

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

‘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.21: 28-32

A great deal has happened since last week’s gospel reading in the lectionary. Jesus is now in Jerusalem. He has entered the city (Matthew 21:1–11) and has taken possession of the temple, driving out those who corrupt his Father’s house (Matthew 21:12–17). The crisis point of Jesus’ ministry has arrived, and he will enter into conflict with the established religious authorities.

The point of this text is that it is not the ‘conventionally religious’—those who mouth all the right words and go through the rituals—who will enter the kingdom. Instead it is the ones who, by their actions, carry out God’s will and become the sons and daughters of God.

John the Baptist, like Jesus himself, not only preached righteousness; he lived it. Jesus describes him as ‘a pattern of true righteousness’ (Matthew 21:32), and it was the broken people, the tax collectors and prostitutes, who accepted what he had to bring. They believed in him, repented and experienced a change of heart and life.

Are there leaders in our society who should recognise what is right but do not? Are there leaders in our society who pay lip service to the truth but fail to act on it? At this point in your journey, what do you think is God’s will for you?

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

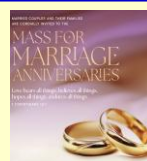
Children and youth will be the focus of the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on September 27.

This year’s theme, “Even just one of these children” (Matthew 18:10), draws attention to children and young people affected by migration and forced displacement, inviting Catholics and all people of goodwill to recognise their dignity, hear their stories and respond with compassion and solidarity. Pope Leo XIV highlights this vulnerability of children on the move, noting that “minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration” and that they are “concrete faces, who have unique stories, and call on our conscience”, The Holy Father reminds us that behind migration statistics are children whose lives have been shaped by war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters and family separation.

At the same time, he points to signs of hope in the witness of families, educators, volunteers and faith communities who accompany and support young migrants and refugees.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY WEEKEND – 3RD & 4TH OCTOBER

All married couples and families are invited to attend the Masses on the 3rd & 4th October for a special blessing. After the Sunday 10am Mass there will be Morning tea in the GECCO to celebrate this event. Please notify the parish office of your special decade of Marriage.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS ON SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER AT 2AM.

Remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour the night before

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK:

Stewardship \$ 509 Presbytery \$ 209 Loose \$ 371

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:**

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME: Bruno Butera (1 month), Nora McLaughlin, Thomas Finnegan, Ardemio Galli. Brian Phelan, Ellen Frewen, Nancee Buchanan, Charles McClaren, Mary Pilkington, Pietro Stranieri, Mary Vear, Margaret Garner, Pasquale Pagot, Guilia Leombruni, George Wisby, Laurel Hart, Domenico Chiola, Salvatore Sganga, Br Brian Brandon, Imelda Berry, Placida Giuzzo, Brendan O'Donnell.

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, 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, Anna, Julie Tropea.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Parish Community is a vibrant one because of YOU – God's people !
Jesus takes small, seemingly insignificant human resources and multiplies them to provide abundantly for a larger need, as He did with the Two Fish and Five Loaves.

We currently need Volunteers in the Sacristan Ministry and encourage you to join – training will be provided.

**Parish Synod Corner -****Synodality and the Holy Spirit**

At the heart of synodality is trust in the Holy Spirit. Without prayer, synodality becomes mere strategy. With prayer, it becomes a path of grace.

Become a Mentor Couple !

Have you been married for five years or more? Engaged couples need support and accompaniment as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Couples are invited to mentor engaged couples providing encouragement, support and practical wisdom. You will also find it an opportunity to enrich your own marriage.

For enquiries, contact Mable Tsang,

Discipleship Specialist Family Accompaniment at
proclaim@cam.org.au or

(03) 9926 5761.

Scan to discover more:

**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 Through Mary.**

Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue is available to Parish Families for a week or two. Seek her powerful intercession and blessings as you gather for prayer together with Friends and Family. Contact Philomena via the Parish Office.

**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 .

WISER WOMEN'S GROUP**Theme: Plants**

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

The next catch-up will be on:
Thursday, 8th October 2026 at **10:30am**
in the Community Centre.

All ladies are welcome

The Pope's Prayer intention for September :
'For the care of water'

Pope Leo XIV invites everyone to pray for "the care of water" during September as Christians celebrate the Season of Creation. He prays that water may be a "source of fruitfulness, freshness, and hope," and recognizes that water is "a right without borders."

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th & 27th September (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. MC IVER, S. YEOH, R. DE SOYSA
MUSIC: M. O'LEARY & MIRA P.

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: P. FUMEI
COMMENTATOR: J. FERGUSON
READERS: N. RAJASINGAM
COMMUNION MINISTERS: M. D'SOUZA, F. CARNOVALE
WELCOMERS:

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: M. LOVE
COMMENTATOR: J. LUNARDI
READERS: J. PAYONE, G. NICHOLLS
COMMUNION MINISTERS: C. & J. STARMANS, C. & J. HARTE, P. BASILE.
WELCOMERS: P. BASILE, T. JORDAN, M. JOSEPH
MUSIC: R. DI GIRALAMO
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:
ALTAR FLOWERS: M. FLEMING
COUNTING TEAM: 4, 28/09

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd & 4th October (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

SACRISTAN: C. VALENTE
COMMENTATOR: A. CALDERONE
READERS: S.KERR, M.RYAN
COMMUNION MINISTER: R.WEBSTER, F.ESPOSITO, C. ANDERSON, 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, F. CARNOVALE
WELCOMERS:

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: M. LOVE
COMMENTATOR: P.FUMEI
READERS: S.REGO, J.LEWIS
COMMUNION MINISTERS: C. & J. HARTE, T. D'ALESSANDRO, M.GRASSO, G.LEONE
WELCOMERS: P. BASILE, G.SCHWABE, M& D GRASSO
MUSIC: R. DI GIRALAMO
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:
ALTAR FLOWERS: J.MCALIECE/ C.HARTE
COUNTING TEAM: 1, 5/10

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	25 September	9:15am	LOTW – C. Assouad
Saturday	26 September	8.30am 10:00am	No Mass No Reconciliation
Sunday	27 September	5:30pm 8:00 am 10:00 am	Vigil Mass Mass- 26 th Sunday in O.T. Mass
Monday	28 September	9:15am	No Mass / No LOTW
Tuesday	29 September	9:15am	LOTW – M. Daly
Wednesday	30 September	9:15am	LOTW – J. Morris
Thursday	1 October	9:15 am	No Mass /No LOTW
Friday	2 October	9:15am	LOTW – C. Assouad
Saturday	3 October	8.30am 10:00am	No Mass No Reconciliation
Sunday	4 October	5:30pm 8:00 am 10:00 am	Vigil Mass Mass- 27 th Sunday in O.T. Mass
Monday	5 October	9:15am	Mass
	6 October	9:15am	Mass
Wednesday	7 October	9:15am	LOTW
Thursday	8 October	9:15 am	Mass
Friday	9 October	9:15am	Mass

READINGS

First Reading:
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading:
Gospel Reading:

THIS WEEK

Ezek. 18: 25-28
Ps. 24 : 4-9
Phil. 2: 1-11
Matt. 21: 28-32

NEXT WEEK

Is 5:1-7
Ps 79 : 9,12-16,19-20
Phil. 4: 6-9
Matt. 21: 33-43

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 COMMUNITY CENTRE CARPARK ALERT NOTICE

We have a reported Car theft and damage incident occurring last week at the Community centre carpark.

All visitors are advised to ensure that your vehicle is secured with cars locked, windows closed and no valuables left visible in the car.

NO ONE SHOULD EVER APPROACH A DANGEROUS SITUATION THEMSELVES!
PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE DURING SCHOOL HOURS OR THE POLICE ON 000

**NEXT CHOIR PRACTICE DATE IS ON MONDAY 5TH OCT
 7:30PM – 8:30PM AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH**

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC DIGEST

The August / September issue of the Melbourne Catholic Digest is now available in the church foyers. Please collect your free copy.

CELEBRATION OF CREATION -BLESSING OF PETS / LOVED OBJECTS

Date: Sunday, 4 October 2026, 3pm - 4.30pm

Venue: 22 Woodvale Road Boronia, VIC 3155

You are invited to bring your pets / loved objects (statues, rosary beads, rocks, plants...) and to share the significance of your loving relationship with them.

Booking: Email: enquiries@janssencentre.au

Mobile: 0432261194 (Fr. Thien) /Tel. 9762.6625

Web: www.janssencentre.au

DR ANTHONY HALLIDAY-ORGAN RECITAL

SUNDAY 18TH October 2026

2.30pm – 3.30pm

St. John's Catholic Church – 52 Cape St Heidelberg

Toccata and Fugue in D minor J. S. Bach

Church Sonata in C Mozart

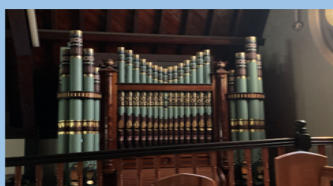
Storm and Shepherd's Hymn Beethoven

'Pastoral Symphony' Liszt

Consolation No. 3 in D flat Saint-Saëns

Finale 'Organ' Symphonie

Extemporisation on three previously unseen themes



Tickets \$35 each includes wine & cheese in hall after concert.

Bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DPMBQ>

or phone Parish Office 0394571066

Tues—Fri 9.30am–2.30pm



Nepal Floods Appeal

Stand with communities affected by devastating flash floods.

Your donation can help provide emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support.

Donate now
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EMERGENCY ACTION ALLIANCE Caritas AUSTRALIA

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

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Saturday, 10th October at 1pm

Treasury Gardens, Corner of Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne.

Come and show your support and march for the babies, wearing pink and blue ! This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.

www.marchforthebabies.com



world police presence: www.marchforthebabies.com

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St Martin of Tours' Bereavement Support Group will meet on **Thursday 22 October 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.



SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER



STARTS FROM 9AM-1PM

Items may include clothes, toys, shoes, accessories, furniture, jewellery, books, etc.

St Martin Of Tours
 2 Silk Street, Rosanna, 3084
Per CAR \$20/-

For bookings, please contact the Parish Office on 9401 6338

Hairdressing for Women and Men:

Phone: Yuni on 0433 614 399 Pensioner Rates.

Can attend home.

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