

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

'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.



✠ The World Day of Prayer for Vocations ✠

This weekend is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us:

Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

✠ A Vocation View ✠

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

✠ A prayer request ✠

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

FINAL REMINDER- Return your Project Compassion Boxes by 30th April 2026 so that receipts can be issued and funds can be sent to Caritas Australia.

Exploring The Word - In the Gospel of John, we do not find parables in the traditional sense. They are not a literary device that John employs, but this text is as close an approximation to a parable as we have. The contrast he draws between the shepherd who enters the fold by the gate and the thieves and brigands who seek to enter another way is really about leadership. There are good leaders and bad leaders. The good leader of God's people must come to them through Jesus, who is the gate. The thieves and brigands will only lead the people to fear and confusion, where they will be scattered. Perhaps John is addressing a situation in his community where those who are seeking leadership are not following the voice of Jesus but seeking their own aggrandisement or following their own agenda. Such people will ultimately lead the flock to destruction, but Jesus gives life in abundance to all who know his voice and follow him as shepherd.

•What false voices can be heard in our world today?

•What message do they proclaim that is different from the message of Jesus?

•What are the things that make it difficult to resist the false voices in our world?

Anointing Mass- Sat 9 May 2026 at 11:00 am

You are warmly invited to our **Anointing Mass** for those seeking God's healing and strength, especially the sick and elderly. Parishioners, families, and

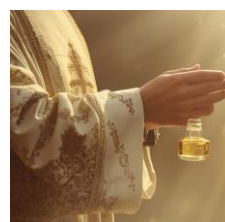
carers are welcome to attend.

8:30am Mass cancelled

•**Reconciliation:** 10:00am

•**Light lunch** to follow

(Welcome to bring a plate to share.)



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Robert Broadbent

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Communion to the sick

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

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR TWO WEEKS:

Stewardship \$ 1189

Presbytery \$ 620

Loose \$ 1168

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 🙏**Scan For Online Donation**

RECENTLY DECEASED : Phillip Minnelli, Sr Felicia Holland RSM, Narelle Stilwell

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME

Mon Signor Jerald Cudmore, Domenica Bertoli, John Archer, Linda Gogel, members of Archer Family, Eileen & Allan Sproules, Roy McKenna, Luigi Tancredi, Mary Heywood, Violet Williams, Lujza & Alajos Sarkady, Desmond Herlihy (Snr.), Anthony Breslin, Edward Zammit, Giuseppa Amato, Peter Williams, Leslie Cauchi, Enrichetta Stancati, David Sherrott, Joyce Drew, Lenard Wright, Mary O'Connor, Giovanni Calabrese, Nanette, Allanah & Madelene Mikac, Jean Williamson, Karl Mikulik, Kathleen Pigdeon, Francesco Barca, Domenica Bertoli, Peter Jackson, Adrian O'Connell, Vivien Chan

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

Joshua Mullins, Ahmed Abdulwahid (11yo), Jerome & Salvina Pace, Milka Mikac, Monsignor Pete Jeffrey, Megan Whittle, Fr Prakash Cutunha, Patrick & Marilyn Kennealy, Marlena Calo, 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, Patricia Valente, Julie & Joe Morris, Stephen Lau, Fr Tony Kerin VG, Charles, Damien, Anna, Susie, Narelle Stilwell

**CatholicCare Victoria
Sunday Appeal**



Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering children and young people, strengthening families and individuals, providing safe housing and homelessness assistance, and supporting refugees and asylum seekers.

Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at

www.catholiccarevic.org.au,

call (03) 9967 2515 or scan the QR Code.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We warmly invite children to take part in our **Altar Server Training Program** here at **St Martin of Tours. (Old and New).**

Further training sessions will be required to complete the program. 🎓 A certificate will be issued upon successful completion.

Who can join?

Children from **Year 3 and above** are welcome to participate.

First Session: Friday 8 May

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Church

(Snack and drink provided)

Please **register by 3 May:**

Please email the Parish Office at macleod@cam.org.au



ACU Centre for Liturgy

Liturgical Ministry Training Program

Ministers of the Word

📖 Gain essential skills and deepen your understanding. This training program explores the nature of liturgical ministry and provides both practical and spiritual formation for those called to proclaim the Word of God.

Participants will:

- Explore the structure of the Mass, with a focus on the Liturgy of the Word
- Gain insight into the Lectionary and its connection to the Liturgical Year
- Develop proclamation skills: vocal tone, eye contact, body language, and movement
- Take part in interactive learning with opportunities for practice and feedback

🙏 This program fosters a deeper appreciation of the Word of God in the celebration of the liturgy and in the ministry of the Word.

Workshop Details

Dates: Friday 15 May (6:00pm – 9:00pm)

Saturday 16 May (9:00am – 4:00pm)

Venue: Mary Mother of the Church Parish
2–6 Waverley Avenue, Ivanhoe VIC

Please let Father Michael or the parish office know your interest by 5th May.

4th Sunday of Easter**25th & 26th April (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: T. MC IVER, S. YEOH, R. DE SOYSA
MUSIC: M. PUSPA, M. O'LEARY

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: M. LOVE
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, M. JOSEPH
MUSIC: JUSTIN
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:
 C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: D. KARTIKAWATY
ALTAR FLOWERS: M. FLEMING
COUNTING TEAM: 4, 27/4

5th Sunday of Easter**2nd & 3rd May (Year A)****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM**

SACRISTAN: C. VALENTE
COMMENTATOR: A. CALDERONE
READERS: A. ROZARIO, M. RYAN
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 R. WEBSTER, F. ESPOSITO, C. ANDERSON,
 I. FRIJO, G. LEONE
WELCOMERS: M. ZACCARI, M. CASTILLO
MUSIC: M. PUSPA, M. O'LEARY

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: F. CARNOVALE
COMMENTATOR: T. VITEZ
READERS: M. FERNANDEZ
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 F. CARNOVALE, M. D'SOUZA
WELCOMER: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: M. LOVE
COMMENTATOR: P. FUMEI
READERS: S. REGO, J. LEWIS
COMMUNION MINISTERS: A-M POWER, C.
 HARTE, J. HARTE, M. GRASSO
WELCOMERS: G. SCHWABE, P. BASILE, M.
 GRASSO, D. GRASSO
MUSIC: JUSTIN
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:
 C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: J. GROBBELAAR
ALTAR FLOWERS: M. THORN
COUNTING TEAM: 1, 4/5

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	24 April	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	25 April	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday
Sunday	26 April	8:00 am	Mass for 4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday
		10:00 am	Mass
Monday	27 April	9:15am	Mass
Tuesday	28 April	9:15am	Mass
Wednesday	29 April	9:15am	LOTW – J. Morris
Thursday	30 April	9:15am	Mass
Friday	1 May	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	2 May	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass
			School Year 5 Mass
Sunday	3 May	8:00 am	Mass for 3rd Sunday of Easter
		10:00 am	Mass – CUPPA after Mass
Monday	4 May	9:15am	Mass – 5VS Class Mass
Tuesday	5 May	9:15am	Mass
Wednesday	6 May	9:15am	LOTW – E. Pietryk
Thursday	7 May	9:15am	Mass
Friday	8 May	9:15am	Mass

READINGS**THIS WEEK****NEXT WEEK**

First Reading:	Acts 2:14, 36-41	Acts 6:1-7
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 22:1-6: R	Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19:R
Second Reading:	1 Pet 2:20-25	1 Pet 2:4-9
Gospel Reading:	Jn 10:1-10	Jn 14:1-12

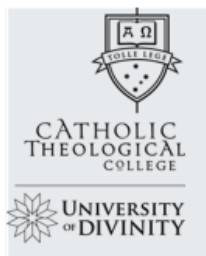
Individual / Personal Retreats at Holy Cross Centre – \$125pn (BYO linen) inc meals Holy Cross Centre in Templestowe has accommodation for personal retreats that has become available between 27 April-13 May 2026 as well as other dates throughout 2026. A special rate of \$149/night (or \$125/night BYO linen) applies for a warm double bedroom, ensuite and meals. Spiritual direction can also be arranged (for additional fee). To book dates, please call us on (03) 9846 6014 or email: hcc@passionists.com A retreat flyer is available at Main Foyer. More information <https://holycrosscentre.com/>

Helping Kids Thrive: Developmental Changes and Digital Wellbeing

 Tuesday 28 April 2026, 7pm-8pm.  Online.

Facilitated by Real Talk, this practical and faith-centred webinar will help parents and caregivers of children aged 12 and under better understand key stages of childhood and adolescence, set healthy digital boundaries and respond with confidence and care. This webinar is part a new series from *Proclaim*, offering practical wisdom for parents and couples, trusting that God strengthens and steadies families through every season of family life.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/anchored-helping-kids-thrive>



Catholic Theological College

Invites you to our
Engaging Your Faith online
presentations on May
From \$25 per session.
For more information:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

Middle East Emergency Appeal – Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today,
please scan the QR code or visit

www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal



🌿 SPIRITUALITY DINNER 🌿 Centering Prayer

Re-imagining spiritual transformation in the 21st Century

Presenter: Rob Leslie who is a Quaker and a Centering Prayer practitioner. He is currently undertaking a research project on Centering Prayer at the Melbourne University of Divinity.

📅 Fri 1 May 2026 | ⌚ 5:30–8:30pm

📍 22 Woodvale Rd, Boronia

\$35 pp (Suggested donation)

📞 Bookings essential:

9762 6625 | 0432 261 194 (Fr Thien)

✉ enquiries@janssencentre.au

🌐 www.janssencentre.au

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2026 Catechist Program Sunday 11:00am

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



📖 ✨ Melbourne Catholic Digest – Feb/Mar 2026 ✨ 📖

The latest edition of the **Melbourne Catholic Digest** is now available! This beautiful publication will now be released on a **bi-monthly basis**, offering reflections, stories, and insights from across our Catholic community.

📍 **Available in the main foyer** 📺 *Free for all parishioners*

We warmly invite you to pick up a copy and take some time to enjoy this enriching read. 🌿 Happy reading! 🌿

Permanent Diaconate Information Session 2 May 2026

The annual May Information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and the 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate**. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome. The session will be on Saturday morning, 2nd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but **if you forget, then just turn up** on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

📅 **Event Date: Saturday 2 May 2025**
10.00am–11.30am 📍 **Venue: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne**

🌿 ✨ MENALIVE PARISH WEEKEND ✨ 🌿

An invitation for the men of our parish

📅 **Saturday 30 – Sunday 31 May 2026**
📍 **Greensborough**

Take some time away from the busyness of life... to reflect, to reconnect, and to renew your faith.

The **menALIVE Weekend** offers a welcoming and supportive space for men to explore their relationship with God, share with others, and be encouraged in their faith journey.

Many who have attended speak of it as a **powerful and uplifting experience**—one that continues to bear fruit long after the weekend ends.

📞 **Learn more & register:**

<https://greensborough.menalivevic.au/>

📞 **Have questions?**

John O'Connell – 0429 596 948



Hairdressing for Women and Men:

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

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Dr Gerard William -hearwithme.com.au or contact:
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