

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

5th Sunday of Lent

'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.

LENTEN THEME 2026: The Light of Jesus leads us to Living Water & a life of Hope

The Living water we have received enables to show the resurrection life of Jesus.

Exploring The Word –The pure human emotion of Jesus in this text attests to the love he had for Lazarus, but this human affection is nothing compared with the future promise to which the actions of Jesus towards Lazarus will lead. For those without faith, the tomb is simply a place of human corruption and decay. Death has ultimate power over people. But for people of faith, the tomb holds no fear. It is ironic that in raising Lazarus to life, Jesus is ensuring his own death at the hands of 'the Jews' (see verses 49–53). Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the power of sin and death is broken, and instead, resurrection and life are offered to all who would attest with Martha that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. It is Jesus who is the resurrection and the life! There is a fundamental difference between the death and resurrection of Lazarus and that of Jesus. Lazarus will return to death, symbolised by the fact that he still wears the clothes of death when he comes forth from the tomb. Jesus' death, however, will lead to a glory that lasts forever, symbolised by the fact that his death clothes are neatly folded and placed to one side when he emerges from the tomb (see John 20:6–7). The resurrection of Jesus brings eternal life.

- What aspects of your true self have been 'buried'? How can Jesus help to bring these forth?
- What 'new life' will be yours after baptism or reception?



Lenten Communal Reconciliation

 Tuesday, 24 March  7:30pm
All are warmly invited to join in this time of prayer, reflection, and God's mercy.



Easter Liturgy Times 2026 – St Martin of Tours

Palm Sunday Vigil

 Saturday 28 March 5:30 pm Mass

Palm Sunday

 Sunday 29 March 8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Procession Mass

(Meet at 9:45 am at the walk bridge, corner of Lower Plenty Rd & McCrae Rd)

Holy Thursday – 2 April

 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Night Watch until 10:00 pm

Good Friday – 3 April

 10:00 am Community Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday – 4 April

 7:00 pm Easter Vigil
(Begins outside with the Blessing of the Easter Fire)

Easter Sunday – 5 April

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Family Mass



Parish Synod Corner

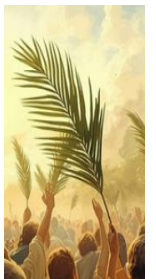
What is a Synod?

A Synod is a moment when the Church deliberately pauses to listen, pray, and discern together. It is not simply a meeting or a conference, but a spiritual process rooted in faith that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church today. In a Synod, we ask not only "What do we think?" but more importantly, "What is God asking of us at this moment in our mission?"



Palm Sunday – Palms Needed

As we prepare for Palm Sunday, we are seeking decorative palms and small palm branches for the liturgy. If you have palms in your garden and are able to donate some, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Palm Set up Volunteers Needed - Volunteers are needed to help set up the palms for Palm Sunday on **Saturday 28 March at 9:30am**. If you are able to assist, please contact Sister Maria or the parish office. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Our Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation who are Traditional Owners of the land on which the parish resides, and we pay our respects to elders past and present.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK:

Stewardship \$ 553 Presbytery \$ 211 Loose \$665

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 🙏

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**RECENTLY DECEASED : William Barry****ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME**

Francis Caruana, Josipa Belac, Robert Buchanan, Maureen Booth, John Sier, Brendan McIntyre, Carmel Giblett, Alvaro Carusi, Kevin Anderson, Catherine Mc Lean, Connie Cetrangolo, Tito Galianzo, Jeno Hazi, Lawrence Plunkett, Mary Chetcuti, Phyllis Power, Patrick Woodlock, Irineo Mendoza,

LORD THAT I MAY BE WELL AGAIN - PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ahmed Abdulwahid (11yo), Jerome & Salvina Pace, Milka Mikac, Monsignor Pete Jeffrey, Megan Whittle, Fr Prakash Cutunha, Patrick Kennealy, Marlena Calo, Denise Eagan, 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, Phillip Minnelli, Patricia Valente, Julie & Joe Morris, Stephen Lau, Fr Tony Kerin VG, Charles, Merilyn Kenneally, Damien, Anna



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Fifth Sunday of Lent
21–22 March 2026

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict. Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, by scanning the QR code, or online:

<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/macleodcatholicparish>

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.



Youth Mass
Palm Sunday 29 Mar



Calling all youth and young adults!

Come and be part of our **Palm Sunday 10:00am Youth Mass**, a special celebration traditionally led by our young people. We would love you to get involved - whether helping with readings, music, welcoming, or other ministries!

You are also warmly invited to take part in the **Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 10:00am in the church.**

If you're interested in helping or would like to know more, please contact **Sr Maria** at Maria.Bui@cam.org.au.

Come along, get involved, and celebrate together!

**CONVOCATION OF THE MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026**

On the third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli formally convoked a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion, participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis' vision of a 'listening Church' (Evangelii Gaudium, §31). Informed by Vatican II's teaching, the Church is 'a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit' (Lumen Gentium, §4). There are three themes about which the Church of Melbourne is being invited to discern:

- young discipleship
- missionary leadership
- formation and participation.



The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026. Over these next months, a range of opportunities will be available for Melbourne Catholics to be part of the consultation process toward the synod. In the meantime, further information can be accessed at melbournecatholic.org/synod2026. In the synodal Church 'the whole community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue, discern and offer advice on taking pastoral decisions (ITC 68) for mission' (Final Document, §87).

5th Sunday Of Lent**21st & 22nd March (Year A)****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM**

SACRISTAN: S. FITZGERALD
COMMENTATOR: M. FITZPATRICK
READERS: M. DI FABIO, J. O'CONNELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS: J. SCANLON,
 A. CALDERONE, B. ANDERSON, J. LANE,
 C. VALENTE
WELCOMERS: M. CASTILLO, T. MC IVER
MUSIC: M. PUSPA, H. TOMBOLATO

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: S. SAMUEL
COMMENTATOR: J. FERGUSON
READERS: N. RAJASINGAM
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 F. CARNOVALE, F. ESPOSITO, S. SAMUEL
WELCOMER: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: F. GROBBELAAR
COMMENTATOR: J. LUNARDI
READERS: J. PAVONE, G. NICHOLLS
COMMUNION MINISTERS: C. STARMANS,
 J. STARMANS, P. BASILE, C. HARTE, J. HARTE
WELCOMERS: P. BASILE, T. JORDAN
MUSIC: BROADBENT'S AND DAWSON
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:
 C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: SARAH GITTINS
ALTAR FLOWERS: NA
COUNTING TEAM: 4, 23/3

Palm Sunday**28th & 29th March (Year A)****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM**

SACRISTAN: S. FITZGERALD
COMMENTATOR: M. DI FABIO
READERS: M. ROSARIO, M. RYAN
COMMUNION MINISTERS: R. WEBSTER,
 P. RYAN, F. ESPOSITO, I. FRIJO, A. CALDERONE
WELCOMERS: M. CASTILLO, S. YEOH
MUSIC: M. PUSPA, M. O'LEARY

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: F. CARNOVALE
COMMENTATOR: G. MULLINS
READERS: M. D'SOUZA
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 F. CARNOVALE, M. D'SOUZA
WELCOMER: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: M. LOVE
COMMENTATOR: R. BROADBENT
READERS: S. REGO, J. PAVONE
COMMUNION MINISTERS: M. GRASSO,
 P. FUMEI, M. LOVE, A-M POWER, M. FLEMING
WELCOMERS: L. BAKER, P. FUMEI
MUSIC: J. LACHAL
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:
 C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: L. MILLER, D. DIAS
ALTAR FLOWERS: NA
COUNTING TEAM: 1, 30/3

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	20 March	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	21 March	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Year one family mass
Sunday	22 March	8:00 am	Mass for 4th Sunday of Lent
		10:00 am	Mass
		11:30am	Baptism
Monday	23 March	9:15am	Mass
Tuesday	24 March	9:15am	Mass
		7:30pm	Lenten Communal Reconciliation
Wednesday	25 March	9:15am	LOTW – C. Assouad
Thursday	26 March	9:15am	Mass
Friday	27 March	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	28 March	8.30am	Mass
		9:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Vigil mass for Palm Sunday
Sunday	29 March	8:00 am	Mass for Palm Sunday
		10:00 am	Palm Sunday Youth mass
Monday	30 March	9:15am	Mass

READINGS**First Reading:****THIS WEEK****Ezek 37:12-14****Responsorial Psalm:****Ps 129:R****Second Reading:****Rom 8:8-11****Gospel Reading:****Jn 11:1-45****NEXT WEEK****Is 50:4-7****Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24****Phil 2:6-11****Mt 26:14 - 27:66****Baptisms Sunday, 22 March**

We welcome into our faith community
 through baptism,

- ◆ Alessia Falzon ◆
- ◆ Zachary Cusumano ◆
- ◆ William Garbutt ◆
- ◆ Archer Lee ◆

May God surround them with his love.



✚ Holy Week Rehearsals ✚

Holy Thursday – 2 April 7:00 PM for altar Servers, parents, and feet washing helpers

Youth Stations of the Cross

- Sunday, 29 March – 11:00 AM (after Palm Sunday 10:00 AM Mass)
- Good Friday – 9:00 AM. All youth are invited to participate in the liturgy. Please contact Sister Maria

✚ Good Friday – 3 April 11:00 AM – Passion readers, carrying of the Cross, and unveiling of the Cross

☀ Easter Vigil – 4 April 6:00 PM for altar Servers

Daylight Saving Ends – Easter Sunday!

This year, **Easter Sunday falls on 5 April 2026**. Daylight Saving Time ends the same day at **3:00 am**. Please remember to **turn your clocks back one hour** before going to bed on Saturday night, so you wake up on time for Easter celebrations!

Harmony Week – Everyone Belongs (16–22 March 2026)

Harmony Week is celebrated across Australia from **16–22 March**, recognizing the rich cultural diversity that strengthens our community. It is a time to promote **inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone**, from First Nations peoples to our newest members. The color **orange** represents Harmony Week, symbolizing social communication, meaningful conversations and mutual respect.

As Pope Francis reminds us in *Fratelli Tutti*:

“Each of us can learn something from others.” (n.215)

Scripture also reminds us of our unity in Christ:

“There is no difference between Jews and Gentiles... you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Epistle to the Galatians 3:28)

During Harmony Week, let us celebrate the many cultures within our parish and continue to build a welcoming community where **everyone truly belongs**. 🌍❤️

ROSTERS FOR THE EASTER TRIDUM

Holy Thursday – 2 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 pm

Altar of Repose – Setting Up: Marie Daly, Celine Zabboughi, Lillian, Marian Amad
 Sacristan: M. Love, **1 x volunteer need**
 Commentator: Robert Broadbent
 Reader – 1st Reading: Gay Nicholls
 Reader – 2nd Reading: **volunteer need**
 Washing of the Feet Helpers: Altar Servers & Families
 Altar Servers: Bosco, Orlando, Alfonso, Lisel
2x volunteer need
 Communion Ministers: Pia Basile, **4x volunteer need**
 Welcomer: **2 x volunteer need**
 IT: Ngoc Nguyen

Good Friday– 3 April 3:00pm

Sacristan: Francois Grobbelaar
 Commentator: Robert Broadbent
 Carrying of the Cross: Gavin Rego, Jason Diep
 Unveiling of Cross: **TBC**
 Reader – 1st Reading: Marie D' Souza
 Reader – 2nd Reading: **volunteer need**
 Passion Reading:
 (Narrator): Fulvio Frijio (Person)1: Mariella Di Fabio
 (Pilate): **volunteer need** (Person)2: **volunteer need**
 (Peter): **volunteer need** (Person)3: **volunteer need**
 Communion Ministers: Jan Newell, **volunteer need**
 Welcomer: Mona Castillo, **1 x volunteer need**
 Serving Hot Cross Bun: **volunteer need**
 IT: Ngoc Nguyen

Easter Vigil– 4 April 7pm

Sacristan: Francois Grobbelaar, **1 x volunteer need**
 Commentator: Fulvio Frijio
 Reader -1st Reading: Marg Ryan
 2nd Reading: Mariella Di Fabio
 3rd Reading: Sr Anne Priestley
 4th Reading: Ngoc Nguyen
 Dressing of the Altar: **TBC**
 Altar Servers: Liam, Toby, Orlando **1 x volunteer need**
 Communion Ministers: Phil Ryan, **4x volunteer need**
 Welcomer: Mary Zaccari, **1 x volunteer need**
 Dispensing of Candles: **TBC**
 Refreshments in GECCO after Easter Vigil: **volunteer need**

Easter Sunday 5 April 8am

Sacristan: **1 x volunteer need**
 Commentator: Tony Vitez
 Reader – 1st Reading: Mike Fernandes
 Reader – 2nd Reading: **volunteer need**
 Communion Ministers: **3 x volunteer need**
 Welcomer: **volunteer need**
 IT: Tony Motta

Easter Sunday 5 April 10am

Sacristan: Francois Grobbelaar
 Commentator: Elizabeth Woodlock
 Readers: Ngoc Nguyen
 Communion Ministers: Pia Basile, **4x volunteer need**
 Welcomer: Pia Basile, **1 x volunteer need**
 IT: **volunteer need**
 Altar Servers: **2 x volunteer need**

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