

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FATHER'S DAY

'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.18: 15-20

The gospel readings for this week and the next come from a section of Matthew that deals with ways the community might regulate its behaviour. Clearly there were some in the group who were behaving in ways that brought the community into disrepute and were contrary to the teaching of Jesus. The question was how the community should confront such issues of human sinfulness and help each other in the spirit of love that Jesus professed. Matthew recalls the words of Jesus to suggest a way forward in this dilemma.

This text comes immediately after the parable of the lost sheep, where the shepherd expends all possible effort to find the lost one and bring it back to the fold. For Matthew, the main point of that parable is the joy that the master expresses when the lost one returns.

That point is emphasised in this text when Matthew again suggests that all possible effort must be made to correct those in the community who err before taking the final step of exclusion from the group. Even then, all is not lost, and Matthew reminds his community that they should pray together and that their prayers will be heard.



We welcome **Kyle Leonard**
through **Baptism, First Eucharist & Confirmation**
Into our Faith Community.
May God surround him with His love.



FATHER'S DAY

This Sunday we celebrate fathers, grandfathers and all those who are a loving masculine presence in our lives. We thank them for the love, guidance And protection and pray for their wellbeing.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY- National Child Protection Week (NCPW) 6th – 12th September 2026

NCPW is a national campaign that brings Australians together to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. It provides us an opportunity to ensure **Safe practices, safe activities, safe parishes in the following ways:**

- Risk Assessments
- Inductions & Training
- Safeguarding Meetings
- Record Keeping
- Empowerment of the community
- WWCC, COC & potentially Police checks

NCPW reminds us that protecting children is everyone's responsibility.

Resources can be accessed here: <https://www.napcan.org.au/get-involved-2026/>

Our Parish reaffirms this with the re-signing of our safeguarding commitment statement by Fr. Michael O'Connell.



STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK:

Stewardship \$ 767

Presbytery \$ 228

Loose \$ 636

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 🙏**Scan For Online Donation****RECENTLY DECEASED:** Amelia Lazzaro

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME: Seamus O'Reilly (1 Year), Cosimo Petrilli, Andrew Baxter, Janet Seymour, Isabella Stella, Teresa Wood, Barry Fitzgerald, Jack Dempsey, Phyllis Neilson, Candido Tieppo, Saverio Turchet, Kathleen Humphrey, Antonio Lanza, Mario Bortolotto, Agnes Sheehan, Richard McAlicie, Vigilio Tieppo, Margaret Trenka.

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, 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, Pradeep Savarirayan (India), Ron Coon.

TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND SMOT SCHOOL & PARISH

This is a reminder to All attending School and Church events to please be mindful of adhering to the Parking signage on the Street as well as the Community Centre Car Park. Thank you.

Please ensure that Residential driveways are not blocked / partially blocked.

THE PARISH CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

meet 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.

THANK YOU !!

Due to the generosity of a Parish family, the light-fittings on the wagonwheel above the Table of The Lord have been renewed and the globes have been strengthened to give more light.

THE LEGION OF MARY

meets every **Wednesday at 4pm in the Presbytery.**

You are warmly invited To join this most rewarding ministry of serving the community, **To Jesus Though Mary.**

IMPORTANT NEWS !!

At the foyers is a letter from the Vicar General of the Archdiocese, Very Rev. Anthony Kerin, in which he tells us that there will be a partnership between the Parishes of St. Martin of Tours, St. John's and St. Pius X within two years' time. On the reverse of the letter is a message from the three Parish Priests calling us to enter this process in a spirit of solidarity.

We invite every family to collect a copy of the letter.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES 3rd & 4th October

Please send in your names to the Parish office if you are celebrating a special Marriage Anniversary this year or if you need a special blessing in Your Married Life.

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

An Online Information Session is on Tuesday 22nd September From 7 to 8pm via Zoom

The permanent diaconate is open to single / married men aged between 30 and 50yrs, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. Attendance to this online session is by invitation and anyone interested to learn more can email Deacon Kevin Pattison on kevin.pattison@cam.org.au

Parish Synod Corner:**Synodality and leadership**

Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

Cuppa After Sunday Mass:

Please join us for cuppa & a chat after Sunday 10am Mass in the GECCO.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th and 6th September (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

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

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: S. SAMUEL
COMMENTATOR: T. VITEZ
READERS: M. FERNANDEZ
COMMUNION MINISTERS: M. D'SOUZA
WELCOMERS:

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: M. LOVE
COMMENTATOR: P. FUMEI
READERS: S. REGO, J. LEWIS
COMMUNION MINISTERS: A-M POWER, C. & J. HARTE, T. D'ALESSANDRO, M. GRASSO
WELCOMERS: M. & D. GRASSO, G. SCHWABE, P. BASILE
MUSIC: R. DI GIROLAMO
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: D. DIAS, L. MILLER
ALTAR FLOWERS: P. BASILE, T. MIKIEWICZ
COUNTING TEAM: 1, 07/09

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th and 13th September (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

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

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: J. FERGUSON
COMMENTATOR: T. JACKSON
READERS: M. D'SOUZA
COMMUNION MINISTERS: M. D'SOUZA, F. CARNOVALE
WELCOMERS:

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: F. GROBBELAAR
COMMENTATOR: J. LUNARDI
READERS: G. NICHOLLS, J. NEWELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS: M. FLEMING, M. LOVE, P. BASILE, C. & J. STARMANS
WELCOMERS: L. BAKKER, P. FUMEI, G. XAVIER
MUSIC: J. LACHAL
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: J. GROBBELAAR, SANDRA YEOH
ALTAR FLOWERS: M. REARDON
COUNTING TEAM: 2, 14/09

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	28 August	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	29 August	8.30am 10:00am 5:30pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sunday	30 th August	8:00 am 10:00 am	Mass – Social Justice Sunday Mass – Baptism Presentations & RCIC Presentation Cuppa after Mass
Monday	31 August	9:15am	LOTW – Sr. A. Priestley
Tuesday	1 September	9:15am	No Mass / No LOTW
Wednesday	2 September	9:15am	LOTW – E. Pietryk
Thursday	3 September	9:15 am	No Mass / No LOTW
Friday	4 September	9:15am	LOTW – M. Daly
Saturday	5 September	8.30am 10:00am 5:30pm	No Mass No Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sunday	6 September	8:00 am 10:00 am	Mass – Father's Day Mass Cuppa after Mass
Monday	7 September	9:15am	LOTW – E. Pietryk
Tuesday	8 September	9:15am	LOTW – M. Daly
Wednesday	9 September	9:15am	No LOTW

READINGS

First Reading:
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading:
Gospel Reading:

THIS WEEK

Ezek. 33:7-9
Ps. 94: 1-2, 6-9
Rom. 13 :8-10
Matt. 18: 15-20

NEXT WEEK

Sirach 27: 30 -28 :7
Ps. 102: 1-4, 9-12
Rom. 14 : 7-9
Matt. 18: 21-35

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP

The Religious Gift Shop is open before and after the 10 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.

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.

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)

ACN : AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Support the persecuted to Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed.

Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region.

To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.



CHOIR PRACTICE DATES:

Please note the dates below

Monday, 14th Sep 7:30-8:30pm

Monday, 5th Oct 7:30-8:30pm

At St. Martin's Church

RCIA & RCIC ENQUIRY FOR 2026/2027

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - Every year the parish runs a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is primarily designed to prepare those who wish to become Catholic, but it is also for those who want to embrace more closely their own faith, those who may wish to familiarize themselves with the faith of their Catholic spouse, and those who wish to be made more aware of what their children are learning at St Martin's Primary School. If you would like to enquire about the RCIA program, please contact the office on 94016338.

RCIC-Rite of Christian Initiation Children - We warmly welcome anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith for children /grandchildren. Please contact Fr Michael or Sr Maria or call the office on 9401 6338 for an appointment. All are welcome.

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.**
Registration fee on site : \$20 per car / vehicle.
 Details to follow in coming weeks.

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

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.

Can attend home.

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