

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

20th 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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EXPLORING THE WORD: Matt.15: 21-28

In this gospel, we find another example of the common device used by Matthew to denote the movement of Christianity from a Jewish to a Gentile setting. Jesus has left the Jewish region around the Sea of Galilee and travelled north-west to the Gentile territory of what was ancient Phoenicia in Syria.

Jesus’ fame has obviously spread even here, but the focus of the passage is not the cure but the dialogue. The woman knows full well that Jesus is Jewish as she hails him as ‘Son of David’. His silence in the face of her plea is explained in the next verse—a reference to the messianic mission of gathering all Israel into the kingdom. Jesus’ response sounds harsh, but the woman is quick to seize on his imagery and twist it to her advantage, but with humility. Through her, Jesus reveals a great truth—God’s salvation is available to all. He responds generously with both his praise and his healing power.

- Perhaps we may discern some ‘moments of revelation’ or learning that we may have had.

- Could we review how inclusion is understood and practised in the Church today?

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES THIS WEEKEND

Isabella	Alroy	Gabriel	Aoife	Florence
Jasmine	Mollie		Max	Nathan

Congratulations on your First Eucharist!

May the grace of this Sacrament strengthen your faith and bring you closer to God each day.

THE 2026 ARCHBISHOP’S CAMPAIGN is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

The Archbishop’s Campaign invites us to proclaim the Good News by supporting ministries that serve those in need across our Archdiocese. Your generous gift helps bring this mission to life — not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



**THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
CAMPAIGN**
2026



melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK:

Stewardship \$ 609

Presbytery \$ 208

Loose \$ 841

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: Frank Sanfilippo, Indrani Deraniyagale**

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME: Frederico Aspromonte (1 month), Caterina Perizzolo (1 Year), Bruce Casey, Annette Goonasekera, Kath Lark, William Meehan, Thomas O'Hehir, Julie Ispanovic, Giovanna Dovile, Mary Dent, Margaret Carlton, Valerie Hilder, John Frazier, Judith McDonald, Vincenzo Labita, Michael Vocale, Emanuele Tumino, Silvio Sinni, Julie Barsanti, Fransi Widjanarko, Valentina Torre, Americo Taccone, Rosemary Sandham, Giuseppe Beraldo, Isabella Babare, Egisto Rossi, Geoffrey Moran.

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, Barrie & Val Williams, Janet O'Brien, Olga Urdih, Janette Osborne.

The Consultation Process:**YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP**

Discipleship is a lifelong journey. True discipleship rests on three pillars:

- Encounter: Meeting Jesus personally
- Engage: a commitment to growing more deeply in faith
- Embark: a commitment to living a life of mission

Young people respond powerfully when they are:

- Trusted with responsibility
- Invited into leadership
- Given opportunities to contribute
- Empowered to shape the life and mission of the Church

Questions for Reflection

1. Where are we creating opportunities for young people to encounter Christ in our Parishes and organisations?
2. How could our community create environments that foster the journey in faith for our young people?
3. Looking ahead five years, what three hopes do you have for young people in relation to faith, belonging, engagement and living as missionary disciples? What could the Archdiocese do to realise these hopes?

NEXT STEP

Please provide your feedback by scanning the QR code below or visiting:

<https://melbcath.org/synod-youth>

**THE FEAST OF OUR LADY'S ASSUMPTION**

is celebrated on Saturday, 15th August. As a Holy day of Obligation in Australia, Catholics can attend any of the two Masses offered to commemorate this Feast:

A Vigil Mass on Friday

14th August at 7:30pm

or

the 8:30am Mass on Saturday

15th August, the Actual Feast day.



Reconciliation Class 2026: Just a reminder that the **Parent - Child Information Session** will be held on Monday 17 August at 5pm, in the GECCO. All children who have registered for Reconciliation this year need to attend this session with their Parent.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

The 2026 Spring edition of Australian Catholics features student-led writing, faith formation resources, and issues related to young people in their faith journey.

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR FREE COPY FROM THE CHURCH FOYERS.

**MASS BY CANDLELIGHT ON THURSDAY
20TH AUGUST @ ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CHURCH** North Greensborough

will be celebrated in the spirit of Taizé. Quiet music will commence at 7:30pm, followed by Mass at 8pm and Supper afterwards.

All welcome. Enquiries: Emilia 0418120902

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th and 16th August (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

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

SUNDAY 8.00AM

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

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: F. GROBBELAAR
COMMENTATOR: R. BROADBENT
READERS: J. LEWIS, J. NEWELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS: T. D'ALESSANDRO, M. GRASSO, P. FUMEL, A-M. POWER, M. FLEMING, G. LEONE
WELCOMERS: L. ANGEL, G. SCHWABE, M. MORRIS
MUSIC: BROADBENTS & DAWSON
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: N. NGUYEN, D. KARTIKAWATY
ALTAR FLOWERS: J. MCALIECE, C. HARTE
COUNTING TEAM: 3, 17/08

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd and 23rd August (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

SACRISTAN: S. FITZGERALD
COMMENTATOR: M. FITZPATRICK
READERS: M. DI FABIO, J. O'CONNELL
COMMUNION MINISTER: J. SCANLON, A. CALDERONE, B. ANDERSON, J. LANE, C. VALENTE
WELCOMERS: T. MCIVER, S. YEOH, R. DE SOYSA
MUSIC: M. O'LEARY & MIRA P.

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: S. SAMUEL
COMMENTATOR: J. FERGUSON
READERS: N. RAJASINGAM
COMMUNION MINISTERS: F. CARNOVALE
WELCOMERS:

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: M. LOVE
COMMENTATOR: J. LUNARDI
READERS: J. PAVONE, G. NICHOLS
COMMUNION MINISTERS: C. & J. STARMANS, C. & J. HARTE, P. BASILE
WELCOMERS: P. BASILE, T. JORDAN, M. JOSEPH
MUSIC: R. DI GIROLAMO
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: S. GITTINS, D. DIAS
ALTAR FLOWERS: C. ROWAN
COUNTING TEAM: 4, 24/08

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	14 August	9:15am	Feast of the Assumption Whole School Mass Class 6BM
		7:30pm	Vigil Mass – Feast of Assumption
Saturday	15 August	8.30am	Mass – Feast of Assumption
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Mass – First Eucharist (Catechist)
Sunday	16 August	8:00 am	Mass
		10:00 am	Mass – Archbishop's Campaign – "Giving" Cuppa after Mass
Monday	17 August	9:15am	Mass
Tuesday	18 August	9:15am	Mass
Wednesday	19 August	9:15am	LOTW – C. Assouad
Thursday	20 August	9:15am	Mass – Class 3CJ
Friday	21 August	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	22 August	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Mass – Reconciliation Commitment
Sunday	23 August	8:00 am	Mass
		10:00 am	Mass – Reconciliation Commitment
			Cuppa after Mass
		11:30 am	Baptisms

READINGS

First Reading:
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading:
Gospel Reading:

THIS WEEK

Is. 56: 1, 6-7
 Ps. 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8
 Rom. 11 : 13-15, 29-32
 Matt. 15: 21-28

NEXT WEEK

Is. 22: 19-23
 Ps. 137: 1-3, 6, 8
 Rom. 11 : 33 - 36
 Matt. 16: 13 - 20

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP

The Religious Gift Shop is open before and after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday. A wide selection of beautiful gifts for the Sacraments and special occasions are available for purchase.



Safeguarding Essentials Training The Safeguarding Committee thanks all those volunteers who attended the recent session and are now compliant until 2029. The Training is valid for 3 years. Remaining volunteers whose training has expired or have not previously completed the training now must complete the training online as their only available option, by logging on at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training>. (You will need your email address and Working with Children (WWCC) ID to log in. **We ask non-compliant volunteers to make this a priority as they only have until 30 September to comply with their safeguarding requirements.** Non-compliant volunteers after that date will no longer be able to volunteer or be rostered for their Ministry. For any queries, please contact the parish office.

SMOT YOUTH GATHERING – SUNDAY 23 AUGUST:

Topic: "Prayer" Featuring a video from Fr Rob Galea.
Young people aged 14–30 years are warmly invited to join us for a gathering of fellowship with other young people. Snacks and drinks will be provided at the Community Centre. We look forward to seeing you at 11am in the Community centre. Please Contact Joel Lewis or Sr. Maria via the Parish Office.

CATECHIST TEACHER NEEDED:

If anyone is interested in becoming a Catechist Teacher or would like more information about the role, please contact Sr Maria or Fr Michael via the Parish Office on 94016338. Training will be provided.

"I found the course rewarding in knowledge and enriching in spirit and it was also wonderful to share this experience with others in the group who are on their own journey of service and faith". - Marcelle (current teacher)

Our Parish Community is a vibrant one because of YOU – God's people ! **We currently need Volunteers in the Sacristan Ministry and encourage you to join.**

As Jesus said: Please consider bringing along your two Fish, the Bread is blessed and in abundance.

Training will be provided.

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.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: St Martin of Tours' Bereavement Support Group will meet on **Thursday 27 August at 2.30pm in the Parish House.**

New members are warmly welcome to join us. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Sr Maria on **9401 6338** or email **Maria.Bui@cam.org.au**.

Pastoral Home Visits



Sr Maria is available for home visits on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

For an appointment call 9401 6338 or email Sr Maria at **Maria.Bui@cam.org.au**

CAR PARK UPDATE

Due to the upcoming First Eucharist Masses in August and the onset of Spring thereafter, **BOTH Car Park facilities** (Bottom School yard & the Community Centre parking) will now be open for All Masses.

The Pope's intention for August : Evangelization in the city The Pope's prayer intention this month focuses on **evangelization in the city**, asking the faithful to pray for new and creative ways to build community in urban areas marked by loneliness.

Parish Synod Corner:**Synodality and the Eucharist**

The Eucharist is the heart of synodality. Around one table, many are gathered as one Body. What we celebrate sacramentally must shape how we live communally.

**RCIA CORNER**

THE Archdiocese Proclaim office is holding an online evening via Zoom on Wednesday 26th August, focusing on the enquiry stage of the RCIA journey.

All are warmly invited to attend this session and possibly join the RCIA team in this most rewarding ministry of accompanying seekers in their faith journey.

Please contact Sr. Maria for more details

PARISH FUNDRAISER

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming fundraiser: **CAR-BOOT SALE on Sunday 18th October.** All are welcome to pack your car / trestle table, etc with good condition / quality items that you wish to sell.

Details to follow in coming weeks.

ST MARTIN OF TOURS PLAYGROUP



Starting Monday 27 July in the OSHC Room

9:00 - 10.30am (during school terms)

BYO snacks
Tea, coffee and biscuits provided for the adults

Cost: \$1 per visit



Email: playgroup@smrosanna.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 0439009671

Working with Children Check required as it is held in school grounds
<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>

Hairdressing for Women and Men:

Phone: Yuni on 0433 614 399 Pensioner Rates.
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