

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

1st 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.

Exploring The Word

Matthew's Gospel is written for a mostly Jewish audience who had converted to Christianity. Because of this Jewish background, Matthew often uses images and incidents from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament, with which his community were very familiar. For Matthew, Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies of old, and the Messiah who has long been awaited.

In this text, Jesus twice uses the title 'Son of Man' to describe himself. It is an ambiguous term because it can simply mean a human being but is also used in the Hebrew Scriptures to refer to the one who will be judge and saviour of all.

- Explore how the term 'Son of Man' is an apt one for Jesus to use of himself.
- This text points to the early church's belief that the end times—the second and final coming of Christ—were imminent and that believers should be ready at all times for this unexpected event.
- Explain how this expectation arose and was later modified in the early church. How can we live in expectation today? What does that mean for followers of Christ?

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First Sunday of Advent – The Candle of Hope

In anticipation of the coming of Christ, the first candle symbolises a shining and leading light, and it is often known as the Prophecy Candle. Purple is traditionally the most important of the Advent candle colours. It represents God's forgiveness of sins. Liturgical garments, such as vestments, are also purple, associated with prayer, contemplation, repentance, and hope.

PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

Thank you once again for your support of the recent Parish Renewal Program. A Final Report is being prepared, and further information will be available in next week's bulletin – however I am pleased to say that it has provided a very positive result for the parish. A reminder that there are still some letters of thanks and acknowledgement to be collected from the church foyer – including some with a new set of envelopes. By collecting your letter you will save unnecessary postage costs for the parish.

Stephen Littleton – Program Coordinator

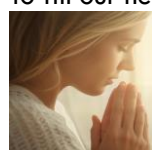


Cake Stall Fundraiser – Thank You!!

The Youth Cake Stall raised \$850.63 last weekend! Your generosity will help our SMOT youth attend the National Youth Festival in Melbourne. A big thank you to everyone who donated cakes and to all who supported the stall by purchasing treats. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

WELCOME TO ADVENT

You are invited to join us for a time of **reflection and prayer** focusing on the virtue of **Hope**. As we approach the end of the **Jubilee Year of Hope**, Advent is a special time to remember the blessings we have received and the many promises God has given us. God who desires to fill our hearts with **Hope and Joy. With blessings, Sister Anne.**



When: Monday, 1st December, 7:00pm

Where: Parish House

Come and share in this time of contemplation and community.

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 \$ 931

Presbytery \$ 471

Loose \$ 648


RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael John (Jack) Mercovich, Elsie Vesnaver
ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME

Bernadette Turner, Florence Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Arnold, Isabelle Toll, Bernadette Williams, Daniel Zanella, Jenifer Barclay, Giuseppe Rotella, Kristina Niko, Daniel Mc Cormick, Sr. Genevieve Fitzpatrick, Aldo Barsanti, Caterina Messina, Marsha Collins, Filomena Ciccarone, Margaret Thompson, Giuseppe Callea, Wiladyslaw Kot, Roy O'Reilly, Noeleen McNamara, Dawne McKernan, Concetta Di Fabio

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

The Promise – Advent & Christmas Reflections 2025

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

Embark on a spiritual journey of hope this Advent and Christmas with **The Promise**:

Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2025. This beautifully presented 88-page book offers daily Scripture-based reflections and contemplative prayers from the beginning of Advent (30 November 2025) through to the Baptism of the Lord (11 January 2026). Let these reflections deepen your recognition of God's promise fulfilled in Christ and inspire joyful anticipation of His Presence throughout the season.


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Pastoral Home Visits



Sr Maria is available
for home visits
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For an appointment call
 9401 6338
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*Go out to the whole world;
 proclaim the **Good News**
 to all creation.*
 MARK 16:15



THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
CAMPAIGN
 2025

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$4,123.60 contributed by St Martin Of Tours - Parish Of Macleod. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

Christian Meditation Group

Meets on Wednesday evenings
 via Zoom to meditate
 beginning at 7:30 pm.

If you are interested please contact the
 office and we can put you in touch with
 Joan.

1st Sunday Of Advent**29th & 30th November (Year A)****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM****SACRISTAN:** S. FITZGERALD**COMMENTATOR:** M DI FABIO**READERS:** A. ROSARIO, M. RYAN**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

* R.WEBSTER, P. RYAN, F.ESPOSITO

WELCOMERS: M. CASTILLO, M.ZACCARI**MUSIC:** M.O'LEARY /M. PUSPA**SUNDAY 8.00AM****SACRISTAN:** S.SAMUEL**COMMENTATOR:** G. MULLINS**READERS:** M. D'SOUZA**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

* M D'SOUZA, F.CARNOVALE

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY**SACRISTAN:** F. GROBBELAAR**COMMENTATOR:** R. BROADBENT**READERS:** S. REGO, J.PAVONE**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

*M. GRASSO, P FUMEI, M CASHMORE

WELCOMERS: L. BAKKER, P.FUMEI**MUSIC:** BROADBENTS**RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:** C. HARTE/

C. STARMANS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: J.GROBBELAAR**ALTAR FLOWERS:** C.ROWEN**COUNTING TEAM:** 1, 1/12**2nd Sunday Of Advent****6th & 7th December (Year A)****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM****SACRISTAN:** C. VALENTE**COMMENTATOR:** E. WOODLOCK**READERS:** A. ROSARIO, M.RYAN**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

* R.WEBSTER, F.ESPOSITO, C.ANDERSON

WELCOMERS: M.ZACCARI, J.OWEN**MUSIC:** M.O'LEARY /M. PUSPA**SUNDAY 8.00AM****SACRISTAN:** F. CARNOVALE**COMMENTATOR:** T. VITEZ**READERS:** M. FERNANDEZ**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

* F. CARNOVALE, M. D'SOUZA

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY**SACRISTAN:** M. LOVE**COMMENTATOR:** P. FUMEI**READERS:** S. REGO, J. LEWIS**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

*A-M POWER C.HARTE, J.HARTE

WELCOMERS: G. SCHWABE, P.BASILE**MUSIC:** JUSTIN**RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:** C. HARTE/

C. STARMANS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: LESA MILLER**ALTAR FLOWERS:** P. BASILE**COUNTING TEAM:** 2, 8/12**DATES THIS WEEK**

Friday	28 November	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	29 November	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass for 1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday	30 November	8:00am	Mass for 1st Sunday of Advent
		10:00am	Mass
Monday	1 December	9:15am	Mass
		7:00pm	Advent Prayer Session on "Hope" (Parish House)
Tuesday	2 December	9:15am	Mass
Wednesday	3 December	9:15am	LOTW
Thursday	4 December	9:15am	Mass
Friday	5 December	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	6 December	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass for 2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday	7 December	8:00 am	Mass for 2nd Sunday of Advent
		10:00 am	Mass
Monday	8 December	9:15am	Grade 6 Graduation Mass

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

Is 2:1-5

Ps 121:1-2,4-5, 6-9

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

NEXT WEEK

Is 11:1-10

Ps 71:1-2,7-8, 12-13

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

**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

**INVITATION – Advent Online Talks**

Join us for a four-week series of virtual Advent reflections led by scholars from Yarra Theological Union. Each session will explore the Sunday readings and enrich your Advent journey.

Speakers: Dr Mary Reaburn NDS, Dr Chris Monaghan CP, and Dr Paul Creevey FMS.

Tuesdays: 2, 9 & 16 Dec 2025, 7–8pm (AEDT) via Zoom.

Free for general participants. Registration essential.

Accreditation available for teachers (4 hours total) – fee \$22.

Click [REGISTER HERE](#) (free) or [FOR ACCREDITATION](#) or

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



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, 5th December at 7:00am

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



GOOD SAM'S FOUNDATION – ADVENT VIDEO SERIES

This Advent, the Good Sams Foundation invites us to join in prayer and reflection through a special series of weekly videos.

Each Sunday in December, a candle will be lit and a short prayer shared, focusing on one of the four themes of Advent:

- Week 1: 30 November – Justice
- Week 2: 7 December – Repentance
- Week 3: 14 December – Joy
- Week 4: 21 December – Love

Videos will be available each week at:

<https://goodsamsfoundation.org.au/advent/>

All are welcome to watch and to share this invitation with family, friends, and colleagues.

— Sonya Mears, Executive Director, Good Sams Foundation

Australian Catholic Youth Festival Launch and WYD Cross Reception & Pilgrimage Walk – 30 November

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 30 November as we welcome over 6,000 young pilgrims to Melbourne. Let us come together to share in their joy and offer a warm Melbourne welcome.

Program:

- 1:30pm – Melbourne Catholic Festa
- 2:30pm – Reception of the WYD Cross & Iron
- 3:00pm – Pilgrimage Walk (5km to MCEC – ticketed pilgrims only; 3km return option available)

WISER WOMEN'S GROUP

The next catch-up will be on **Thursday, 11th December at 10:30am** in the Community Centre, with **morning tea included**. All ladies are welcome to join!

The theme for this gathering will be **Christmas Break Up!** 

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

Invitation from St Pius X Parish

St Pius X, Heidelberg West, warmly invites our parishioners to the following events:

Healing Mass – Thu 4 Dec, 11am, Parish Church

Parish Barbecue – Sat 6 Dec, 12–3pm
 beside Parish Hall

Reconciliation – Tue 9 Dec, 7pm, Parish Church

All are welcome to join and support our parish.

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open **before and after the 10:00am Sunday Mass**. We offer a wide selection of gifts for Sacraments and special occasions.

The **2026 Mass Book** and **Columban Religious Art Calendar** are also available.



Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!

Discover Palms International Volunteering online in these two special sessions where you'll hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our Southeast Asian region.

1. Explore our GAP YEAR opportunities for (18-25yo) Year 12 graduates and university students, that could shape your future.

Date: Thursday 4 December 2025

Time: 6pm or 9pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

2. Join our TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER Information session for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026.

Date: Monday 8 December 2025

Time: 7.30pm-8.30pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)



Venue: ONLINE-Scan the QR code or register at palms.org.au/events **02 9560 5333**

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