

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

11th 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.

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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Sunday Readings and Gospel Reflections: Matt.9:36 10:8

All significant life callings have ups and downs, but at some point, we arrive at a place where those very joyful beginnings feel distant while in reality, the difficulty of a trying road looms ahead.

A fine example of this is seen in today’s First reading, when the people of God experienced tremendous joy in their liberation from slavery, in their crossing of the Red Sea and the manna from heaven – visible evidence of God’s Hand. Further into their sojourn in the desert, the joyous onset of the People of God is fading, in spite of Moses proclaiming all that the people of God, then and now, need to hear. As long as they continue to listen to God’s voice, God will stay true to His people – simply stated in Hebrew as *segullah* or *Treasured people*.

A similar theme arises in the Second reading, when St. Paul reminds some of the first Christians, who were no doubt joyous with the Good News, their conversions and baptism in Christ, yet experienced much persecution, that God will stay true to them. Most of them only knew Jesus through faith. In their slavery to sin and even literal slavery under Roman law, and Christ’s death for them and all mankind, the language of *segullah* is now manifest in the person of Christ.

The joy of the Gospel message is a promise of everlasting care and concern – it is an ongoing gift for all people, for all time. Thus, we can have a joyful trust in God, even when we might sit in the wilderness of the journey of life.

So when we find ourselves a little weary from the journey, asking whether God really care, God **does** care, that is certainly part of today’s message.

In fact, it is in those moments of greatest absence that God is most wanting to remind us that we are *segullah*; a treasured son or daughter of God.

Baptisms Sunday, 14 June

We welcome into our Faith Community through baptism,



Xavier Jordan
Eva Jordan
Bodie Jordan
Sadie Lynch
Freddie Lynch

May God surround them with his love

Parish Synod Corner

What synodality is NOT

Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the centuries is not negotiable. What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate, and embody that faith in changing times.



STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK:

Stewardship \$ 623

Presbytery \$ 262

Loose \$426

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: Bert Milligan**ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY**

AT THIS TIME Marta Martino (1st Annversary), Henry McIntyre, Stephen McCarthy, Vicki Gandolfo, Patricia McCormick, Herbert Field, Alberto Paciocco, Joseph Williams, John Hennessey, James Hern, Giuseppe (Mick) Russo, Francesca McGrath, Rosa Valenti,.

**WINTER CHANGE TO 5.30PM MASS
from 27th June 2026**

Due to smaller numbers during the colder months we have decided to keep the bottom yard closed for the 5.30pm Saturday night Mass. Please use the Community Centre carpark instead.

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, Merilyn 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.

**HELPING SOMEONE WHO IS SLEEPING
ROUGH IN BANYULE****What is rough sleeping?**

Sleeping rough means living without a proper home, such as in cars, abandoned buildings, tents, swags, open areas, or other makeshift shelters.

What information do I need?

Contact Council about someone sleeping rough, please provide:

The property or location details & A description of what you noticed

Your contact details (optional).

It's important to remember:

Support-first approach: Council works with Merri Outreach Support

Service to visit the individual and

offer assistance. Enforcement is never the first step

Support takes time: Finding suitable help for someone sleeping rough can be a lengthy process. Building trust

matters: Establishing

relationships with support services is gradual and requires patience.

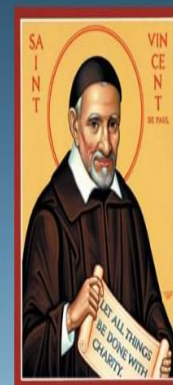
Housing challenges: Affordable housing is limited, and waitlists can

be very long.

P: 94904222 or

W: banyule.vic.gov.au/homelessnessHelp

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.



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th and 14th June (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

SACRISTAN: R.DE SOYSA
COMMENTATOR M. FITZPATRICK
READERS: 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. D'SOUZA
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 F. CARNOVALE, F.ESPOSITO. S.SAMUEL
WELCOMER:

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, 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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th and 21st June (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

SACRISTAN: J JACOB
COMMENTATOR F. FRIJO
READERS: A. ROZARIO, M. CASSAR
COMMUNION MINISTER: R. WEBSTER, C. ANDERSON, I. FRIJO, F. ESPOSITO, A. CALDERONE
WELCOMERS: M. ZACCARI M.CASTILLO
MUSIC: M. O'LEARY

SUNDAY 8.00AM

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

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: F.GROBBELAAR
COMMENTATOR: R.. BROADBENT
READERS: J. LEWIS, J.NEWELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS: M. GRASSO, P. FUMEI, A-M POWER, M. FLEMING, GABRIELLA LEONE
WELCOMERS: L. ANGEL, G. SCHWABE, M. MORRIS
MUSIC: BROADBENTS & D. CONCEICAO
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: D.DIAS
ALTAR FLOWERS M.THORN
COUNTING TEAM: 4, 22/6

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	12 June	9:15am	Mass – Whole school Feast of Sacred Heart
Saturday	13 June	8.30am 10:00am	Mass Reconciliation 5:30pm
			Mass – 11 th Sunday O.T. Catechist –Eucharist Commitment Mass
Sunday	14 June	8:00 am	Mass - 11 th Sunday O.T.
		10:00 am	Mass - Catechist Eucharist Commitment Mass Confirmation - Presentation Cuppa after Mass
		11:30 am	Baptisms
Monday	15 June	9:15am	Mass
Tuesday	16 June	9:15am	Mass – Class 2 JB
Wednesday	17 June	9:15am	LOTW – C. Assouad
Thursday	18 June	9:15am	Mass
Friday	19 June	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	20 June	8.30am 10:00am 5:30pm	Mass Reconciliation Mass - Eucharist Preparation: School & Catechist
Sunday	21 June	8:00 am 10:00 am	Mass Mass - Eucharist Preparation: School & Catechist Cuppa after Mass
		11:30 am	Baptism
Monday	22 June	9:15am	Mass
Tuesday	23 June	9:15am	Mass – Class 1 DC

READINGS

First Reading:

Responsorial Psalm:

Second Reading:

Gospel Reading:

THIS WEEK

Ex. 19:2-6

Ps.99 :2-3, 5

Rom 5: 6-11

Matt 9: 36-10:8

NEXT WEEK

Jer.20 10-13

Ps.68 8-10,14,17,33-35

Rom.5 12-15

Matt.10 26-33

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.

🌿 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. 🌸

🙏 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! ❤️

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) 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.

Young Men of God (YMG) – POWER Conference (17-19 July)

Young Men of God (YMG) invites young men to attend the upcoming **POWER Conference**, a 3-day residential Catholic conference this July. The conference focuses on deepening faith, strengthening brotherhood, and growing in leadership.

All young men are warmly encouraged to attend, and parishioners are invited to share this opportunity with youth and young adult groups.

For more information, please watch the short introduction video: <https://youtu.be/BqH6SUWRhLY>

For enquiries or to register interest, please contact:

Jensen – 0416 319 387

Br. Aaron – 0406 727 276

Email: ymgmovementaustralia@gmail.com

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



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