

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

4th 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 us to be people of Light

Exploring The Word – There are two main points of today's gospel: the blind man's journey towards faith and belief, and the contrast between the attitudes of the blind man and his interrogators. Like the Samaritan woman at the well in last week's gospel, the blind man gradually moves from lack of faith to faith. First the blind man refers to the one who effected his cure as 'the man called Jesus', then he proclaims him a prophet and a man from God, and finally he declares, 'Lord, I believe' and worships him. This openness to the revelation of God acting in Jesus is contrasted with the 'blindness' of the Pharisees, who, though physically able to see, do not recognise Jesus. The blind man tellingly declares, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes and you don't know where he comes from!' John's use of the term 'the Jews' indicates that this group is from the religious leadership, the very people who are trained in the law and ways of God. They, of all people, should know what is from God! * Are there still things that block your total belief? * What are the signs of God's presence in your life?

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LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER

It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. You are all invited to join us on **Thursday 17th March between 7.30 & 8.30pm** in the church.



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 Mass, 28 March 5:30pm (Saturday)

Palm Sunday, 29 March: 8am Mass & 10 am Procession Mass (Meet 9:45 am for procession at walk bridge, corner Lower Plenty & McCrae Rd)

Holy Thursday, 2 April: 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Night Watch until 10 pm

Good Friday, 3 April:

10 am Community Stations of the Cross,

3 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, 4 April: 7:00 pm Easter Vigil (starts outside with Easter Fire blessing)

Easter Sunday, 20 April: 8 am Mass, 10 am Family Mass



SIGN- UP SHEETS FOR THE EASTER LITURGIES ARE IN THE MAIN FOYER OF THE CHURCH! PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ROLES IF YOU ARE HERE FOR EASTER!!

Could readers and ministers indicate their availability on the sign-up sheets..

Newsletter Notice - Due to Technical issue, Our parish newsletters will no longer be sent as email attachments. Please access the latest newsletter on our website:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/macleod>

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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 \$ 568

Presbytery \$ 257

Loose \$ 519

**RECENTLY DECEASED :**

Sr. Maureen McManus RSM, Savarimuthu Soosaimuthu

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME

Piero (Peter) Rocca (1mth), Velia Dintinosante (1yr), Bernard Droge, Francis Carabott, Lia Fumei, George Finniss, Paul Harris, Michael Nicholls, William Hogan, Myra Cusack, Nokala Milczuk, Robert Lockhart, Rev. Fr. Peter Robinson, Rudolph Bakker, Maria Segat, Maurice Webb, Vincenzo Misurelli, Remo Belfiore, Giuseppe Ferro, Antonio Sanfilippo, James Gleeson, Stefana Koren, Chen Lim

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, Queenie, Marilyn Kenneally, Damien, Bill Barry, Anna

**PROJECT
COMPASSION****Fourth Sunday of Lent**
14–15 March 2026

Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education. Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, by scanning the QR code, online:

<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraiser/macleodcatholicparish> Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

**The Prodigal Son - Lenten Retreat Days, Kew VIC – 21 & 22 March 2026**

You are warmly invited to a two-day Lenten retreat centred on the beautiful parable of mercy. The days include input, silent reflection and shared spiritual conversation, offering space to slow down and listen for God's tender mercy at work in your life.

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 March 2026**9.30am – 4.00pm**

Campion Centre - 99 Studley Park Road, Kew

\$130 (includes materials & refreshments)

Bring your own lunch

Facilitated by Anne Priestley RSM and Maureen Atkins (JISA Campion).

Email: info@jisa.org.au

Phone: 1300 392 636 (ask for more details)

Register by 18 March 2026.**St Martin of Tours**

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★ **2026 Catechist
Program****SUNDAY | 11:00 AM**

The Catechist Program supports children who live in our parish and are preparing for Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, but do not attend St Martin's Primary School.

Scan for
enrolment and
more details

**All kids welcome!**

4th Sunday Of Lent**14th & 15th March (Year A)****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM****SACRISTAN:** J JACOB**COMMENTATOR:** F FRIJO**READERS:** A. ROSARIO, M CASSAR**COMMUNION MINISTERS:** R. WEBSTER,

C. ANDERSON, I FRIJO, F. ESPOSITO,

A. CALDERONE

WELCOMERS: S. YEOH, M. ZACCARI**MUSIC:** M. O'LEARY**SUNDAY 8.00AM****SACRISTAN:** F. CARNOVALE**COMMENTATOR:** J. PURCELL**READERS:** T. VITEZ**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

F. CARNAVALE, M. D'SOUZA

WELCOMER: L. & J. MORRIS**SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY****SACRISTAN:** M. LOVE**COMMENTATOR:** R. BROADBENT**READERS:** J. LEWIS, J. NEWELL**COMMUNION MINISTERS:** M. FLEMING,

T. D'ALESSANDRO, M. GRASSO, P. FUMEL,

A-M. POWER

WELCOMERS: L. ANGEL, G. SCHWABE**MUSIC:** R. DI G**RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:**

C. HARTE, C. STARMANS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: J. GROBBELAAR, D. DIAS**ALTAR FLOWERS:** NA**COUNTING TEAM:** 3, 16/3**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 LVER**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**RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:**

C. HARTE, C. STARMANS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: S. YEOH**ALTAR FLOWERS:** NA**COUNTING TEAM:** 4, 23/3**DATES THIS WEEK**

Friday	13 March	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	14 March	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Confirmation Commitment Mass (Catechists)
Sunday	15 March	8:00 am	Mass for 4th Sunday of Lent
		10:00 am	Confirmation Commitment Mass (Catechists)
Monday	16 March	9:15am	Mass
Tuesday	17 March	9:15am	St Patrick Day Mass
		7:30pm	Taizé Vigil Prayer for Peace
Wednesday	18 March	9:15am	LOTW – E. Pietryk
Thursday	19 March	9:15am	Mass
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

READINGS**First Reading:****THIS WEEK****1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13****NEXT WEEK****Ezek 37:12-14,****Responsorial Psalm:****Ps 22:R****Ps 129:R****Second Reading:****Eph 5:8-14****Rom 8:8-11****Gospel Reading:****Jn 9:1-41****Jn 11:1-45****Baptism Presentations this weekend**

In preparation for their upcoming baptism,

Alessia Falzon and her parents Gianni and Amelia,**William Garbutt** and his parents Craig and Emily,**Selene Bui** and her parents Loc and Elaine,**Oliver Pozzebon** and his parents Daniel and Stephanie,

are being presented to the community of St Martin's this weekend at 10am

Mass. *May God surround them in his love.***Stations of the Cross in Lent**

During Lent, parishioners are invited to join in the **Way of the Cross** every Friday morning from **20 February**, after the **9:15am Mass**. This devotion will replace the Rosary during Lent and will continue through to **Palm Sunday**.

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.

👉 menALIVE – St Martin of Tours Parish, Rosanna

"God is glorified when men are fully alive" – St Irenaeus. Come along, share, reflect, and enjoy fellowship with other men of faith. Sessions are held **fortnightly**, for about an hour. Reconnect session are first and third week of each month) (Excludes Public Holidays)

Next ReCONNECT Sessions:

📅 **Friday, 20 Mar 7:00am–8:15am**

📍 **Stephenie's Acai.Café.Bar, Rosanna**



Holy Week Music Rehearsal – Monday 23rd March

We will be holding an **rehearsal** to prepare for Holy Week music on **Monday 23rd March, from 7:30–8:30 pm** at **St Martin's Church**.

All are warmly welcome to join us as we prepare music for this special time in the Church's calendar.

Thanks so much

From Marg O'Leary 🙏🎵😊



175th Anniversary Lecture Series – The Gospel of St. John Heidelberg

As part of 175th Anniversary celebrations, Associate Professor **Joel Hodge** (parishioner & Parish Pastoral Council member) will present talks on the Gospel of St. John.

Dates & Time: (Free)

* 17th March, 7:00 pm

Location: St. John's Heidelberg \$ Cost Free (Approx. 1 hour per talk) All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Walk with Mary 2026

Join the **Combined Societies of Mary** and **Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ** for a special Mass, street procession, and entrustment to Our Lady on this special Sunday in memory of her Annunciation. **All are welcome!**

To commemorate **40 years of days of prayer**, the first **1,000 adults** to attend and stay will receive, **free of charge**, the *Precious Prayers* book—120 pages of beautiful and powerful prayers.

Event Details:

•**Date:** Sunday, 15 March 2026

•**Time:** 2:00pm–4:00pm

•**Venue:** St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

For enquiries, email csmmary.org@tpg.com.au or call (03) 9509 2207.



Hairdressing for Women and Men:

Phone: Yuni on 0433 614 399 Pensioner Rates. Can attend home.

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?"

St Patrick's Day Mass & 2026 Patrick Oration

📅 **Tuesday 17 March 2026**

📍 **St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne**

Parishioners are warmly invited by Archbishop **Peter A Comensoli** to join this special diocesan celebration at **St Patrick's Cathedral**.

Mass will be celebrated at **6.00pm**, followed by the **Patrick Oration** at **7.15pm**. 📺 Unable to attend in person? Live Broadcast

- On TV via **C31 Melbourne** (Digital Channel 44)
- Online via the **Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne** YouTube Channel:

www.youtube.com/archmelb

Enquiries: chancery@cam.org.au

Holy Hour + | Candid Conversations on Catholic Life (FOR YOUNG ADULT 18+)

Thursday 19 March 2026, 7.30pm – 9pm
486 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Guest speaker: Sr Mary Helen OP

Topic: Lent: Discipline or Desire?

The deep and meaningful conversation after Holy Hour. Join us after Six30 Holy Hour where young adults gather to share food, company and dive deeper into issues of life and faith today. 18+ only event. For more details, please visit :

<https://youth.melbournecatholic.org/events/holy-hour-vocations-panel-2-2-2-2>

St Thomas the Apostle Church Charismatic Mass

The evening will begin with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass and supper. All are welcome. For more information, please contact **Emilia** on **0418 120 902**.

📅 **Thursday 19 March at 7:30pm**

📍 **St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond**

Greek Rd, North Greensborough.
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Dr Gerard William -hearwithme.com.au or contact:
03 9002 4237