

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

'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 – To understand this text, it is important to place it alongside the Beatitudes that immediately precede it (you could read these together first). In that text, the virtues to be cultivated by followers of Jesus are outlined, but the danger with taking the Beatitudes on their own is that faith can become contented peaceful and somewhat inward-looking. To avoid this risk, Matthew follows the Beatitudes with this text, which teaches disciples about the task of Christians in the world. They have been given the gifts; they are the salt of the earth. But if they just see their blessedness and rest there, they risk becoming 'tasteless' and good only to be 'trampled underfoot'. Instead, the disciples are urged to place their light high on a hill and to let it shine for all to see. They are witnesses to God's living presence, not just for the nation of Israel but for all the world. In seeing the way that Christians live and act—their 'good works'—others will be drawn to God through their active witness to faith. Others will come to give praise to God in heaven. This is an amazing responsibility, and Jesus acknowledges that some salt may lose its taste and some lights be hidden. The challenge for Christians, new and old, is not to take the gift of faith for granted and let it become tasteless; not to keep the light confined to private moments but to allow others to see the difference faith makes so that they can know the presence and power of God. * How is this a challenge to you? * How can you let your faith shine forth?

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Parish Annual General Meeting – Sunday, 22 February

The **Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on **Sunday, 22 February** at **11:15 am** in the **GECCO**. A **cuppa** will be available from **11:00 am**.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Parish Ministry Leaders: Please forward your **Ministry Reports** to the Parish Office to be included in the AGM presentation.



Ash Wednesday MASS

18 FEBRUARY, 2026

9:15am School Mass

7:30pm Parish Mass



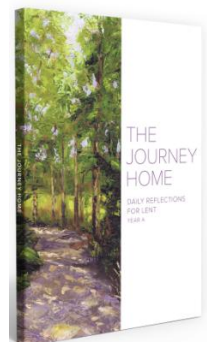
Ash Wednesday Palms – Collection of Last Year's Palms

We will be collecting **last year's palms** from **this weekend until Sunday, 15 February**. Palms may be placed in the **basket in the church foyer**.

These palms will be **burnt to create the ashes** used on Ash Wednesday. During the Ash Wednesday service, parishioners come forward to receive the ashes on their foreheads in the **shape of a cross**. The ashes are a visible sign of repentance and are **traditionally not washed off**, remaining on the forehead throughout the day.

Lent 2026 Daily Prayer & Reflection – The Journey Home

This year's Lenten resource invites us to see Lent as a pilgrimage — walking together in faith and love as we follow Jesus toward our true home. We are grateful to Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge for providing the daily reflections. Suitable for personal prayer or small groups. Booklets will be **available this weekend** in the main foyer **for \$5 (cash only)**. Please place payment in the box provided.



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 \$ 639 Presbytery \$ 284 Loose \$671

SVDP POOR BOX COLLECTION

December 2025 \$490 January 2026 \$225 Thank you all for kind generosity.

**RECENTLY DECEASED :** Sister Claire Skehan RSM, Margaret (Peg) Power**ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME**

Paul Trenka, Massimo Midolo, Ruth Lehmann, Olivia Carter, Noelle Tupper, Iris Hince, Leslie Reading, Palmira Beraldo, Kelvin O'Connell,

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, Joe Basile, Monica Ragheb, Liliana Bariola, Nancy Gheno, Jess Cabitac, Augusto DaSilva, Henry DaSilva, John Capaletti, Lauren, Phillip Minelli, Patricia Valente, Julie & Joe Morris, Stephen Lau, Fr Tony Kerin VG, Charles, Queenie

AT ST MARTIN'S? WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN SINGINGThere is definitely a music rehearsal scheduled for **Monday 9th February** between 7.30pm and 8.30pm in the St Martin of Tours Church.On this night, the aim is to learn and/or revise songs for the season of Lent. The choir is open age - **welcoming young school kids** and "experienced heads" alike!It would be so good to have singers prepared to come along and learn how to lead, how to vocally project and to commit to **singing at Mass either at 5.30pm Saturday or 10.00am Sunday.**

Thanks so much from Marg O'Leary

**Join Our Baptism Ministry – Volunteers Welcome!**

Would you like to be part of a meaningful parish ministry? Our Baptism Team is looking for new volunteers to help welcome families as they begin their faith journey.

Becoming a Baptism Leader is simple and fully supported. Training is provided by accompanying experienced leaders through Baptism Presentations and celebrations. Once confident, you will be partnered with a team leader and rostered just 2–3 times a year, making it a manageable and rewarding commitment. If you feel called to this ministry please **contact the parish office on 9401 6338.****ITALIAN CLASSES AT ST MARTIN OF TOURS "Associazione Culturale****"L'Aurora"** Italian Language classes will start at St Martin of Tours Community Centre, Rosanna, on Sat 14th Feb 2026. Classes will run during school terms and will be of 2.5 hours duration from 1:30pm to 4:00pm every Saturday. Students from Prep to Year 12 are welcome to enroll. The tuition fee for the year is \$270.00 per student. Please phone: 0424 902 167 / 0423714028 or email us at info@lauroraschool.com.au for more information.**Online Donation****Available now****SCAN HERE****Make a Difference
With Every Donation****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**

COMMUNITY YOGA

at the St Martin's Community Centre

Join us twice a week to feel stronger, steadier, and more at ease in your body.

Mondays 5:00 PM Yoga for Strength With Kath	Fridays 9:30 AM Yoga Flow for Mobility With Nora
Using light dumbbells to build deep, functional strength. Improve balance, stability, and body awareness while developing confidence and resilience.	An inclusive practice blending mindful movement, breath, and awareness. Build mobility and coordination, and leave feeling more grounded and steady.

Class Fee: \$20

Move, breathe, and build strength in a friendly community space. Everyone welcome.

5th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

7th & 8th February (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, P RYAN, J SCANLON
WELCOMERS: T. MC IVER, M. CASTILLO
MUSIC: H. TOMBOLATO /M. PUSPA

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: S. SAMUEL
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,
 C. STARMANS, J STARMANS
WELCOMERS: L. BAKKER, P.FUMEI
MUSIC: R. DI GIROLAMO
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE/
 C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: TBC
ALTAR FLOWERS: M. THORN
COUNTING TEAM: 2, 9/2

6th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

14th & 15th February (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. RSPOSITO, A.CALDERONE
WELCOMERS: S. YEOH, M. ZACCARI
MUSIC: M. O'LEARY/M. PUSPA

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: F. CARNOVALE
COMMENTATOR: J. PURCELL
READERS: T. VITEZ
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 F. CARNVALE, M. D'SOUZA
WELCOMER: L. & J. MORRIS

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: F. GROBBELAAR
COMMENTATOR: R. BROADBENT
READERS: J. LEWIS, J. NEWELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 T. D'ALESSANDRO, M. GRASSO, P. FUMEI,
 A-M. POWER, M. FLEMING
WELCOMERS: L. ANGEL, G. SCHWABE
MUSIC: BROADBENT'S
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE/
 C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: TBC
ALTAR FLOWERS: J. MCALIECE, C. HARTE
COUNTING TEAM: 3, 16/2

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	6 February	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	7 February	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass for 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time / Baptism
Sunday	8 February	8:00 am	Mass for 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
		10:00 am	Mass
Monday	9 February	9:15am	Whole school Mass -Beginning of the year
Tuesday	10 February	9:15am	Mass
Wednesday	11 February	9:15am	LOTW – C Assouad
Thursday	12 February	9:15am	Mass
Friday	13 February	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	14 February	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Confirmation Commitment Mass
Sunday	15 February	8:00 am	Mass for 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
		10:00 am	Confirmation Commitment Mass
		11:30 am	Baptism
Monday	16 February	9:15am	LOTW – M. Daly

READINGS**First Reading:****THIS WEEK**

Is 58:7-10

NEXT WEEK

Sir 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 111:4-9

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18

Second Reading:

1 Cor 2:1-5

1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel Reading:

Mt 5:13-16

Mt 5:17-37

Baptisms Saturday, 7 February

We welcome into our faith community
 through baptism,

♦ Ella Arfi ♦

♦ Mia Arfi ♦

May God surround them with his love.**Monthly Cuppa – Hospitality Team Volunteers Needed**

Our Monthly Cuppa is held on the 1st Sunday after Mass and after special parish events. Volunteers are welcome to help with set-up, serving, and pack-up. If you enjoy hospitality and helping build community, please contact the parish office on 9401 6338.

**Volunteer with IMPACT****Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!**

Join Palms International Volunteering [online](https://palms.org.au) in this special session where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](https://palms.org.au) suited to your qualifications. Hear from past Palms volunteers how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities and changes lives. Venue: Online-Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events, Date: Thursday 19 February 2026

7 pm – 8:30 pm AEDT, *Want to visit a community first?*Join our 13-day **Encounter Tour to Timor Leste!**Book by **28 February** for the May tour!See palms.org.au/encounters

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, 20th February at 7:00am

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



Children's Liturgy Program – We Need More Volunteers!

The purpose of this ministry is to share the Good News with the younger members of our community in a safe and age-appropriate way. During the **10 am Mass**, volunteer parents and helpers guide children through a short lesson based on the day's readings. We warmly welcome **leaders and helpers** to join the program. **Training will be provided.**

Children aged **4–12** are invited forward at every Mass during the academic year. **Working with Children Checks** are required for all adult volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Coordinator:

Sarah Gittins: wspr.gittins@bigpond.com

Sr. Maria Bui: Maria.Bui@cam.org.au



Lent 2026: I Am Light

This Lent, journey with us to nurture the Light of Life given to us by Jesus. Each day, receive a 2–3 minute video by email with images, music, Scripture, and a simple prayer to help the Light within you grow—a torch to guide and inspire. Created by Michael Hansen SJ, these daily prayers will lead us through Lent and prepare our hearts for the night of lights on Holy Saturday.

Dates: Ash Wednesday, 18 February
To Easter Sunday, 5 April 2026

Cost: Free, with the option to donate to support this ministry.

Register now to receive your daily blessing.

<https://book.venue.life/pch/register/len-2026-i-am-light>



WISER WOMEN'S GROUP

The next catch-up will be on **Thursday, 12th February at 10:30am** in the Community Centre, with **morning tea included**. All ladies are welcome to join! This meeting is to plan for 2026.

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



RCIA ENQUIRY FOR 2026

The parish runs the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** each year. This program is primarily designed to prepare those who wish to become Catholic. It is also suitable for:

- Those who want to deepen their own faith
- Those who wish to understand the Catholic faith of their spouse
- Those who want to be more aware of what their children are learning at St Martin's Primary School

If you would like to enquire about the RCIA program, please **contact the parish office on 9401 6338**.

Let the Heart Listen

A 12-Week Journey of Deep Listening and Transformation

You're invited to *pause, listen, and open your heart* through **Let the Heart Listen**, a 12-week part-time formation program for those who accompany others with compassion and presence. This deeply personal, **in-person** experience offers the space to:

- ✨ Connect with the deeper mysteries of your own heart
- ✨ Cultivate meaningful, compassionate relationships
- ✨ Deepen your relationship with the Divine in life's most tender moments

Grounded in the practice of **contemplative listening**, this program nurtures your capacity to be fully present—to yourself, to others, and to God—responding from a place of heart and stillness.

Program Details

Format: 12 x Tuesdays (In Person only)

Dates: 17th February 2026 – 19th May 2026

(Note: No sessions on 7th & 14th April due to school holidays)

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm **Cost:** \$925 AUD

◆ **Applications close:** Midnight, Friday 23 January 2026

More details: <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/>

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