation seriously.

The parish Christian Meditation group meets every Thursday at 7.30pm on Zoom. If you are interested in this ancient form of contemplative prayer, please contact Joan McKeegan on 0418 584 970.

**Melbourne Catholic Digest.**

This edition contains photos of the Easter Vigil at St Patrick's Cathedral as well as other interesting articles. A limited number of copies are available in the church foyer.

Australian Catholics Magazine

Copies of The 2026 winter edition of Australian Catholics featuring an article on being a Dad in Today's world are available in the church foyers.

🌿 ✨ **MENALIVE PARISH WEEKEND** ✨ 🌿

An invitation for the men of our parish**Saturday 30 – Sunday 31 May 2026****Greensborough**

Take some time away from the busyness of life... to reflect, to reconnect, and to renew your faith.

The **menALIVE Weekend** offers a welcoming and supportive space for men to explore their relationship with God, share with others, and be encouraged in their faith journey.

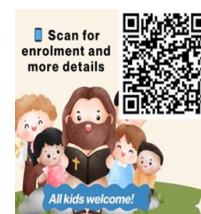
Many who have attended speak of it as a **powerful and uplifting experience**—one that continues to bear fruit long after the weekend ends.

**Learn more & register:**
<https://greensborough.menalivevic.au/>
**Have questions?**

John O'Connell – 0429 596 948

**2026 Catechist Program Sunday 11:00am**

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



Feast of the Most Holy Trinity 30th & 31st May (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

SACRISTAN: S. FITZGERALD
COMMENTATOR M. DI FABIO
READERS: J. KENNY- MARTINEZ
COMMUNION MINISTERS: R. WEBSTER, P. RYAN, F. ESPOSITO, I. FRIJO, A. CALDERONE
WELCOMERS: R. HARLIM, S. YEOH, R. DESOYSA
MUSIC: M. O'LEARY & MIRA

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: F. CARNOVALE
COMMENTATOR: G. MULLINS
READERS M. D'SOUZA
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 F. CARNOVALE, M. D'SOUZA
WELCOMER:

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: M. LOVE
COMMENTATOR: R. BROADBENT
READERS: J. PAVONE
COMMUNION MINISTERS: M. GRASSO, P. FUMEI, M. LOVE, M. FLEMING, T. D'ALESSANDRO
WELCOMERS: L. BAKKER, P. FUMEI, J. NEWELL
MUSIC: ROB DI GIROLAMO
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: S. GITTINS, D. DIAS
ALTAR FLOWERS T. MIKIEWICZ
COUNTING TEAM: 1, 1/6

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 6th & 7th June (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

SACRISTAN: C. VALENTE
COMMENTATOR A. CALDERONE
READERS: S. KERR
COMMUNION MINISTERS: R. WEBSTER, C. ANDERSON, G. LEONE
WELCOMERS: M. ZACCARI, M. CASTILLO
MUSIC:

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: F. CARNOVALE
COMMENTATOR: T. VITEZ
READERS M. FERNANDEZ
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 F. CARNOVALE, M. D'SOUZA
WELCOMER:

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: M. LOVE
COMMENTATOR: P. FUMEI
READERS: J. LEWIS
COMMUNION MINISTERS: A-M POWER, J. HARTE, C. HARTE, G. LEONE
WELCOMERS: G. SCHWABE, P. BASILE, D & M GRASSO
MUSIC:
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:
ALTAR FLOWERS M. REARDON
COUNTING TEAM: 2, 8/6

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	29 May	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	30 May	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Mass for the Most Holy Trinity
Sunday	31 May	8:00 am	Mass for the Most Holy Trinity
		10:00 am	Mass
			Volunteer Morning tea
Monday	1 June	9:15am	Mass
Tuesday	2 June	9:15am	Mass – Class 5BM
		5pm	First Eucharist Information Night - GECCO
Wednesday	3 June	9:15am	LOTW – E. Pietryk
Thursday	4 June	9:15am	Mass
Friday	5 June	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	6 June	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Mass for the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Sunday	7 June	8:00 am	Mass for the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
		10:00 am	Mass
			Cuppa after Mass

READINGS

First Reading:

Responsorial Psalm:

Second Reading:

Gospel Reading:

THIS WEEK

Ex34:4-6,8-9

Dan 3:52-56

2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3 : 16-18

NEXT WEEK

Deut. 8:2-3,14-16

Ps.147:12-15,19-20

1 Cor.10:16-17

Jn.6: 51-58

June Choir Rehearsal 🎵 🎵 🎵

The SMOT Open Age choir will rehearse on Monday 1st June from 7.30-8.30pm in St Martin's church.

There is a call for male singers - how amazing it would be to have a blend of tenors & bass voices along with the angelic female voices of regular attendees - and the possibility of developing an SATB choir!

Please also note that the practice for June is a week earlier to avoid rehearsing on the Monday of the long weekend!

Thank you

Safeguarding Essentials Training – All Volunteers (New and Existing)

All new and existing volunteers are required to complete Safeguarding Essentials Training every 3 years. At the end of the training, participants will sign the Code of Conduct and receive a certificate of completion. Please also ensure that your **Working With Children Check (WWCC)** is current and up to date.

If you have not yet completed this training, we kindly encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. Access the online training at: melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding. You will need your WWC ID and email address to log in.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Begins May 27th – In 1967, on this day, a referendum was passed allowing First Nations People to be included in the national census and that laws would be created to include them.

Ends on June 3rd – in 1992, on this day, The High Court of Australia delivered the Mabo decision confirming the legal doctrine of “terra nullius” was false and paving the way for Native Title.

2026 Theme – All In: demands active participation from all Australians to move beyond awareness to action according to their ability.

Purpose – To provide a focal point for nationwide action, education and strengthening relationships between Indigenous and non-indigenous Australians

God of the Dreaming,
You are a God of Justice and compassion.
Help us to learn from the mistakes and hurts of the past so that our society may become a place
You are a God of justice and of justice for all.
Give us the courage to see
the truth and speak it.
Help us to be people who reflect
the love of Jesus when we see
suffering around us.



(John Dunn: Artist of the Stations of the Cross)

Volunteer Needed for **Altar Server Garment Care**

Our parish is seeking a kind volunteer to assist with washing and caring for Altar Server Garments. Your help ensures our young servers are always prepared to serve with dignity.  **Please contact the Parish Office:** macleod@cam.org.au Thank you for your generous support of our parish community! 

Come Away Day – 2026 **Wed, 24 June**

 9:30am – 2:30pm

Step aside from the busyness of everyday life and enter a gentle space of reflection, renewal, and peace. Our **Come Away Days** throughout 2026 offer a quiet oasis for individuals seeking spiritual rest and reconnection.

Each day includes a thoughtfully prepared program featuring: Prayer and meditation, Silence and personal reflection, Gentle group interaction, Anointing, Eucharist or Liturgy of the Word with Communion

 **Location:** Holy Cross Retreat
207 Serpells Road, Templestowe

 **2026 Dates:**

- Wednesday, 24 June
- Wednesday, 16 September
- Wednesday, 18 November

 **Bookings & Enquiries:** Sr Brigid CP

bridget.m64@gmail.com Come away... and rest awhile. 

Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession

 **Sunday, 7 June 2026**

 1:30pm

 **Begins:** St Patrick's Cathedral

 **Concludes:** Federation Square

All are warmly invited to join this annual **Corpus Christi Procession** through the streets of Melbourne's CBD.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we walk together in faith, bearing witness to Christ in the Eucharist—our light and our hope—into the heart of the city.

Come and be part of this powerful public expression of faith. 

Middle East Emergency Appeal – Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal



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