

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

1st Sunday of Lent – Rite of Election

'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 good acts of one man, Jesus, brings everyone light and life.

Exploring The Word – This text follows immediately from the baptism of Jesus. The final words of that text come from the voice from heaven: 'This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.' It is interesting that Satan uses the words 'If you are the Son of God...' to introduce two of his temptations. In this way, Satan is disputing the claim from heaven and trying to force Jesus to prove his sonship. In response to the first temptation, Jesus affirms his trust in God. Satan seizes on this as the basis for his second temptation, but again Jesus rejects any attempt to force God's hand. The final temptation reveals the true nature of the contest—it is a struggle between God and Satan—but Jesus shows his choice is made and rejects Satan.

- Do you reject Satan and all his works? This will be a question asked at baptism. In what ways are we called to reject self-interest, power and physical comfort as followers of Jesus?
- What are some of the choices between 'good and evil' that we face in our own everyday existence?

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DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

(From In the words of Pope Francis - 2025)



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**. All are welcome.

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: Thank you for submitting your Ministry Reports - they will be included in the AGM presentation.



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 \$ 1172

Presbytery \$ 320

Loose \$ 680

**RECENTLY DECEASED** : Rosaria Caruso (Italy)**ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME**

Mary Hobson, Maria Tosetto, Angela Quinn, Anthony Aulsebrook, Vincent Rowan, Mary (Peg) Evans, Annie Roberts, John Coyle, Carol Darroch, Richelmo Daru, Giuseppe Leggio, Mary Spiteri, Maria Addamo, Michael Hehir (Snr.), Mark Watson, Marjorie Baker, Patrick Leehy, Michelina Napolitano, Antonio Larina, Susan Murphy, Kathleen Denier, Pamela Nair, David Kemp, Kenneth Tabb, Katherine Turville, Maureen Gallagher, Con Power, Robert Horsfall, Elvira Mendoza, Dorothy McIver, Glen McIver, Mary and Kevin Ryan

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 McAliece, 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

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
PROJECT
COMPASSION
Caritas – Project Compassion 2026

This Lent, we are called to stand with vulnerable communities around the world. Project Compassion 2026 shares the stories of **Sisilia (Tanzania), Monoranjon (Bangladesh), Manaini (Fiji), and Ahmad (Gaza)** — four people facing challenges with water, food, livelihoods and crisis, yet filled with hope for a better future.

Please donate today. Support Project Compassion through the **donation boxes, envelopes, or by scanning the QR code.** For more detail or online donation, please visit:

<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/macleodcatholicparish>

Together, we can be a sign of hope and compassion.

UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY
 this Lent



Pope Leo XIV has reminded us that the vulnerable are great teachers.

In Dilexi Te he writes:

Christians must not abandon almsgiving... It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing. Whatever from it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts... for our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching out and touching the suffering flesh of the poor.

(From Project Compassion Parish Booklet 2026.)

**LENTEN PRAYER**

God of all love,

We remember that on the night before he died
 Your son, Jesus, prayed
 that his friends 'may all be one.'

Yet we see so much division in the world.
 War, conflict, violence and hatred
 must all distress you.

Millions of people suffer
 when they don't have peace and respect.
 They lack the necessities of life: food, water,
 health, education and security.

We pray that we may all
Unite Against Poverty this Lent.
 May our support for **Project Compassion**
 be a sign to ourselves and others,
 of our hope for a better world.

This Lent, we pray that our dedication
 to prayer, fasting and almsgiving
 will help restore your vision of justice and peace.

Guided by the Holy Spirit,
 we pray in Jesus' name,

Amen.

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



Christian
Meditation
Group

Meets on Thursday 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 Lent**21st & 22nd February (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. O'LEARY, M. PUSPA

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
MUSIC: R. DI GIROLAMO
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:
 C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: J. GROBBELAAR, K.
 BROADBENT
ALTAR FLOWERS: NA
COUNTING TEAM: 4, 23/2

2nd Sunday Of Lent**28th February & 1st March (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
WELCOMERS: M. ZACCARI, S. YEOH
MUSIC: 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: LOYOLA STUDENT
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
 A-M POWER, C. HARTE, J. HARTE, LOYOLA
 PRINCIPLE AND VICE PRINCIPLE
WELCOMERS: G. SCHWABE, P. BASILE
MUSIC: J. MURONE
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:
 C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: N. NGUYEN
ALTAR FLOWERS: NA
COUNTING TEAM: 1, 2/3

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	20 February	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	21 February	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council
			Commissioning Mass
Sunday	22 February	8:00 am	Mass for 1st Sunday of Lent
		10:00 am	Parish Pastoral Council
			Commissioning Mass
		11:00am	Cuppa in GECCO
		11:15am	Annual General Meeting in
			GECCO
Monday	23 February	9:15am	Mass
Tuesday	24 February	9:15am	Mass
Wednesday	25 February	9:15am	LOTW – E. Pietryk
Thursday	26 February	9:15am	Mass
Friday	27 February	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	28 February	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Prep Families Welcome Mass
Sunday	1 March	8:00 am	Mass for 2nd Sunday of Lent
		10:00 am	Loyola Xavier House Mass
Monday	2 March	9:15am	LOTW – A. Priestley
			(No Mass)
Tuesday	3 March	9:15am	LOTW – M. Daly
			(No Mass)
Wednesday	4 March	9:15am	LOTW – J. Morris
Thursday	5 March	9:15am	Mass

READINGS**First Reading:****THIS WEEK****Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7****NEXT WEEK****Gen 12:1-4****Responsorial Psalm:****Ps 50:3-6, 12-14 17****Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22****Second Reading:****Rom: 5:12-19****2 Tim: 1:8-10****Gospel Reading:****Mt 4:1-11****Mt 17:1-9****Celebrating a Special Milestone**

Our parish community joyfully congratulates the following couples as they celebrate significant wedding anniversaries:

Joe & Pia Basile**68th Wedding Anniversary**

We give thanks for their many years of love, commitment and faith, and we pray that God continues to bless them with good health, joy and abundant grace.

Rosary Beads – Thank you to all who have generously donated rosary beads over the past two months. These have been gratefully received and passed on to the retired priest residing at Nazareth House, who was deeply appreciative of your kindness.

A collection box will remain in the church foyer for anyone who wish to make further donations. Rosary beads in any condition are welcome — including broken beads or individual/odd beads. Thank you for your continued generosity.

— Jenny Anderson



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 Feb 7:00am–8:15am**

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



Journey Through Lent with the Bethany Way

Join the **Bethany Way**, the Archdiocese of Melbourne's flagship formation initiative, as we journey through the spiritual desert together this Lent—for free.

Each week from **Tuesday, 24 February**, receive:

- A **podcast conversation** exploring Lent's themes, challenges, and graces.
- A **prayer resource** with Scripture and reflections for the week.

Perfect for individuals, small groups, and parishes. A facilitation guide is available for group leaders.

Lent is a chance to rediscover the truth, goodness, and beauty of Jesus Christ—"the one thing necessary" (Luke 10:42).

Register and find out more (free):

melbournecatholic.org/events/the-one-thing-necessary-lenten-online-retreat-series

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 csmary.org@tpg.com.au or call (03) 9509 2207.



Christian Meditation Group — Please note that this year the Christian Meditation Group will meet on **Thursdays** (instead of Wednesday). All are welcome.

Hairdressing for Women and Men:

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

LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://brucedownes.org/len-2026-sign-up/>
Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

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>



Join Our Baptism and Welcome Team!

Help families begin their faith journey.

Training provided — serve just **2–3 times a year**.



Sat 5pm Welcome team Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for Saturday **5:30 pm Mass** welcome team.

 **Get Involved** - Contact the parish office: **9401 6338**

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**.

Hear With Me Audiology Care (All Ages)

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