

# ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

## The Most Holy BODY AND BLOOD of CHRIST

*'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.*

### PASTORAL TEAM

**Fr Michael O'Connell**  
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### ADMINISTRATION

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### SCHOOL

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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### Child Safeguarding Committee

**Robert Broadbent**  
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### Communion to the sick

PH 9401 6338

### St Vincent De Paul

1800 305 330

## Exploring the Word: John 6: 51-58

This passage comes after Jesus has fed the multitudes with five barley loaves and two fish, but in his explanation of this sign, Jesus refers to himself as 'living bread', 'bread from heaven' that gives eternal life. The ancestors who followed Moses out of Egypt had been sent manna from heaven to nourish them in the desert, but they had still died. The food that Jesus offers—himself—will lead to eternal life!

As is typical in John's Gospel, this text can be read on two levels. The words spoken by Jesus would have been shocking to those who heard them. For the Jewish people, to eat flesh and drink blood was unthinkable; it was abhorrent. Jewish dietary laws forbade the eating of flesh with its blood in it. Blood was the symbol of the life of the creature. At the end of the flood story in Genesis, God gives to humans all the plants and animals of the earth as food for them, 'with this exception: you must not eat flesh with life, that is to say blood, in it' (Genesis 9:4). Now here is Jesus saying that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have life. In the continuation of this gospel passage, many turn away from Jesus at hearing him say this. Jesus then asks the disciples if they too will leave him. Peter answers on their behalf with a wonderful acclamation of faith: 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The giving of Jesus' flesh and blood for the life of the world is a reference to the salvific nature of his death and the inauguration of a new covenant through his sacrifice. In the Old Testament, a sacrifice was not complete unless it was also eaten; the Eucharist is our participation in Calvary, where we truly consume the once-for-all sacrifice under the species of bread and wine. Under that veil, Christ is present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

### Baptism Presentations

In preparation for their upcoming baptism,  
**Xavier, Eva and Bodie Jordan and their parents**  
**Jared and Michaela, And**  
**Sadie and Freddie Lynch, and their parents**  
**Callum and Jennifer,**  
are being presented to the community of St Martin's  
this weekend at 10am Mass.  
***May God surround them in his love.***



**STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK:**

Stewardship \$ 631

Presbytery \$ 235

Loose \$488

**Scan For Online Donation**

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 : Patrick Kennealy****ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY**

**AT THIS TIME** Christopher Cooper, Franco Vivarini, Olive McHugh, Brendan Tupper, Marion Collings, Thomas Kirby, Lawrence Bonnici, Amy Theodoulis, Harry Anderson, Edna Heraity, Vincenzo Blancato, Eileen Crapper, Irene Heydon, Aileen Keane, Joan Cooper, Harold Witchell and Beverley (Bev) Hince

**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, 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), Barbara Zimmerman, Janette Wilson.

**WISER WOMEN'S GROUP****Theme: Winter Recipes**

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](mailto:maria.bui@cam.org.au)

The next catch-up will be on:

Thursday, 11 June 2026

**10:30am**

Community Centre,

**Soup and bread rolls** will be provided. All ladies are welcome

**Parish Synod Corner****Synodality is about mission**

The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.

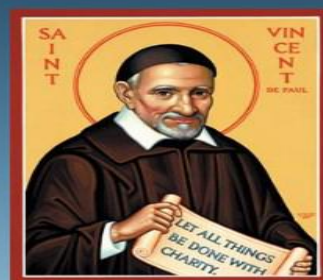
# Vinnies Winter Appeal

The students of St. Martin of Tours Primary School will be participating in the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal throughout the month of June.

Students, Families and Parishioners are welcome to make donations of winter clothing items, toiletries and non-perishable food.

Please place your items in the tent inside the foyer of the church.

Thank you for supporting the good works of the St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers.



**Feast of the Most Holy Body and  
Blood of Christ**  
**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 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:** MIRA

**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:** M. O'LEARY  
**RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:** C. HARTE, C. STARMANS  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**  
**ALTAR FLOWERS** M. REARDON  
**COUNTING TEAM:** 2, 8/6

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June (Year A)**

**SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM**

**SACRISTAN:** R.DE SOYSA  
**COMMENTATOR** M. FITZPATRICK  
**READERS:** SR ANNE PRIESTLEY, J. O'CONNELL  
**COMMUNION MINISTERS** J.LANE ,B. ANDERSON, C.VALENTE, P. RYAN, J. SCANLON  
**WELCOMERS:** T. MCIVER, M.CASTILLO  
**MUSIC:** H.TOMBALATO ,MIRA

**SUNDAY 8.00AM**

**SACRISTAN:** S.SAMUEL  
**COMMENTATOR:** T. JACKSON  
**READERS** M.DE SOUZA  
**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**  
F. CARNOVALE, F.ESPOSITO. S.SAMUEL  
**WELCOMER:**

**SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY**

**SACRISTAN:** F.GROBBELAAR  
**COMMENTATOR:** J. LUNARDI  
**READERS:** G. NICHOLLS, J.NEWEILL  
**COMMUNION MINISTERS:** M. FLEMING,  
M.LOVE, P.BASILE, C. STARMANS, J.STARMANS  
**WELCOMERS:** L.BAKKER, P. FUMEI, G. XAVIER  
**MUSIC:** J. LACHAL  
**RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:** C. HARTE, C. STARMANS  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** D.DIAS  
**ALTAR FLOWERS** M.FLEMING  
**COUNTING TEAM:** 3, 15/6

**DATES THIS WEEK**

|           |         |          |                                                 |
|-----------|---------|----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 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                                            |
|           |         |          | Baptism Presentations                           |
|           |         |          | Cuppa after Mass                                |
| Monday    | 8 June  | 9:15am   | Mass                                            |
| Tuesday   | 9 June  | 9:15am   | Mass                                            |
| Wednesday | 10 June | 9:15am   | LOTW – M. Daly                                  |
| Thursday  | 11 June | 9:15am   | Mass                                            |
| Friday    | 12 June | 9:15am   | Mass – Whole school<br>Feast of Sacred Heart    |
| Saturday  | 13 June | 8.30am   | Mass                                            |
|           |         | 10:00am  | Reconciliation                                  |
|           |         | 5:30pm   | Mass – Catechist<br>Commitment Mass             |
| Sunday    | 14 June | 8:00 am  |                                                 |
|           |         | 10:00 am | Mass - Catechist<br>Commitment Mass             |
|           |         |          | Confirmation - Presentation                     |
|           |         |          | Cuppa after Mass                                |
|           |         | 11:30 am | Baptism ceremony                                |
| Monday    | 15 June | 9:15am   | Mass                                            |
| Tuesday   | 16 June | 9:15am   | Mass – Class 2 JB                               |

**READINGS**

**First Reading:**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Second Reading:**

**Gospel Reading:**

**THIS WEEK**

Deut. 8:2-3,14-16

Ps.147:12-15,19-20

1Cor.10:16-17

Jn.6: 51-58

**NEXT WEEK**

Ex. 19:2-6

Ps.99 :2-3, 5

Rom 5: 6-11

Matt 9: 36-10:8

**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](http://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding). You will need your WWC ID and email address to log in.

## 🌿 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](mailto:bridget.m64@gmail.com) Come away... and rest awhile. 🌸

## 🙏 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](mailto:macleod@cam.org.au) Thank you for your generous support of our parish community! ❤️

**LIFEBOAT Geelong Foundation** has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse across Australia. Generous supporters have donated a number of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000!), including cars from deceased estates /which are no longer required. Lifeboat generates funds required to assist victims in a multitude of ways (counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities).

If you or someone you know could help (maximum involvement with four cars per year), please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or [frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au)) for more information

## 2026 Catechist Program Sunday 11am

**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**

### Hairdressing for Women and Men:

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

## ✝ 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. 🌿

## Did You Know? One in Seven Christians Worldwide Experiences Persecution

An estimated one in seven Christians worldwide experiences persecution or discrimination because of their faith.

In countries including Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Pakistan and China, Christians can face imprisonment, violence, or pressure to abandon their faith simply because they follow Christ.

Yet despite persecution, countless Christians continue to gather for Mass and practise their faith with remarkable courage - even when doing so may place their freedom or lives at risk.

These Christians are not strangers to us. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are called to stand with them in prayer and solidarity.

Through Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), discover their stories and be inspired by the courage of Mathieu and Pauline, catechists from Burkina Faso who were kidnapped for their faith.

Read their remarkable story by scanning the QR code, or visit [aidtochurch.org/bulletin](http://aidtochurch.org/bulletin)



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