

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'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.

ADVENT THEME: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.

Exploring The Word - As we have already noted, one of the main purposes of Matthew's Gospel is to reveal Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah of the Jews to Matthew's largely Jewish community. In this text, Matthew cites the evidence that is before their eyes. Why is it necessary for John to question the identity of Jesus when his own eyes and ears will give him the answer he seeks? The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and good news is proclaimed to the poor! Such were the signs of the coming of the Lord that Isaiah had prophesied. Such are the actions that Jesus undertakes! His identity is clear for all who have the eyes to see it.

- How do you recognise Jesus in the events and actions of your life?
- In what ways are we called to continue the actions of Jesus in the world today?
- What do you think is meant by the final line of today's gospel: 'the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is'?

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Third Sunday of Advent – The Candle of Joy

The third candle is known as the Shepherd's Candle. It is the shepherds who rejoice at witnessing Christ's birth on the first Christmas Eve. It is also called Gaudete Sunday from the Latin Philippians 4:4,5 "rejoice in the Lord always." It is on the third Sunday of Advent, that we turn from repentance and wait for the celebration of Christ's imminent re-birth in our own hearts. The third candle is usually pink or rose-coloured. Pink - associated with joy.

ADVENT COMMUNAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 7.30PM

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE (Wednesday 24TH DECEMBER)

CHILDREN'S VIGIL MASS 4:30pm Carols/ 5:00pm Children's Mass

FAMILY VIGIL MASS 7:30pm Carols/8:00pm Family Mass

MASS DURING NIGHT 10.00pm Carols/10:30pm Night Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY (Thursday 25 DECEMBER) 10am Mass only

CHRISTMAS VIGIL CHOIR & MUSIC REHEARSAL - Rehearsal for the Christmas Vigil Mass will be held on **Sunday 21st December from 6.30pm–8.30pm in the church**. All are welcome to join the **Christmas Vigil choir** or **music group (instrumentalists)**.



We have parts for most instruments and warmly invite anyone interested to come along. For more information, please contact **Patrick Broadbent on 0407 907 300**.



ST MARTIN'S END OF YEAR YOUTH MASS will be held on **Sunday 14th December @ 10am**. There will be some light refreshments held in the Community Centre after Mass. All Secondary Students, Tertiary Students and Young Workers are welcome to join in.



Our Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri 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 \$ 657

Presbytery \$ 277

Loose \$469


RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr. Michael Shadbolt PE, Tony Buhagiar, Graziano Di Rago
ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME

Luigi Di Camillo, Michelina Di Camillo, Florencio Javier, Ian Maxfield, Beatrice Wighton, Robert Augustin, Francesco Munafo, Bernard Mc Carthy, Stjepan Kormanic, Gentilia Sartori, Michelina Privitelli, Maria Colavizza, Ines Travaglini, Francis Donnellon, Clarice Crabtree, Joan Legge, Frank Materia, Ilario Rigoni, Kathleen Smyth, Ines Giacomelli, Enzo Bergamo (1st anniversary)

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

Fr Brian Carey, Sr Maureen Sheehan MSC, Louis Sarkady, Judy West, Ahmed Abdulwahid (9yo), Jerome & Salvina Pace, Milka Mikac, Monsignor Pete Jeffrey, Megan Whittle, Fr Prakash Cutunha, Patrick Kennealy, Anita Muscat, Maureen Kavanaugh, Joshua Mullins, Bob Mc Aliece, Marlena Calo, Denise Eagan, Irene & William Burgess, Audrey Tunks (1yr old), Marie Lloyd, Bishop Terry Curtin, Pippa Vecchio, Baby Felix Diep, Joe Basile, Monica Ragheb, Liliana Bariola, Nancy Gheno, Jess Cabitac, Augusto DaSilva, Henry DaSilva, John Capaletti, Lauren, Phillip Minnelli, Patricia Valente, Pat Walsh, Julie & Joe Morris, Stephen Lau

The Promise – Advent & Christmas Reflections 2025

Available in the Main Foyer – \$6 (Cash only; please place payment in the box)



REQUEST FOR ROSARY BEADS A retired Dominican Priest who is living at Nazareth House would appreciate donations of rosary beads. They can be in any condition, full sets, broken or loose beads. He reconstructs the beads to make full rosaries to be distributed to those in needs. A box has been placed in the main foyer of the Church should you have a donation. Thank you.

FINAL CHARISMATIC MASS FOR 2025 & CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

You are warmly invited to join us for our final Charismatic Mass for 2025 and Christmas break-up at **St Thomas the Apostle Church**, 251 Diamond Creek Road, North Greensborough, on **Thursday, 18 December**.

The evening will begin with **Praise & Worship at 7:30pm**, followed by **Mass at 8:00pm**, and **supper afterwards**. For enquiries, please contact **Emilia – 0418 120 902**.

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Masses

We warmly invite volunteers for the Children's Vigil, Family Vigil, Night Mass, and Christmas Day Mass. Please add your name to **the sign-up sheets in the main foyer**. Your help is greatly appreciated as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas together!

Safeguarding Essentials Training – All Volunteers (New and Existing)

All new and existing volunteers are required to complete **Safeguarding Essentials Training every 3 years**. At the end of the training, participants will sign the **Code of Conduct** and receive a **certificate of completion**. If you have not yet completed this training, we kindly encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. Access the online training at: melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding You will need your **WWC ID** and **email address** to log in.

Online Parish Donation
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With Every Donation**

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

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.

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enrolment and
more details



3rd Sunday Of Advent**13th & 14th December (Year A)****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM**

SACRISTAN: R. DE SOYSA
COMMENTATOR: M. FITZPATRICK
READERS: SR A. PRIESTLEY, J. O'CONNELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 * J. LANE, B.ANDERSON, C.VALENTE
WELCOMERS: T. MC IVER, M.CASTILLO
MUSIC: M.O'LEARY /M. PUSPA

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: F. CARNOVALE
COMMENTATOR: T.JACKSON
READERS: M. D'SOUZA
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 * F.CARNOVALE, F.ESPOSITO

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: F. GROBBELAAR
COMMENTATOR: J. LUNARDI
READERS: G. NICHOLLS, J. NEWELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 *M. FLEMING, M. LOVE, P. BASILE
WELCOMERS: L. BAKKER, P.FUMEI
MUSIC: ROB DI G
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE/
 C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: J.GROBBELAAR
ALTAR FLOWERS: M. REARDON
COUNTING TEAM: 3, 15/12

4th Sunday Of Advent**20th & 21th December (Year A)****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM**

SACRISTAN: J. JACOB
COMMENTATOR: F.FRIJO
READERS: F. FRIJO, M. CASSAR
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 * R.WEBSTER, C. ANDERSON, I.FRIJO
WELCOMERS: S.YEAH, T.MCLVER
MUSIC: M.O'LEARY /M. PUSPA

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: F. CARNOVALE
COMMENTATOR: J. PURCELL
READERS: T.VITEZ
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 * F. CARNOVALE, M. D'SOUZA

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: F.GROBBELAAR
COMMENTATOR: R.BROADBENT
READERS: J. LEWIS, J.NEWELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 *T D'ALESSANDRO, M. GRASSO, P. FUMEI
WELCOMERS: L. ANGEL, G. SCHWABE
MUSIC: BOARDBENTS
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE/
 C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: N/A
ALTAR FLOWERS: M. FLEMING
COUNTING TEAM: 4, 22/12

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	12 December	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	13 December	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass for 3th Sunday of Advent
Sunday	14 December	8:00am	Mass for 3th Sunday of Advent
		10:00am	End of Year Youth Mass
		11:30 am	Baptism
Monday	15 December	9:15am	Mass
Tuesday	16 December	9:15am	End of Year Parish School Thanksgiving Mass
		7:30pm	Advent Communal Rite of Reconciliation
Wednesday	17 December	9:15am	LOTW
Thursday	18 December	9:15am	Mass
Friday	19 December	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	20 December	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday	21 December	8:00 am	Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent
		10:00 am	Mass
Monday	22 December	9:15am	Mass

READINGS**First Reading:****Responsorial Psalm:****Second Reading:****Gospel Reading:****THIS WEEK**

Is 35:1-6,10

Ps 145:6-10

James 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

NEXT WEEK

Is 7:10-14

Ps 23:1-6

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

**Baptisms**

Sunday 14 Dec we welcome into our faith community through baptism,

♦ **Edward Tarrant** ♦

May God surround him in his love.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

The St Martin of Tours Liturgy Team is looking for children and parents to assist in the **Children's Christmas Eve Mass (5pm)**. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the Christmas story to life!

We need: ✨ children to play nativity characters (including a live baby under 12 months, with parent) ✨ a few parents to help with rehearsals, costumes, and guiding children during the play

If you can help, please contact Sr Maria at maria.bui@cam.org.au, or Ann Wang (School mum) annw15410@gmail.com



The **RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP** sells beautiful Christmas cards, Christmas gifts, 2026 Columban Religious Art Calendars are available. The **SHOP** will close after Sunday 21st December and re-open early February 2025.



menALIVE – St Martin of Tours Parish, Rosanna

"God is glorified when men are fully alive" – St Irenaeus

Hello Good Men and Brothers in Jesus Christ, You are welcome to join our Scripture-based sessions, using **SOAP** (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer), followed by socialising over coffee. Sessions are held **fortnightly**, for about an hour.

ReCONNECT Sessions:

 **Fridays, 7:00am–8:15am** (first and third week of each month)

 **Stephenie's Acai.Café.Bar, 115 Lower Plenty Road, Rosanna** (Excludes Public Holidays)

Next session:

Friday, 19th December at 7:00am

Come along, share, reflect, and enjoy fellowship with other men of faith!



WISE Project – Catholic Women's Safeguarding Survey

Catholic women aged 18+ are invited to take part in the **WISE Project**, an international study by Australian Catholic University, Tangaza University and the Global Safeguarding Alliance.

The **anonymous 20–30 minute survey** seeks your views on safeguarding practices in the Church and how they can be improved.

Survey link: <https://bit.ly/4kGSKWZ>

Enquiries: douglas.russell@acu.edu.au



Caritas Australia: Be a light in the darkness for families facing adversity this Christmas.

This Christmas, we are inviting Australians to "be a light in the darkness" for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement, and poverty. The intensity of the conflict in Ukraine has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty.

But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. Our partner, Caritas Ukraine are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychosocial assistance to families facing adversity. Donate today at

<https://www.caritas.org.au/christmas-appeal/be-the-light-in-darkness/>

Hairdressing for Women and Men:

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

ADVENT ANNOUNCEMENT – DAVID (PG-13) FAMILY FILM

DAVID (PG-13) is a stunning new animated musical from Angel Studios, screening in cinemas across ANZ from **18 December 2025**.

This inspiring film retells the story of David through the eyes of a young shepherd boy, featuring breathtaking animation and original music by Phil Wickham, Lauren Daigle and more — a beautiful faith-filled experience for children and families this Christmas.

Pay It Forward – Bless a Child

You can help support the initiative to enable **10,000 children across ANZ** to watch **DAVID** for free. To contribute, please scan the QR code on the attached poster or donate via the link:

https://www.angel.com/express-checkout/david/nz?utm_source=theatrical&utm_campaign=david&utm_medium=qr-code

Resources & Trailer

Resources:

<https://rialto.box.com/s/biozwb191oe9fci8jngw0dzi3ti6z5ax>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/peRWQzUYin0>

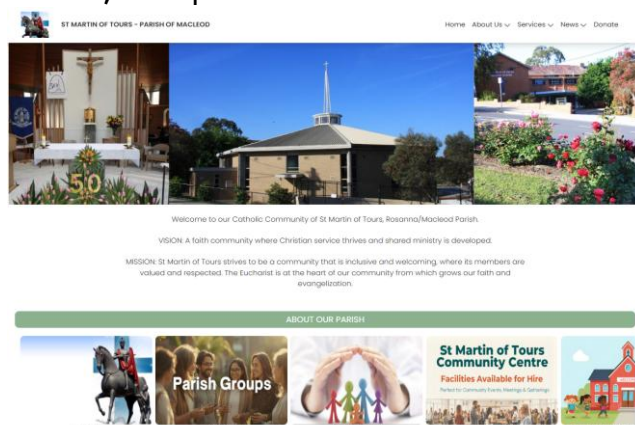
Thank you for helping share this joyful, faith-filled experience with families this Christmas!



NEW PARISH WEBSITE

We are pleased to share that our new parish website is now live: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/macleod>

Our previous website address www.smot.org.au will continue to redirect to the new site for a certain period to help everyone transition smoothly. Please visit and bookmark our new site for the latest parish news, Mass times, and updates.



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Dr Gerard William -hearwithme.com.au or contact: **03 9002 4237**