

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

The Ascension of the Lord

'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.

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.

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1800 305 330

Exploring the Word: Matthew 28: 16-20

The feast of the Ascension celebrates the physical separation of Jesus from the human story, but this text promises his continual presence 'to the end of time'. After three years of living, working and praying with the disciples, Jesus commissions them to continue his work in the world. This is a difficult challenge for some of the disciples who, although prepared to go to the appointed place, still hesitate! Despite their misgivings and fragile faith, he sends them out to all nations. Jesus has been given the authority that was once the exclusive domain of the God of Israel; Jesus has become the presence of the living God, and his presence will continue with his disciples through the Holy Spirit. •Despite this affirmation from Jesus of his continued presence, the disciples at this point had no idea what would happen next. Talk for a time of how they may have felt. What did happen next?



Volunteering is a gift of service, freely given for others and our community. Throughout May, **we invite you to reflect on this theme.**

Join us for a **special morning tea on Sunday 31 May** after the **10:00am Mass** as we give thanks for all who serve. All are welcome!

Reflection on Communion to the Sick Ministry

The Communion to the Sick ministers visit those in our Community who are no longer able to attend Mass at St Martins. We provide a connection for them to the parish community. We pray with them and give them Communion allowing them to practise their faith. We visit some nursing homes and other parishioners in their homes on a Friday morning. The volunteers find it very rewarding to provide this service to the parishioners who have themselves supported the parish over many years.

Confirmation this weekend

We congratulate all children from our primary school along with our catechist children who have been walking the path towards confirmation. Bishop Thinh will be presiding over the confirmation masses on this Saturday in our church. We continue to pray for these children and their families and wish them a happy day on Saturday 16th May 2026.



STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK:

Stewardship \$ 572

Presbytery \$ 169

Loose \$ 644

Scan For Online Donation

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 🙏**RECENTLY DECEASED :****ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME**

Franz Holzer, Ernest Neyhaus, Primo Ragazzon, Kathleen Nankervis, Richard Daly, Giuseppina Gandolfo, Bronislava Naujopkaikis, Maria Ciarlo, Leonardo Rigoni, Patricia Willis, Eufemia Pedicchio-Benussi, Carmelo Giuliano, Johanna Van Nugteren, Vincent Howell, Giovanni Sinni, Carmen Carabott

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, Julietta S. Taneca (Philippines)

**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.

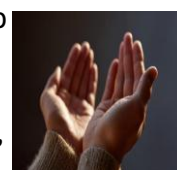


A Charismatic Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 21st May at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass including the Sacrament of Anointing. Supper provided. All are welcome. For further details, please contact Emilia 0418 120 902

**Parish Synod Corner****Who participates in a Synod?**

A Synod involves the whole People of God: bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful. Each has a distinct role, but all share responsibility for the Church's mission. Synodality does not blur roles—it helps each vocation flourish in service of the Gospel.

The parish Christian Meditation group meets every Thursday at 7.30pm on Zoom. If you are interested in this ancient form of contemplative prayer, please contact Joan McKeegan on 0418 584 970.

**Australian Catholics Magazine**

The 2026 winter edition of Australian Catholics is out now. This edition includes an article on being a Dad in Today's world. Copies are available in the church foyers.

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



The Ascension of the Lord**16th & 17th May (Year A)****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM**

SACRISTAN: J. JACOB
COMMENTATOR: F. FRIGO
READERS: A.ROSARIO, M. CASSAR
COMMUNION MINISTERS: R. WEBSTER, C. ANDERSON, I.FRIGO, F ESPOSITO, A. CALDERONE
WELCOMERS: M.ZACCARI, M. CASTILLO
MUSIC: J.MURONE

SUNDAY 8.00AM

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

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: F. GROBBELAAR
COMMENTATOR: R.BROADBENT
READERS: J. LEWIS, J. NEWELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS: G. LEONE, M. GRASSO, P.FUMEI, A-M POWER, M.FLEMING
WELCOMERS: L. ANGEL, G.SCHWABE, M.MOMS
MUSIC: BROADBENTS
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: J. GROBBELAAR, L. MILLER
ALTAR FLOWERS: C ROWAN
COUNTING TEAM: 3, 18/5

Pentecost Sunday**23rd & 24th May (Year A)****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM**

SACRISTAN: S. FITZGERALD
COMMENTATOR: M.FITZPATRICK
READERS: M. DIFABIO, J. O'CONNELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS: J.SCANLON, B. ANDERSON, J.LANE, A. CALDERONE ,C.VALENTE
WELCOMERS: T.MCIVER, S.YEOH, R.DESOYSA
MUSIC: M.O'LEARY & MIRA

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: S.SAMUEL
COMMENTATOR: J.FERGUSON
READERS: N.RAJASINGAM
COMMUNION MINISTERS: F. CARNOVALE, F.ESPOSITO, S. SAMUEL
WELCOMER:

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: M.LOVE
COMMENTATOR: M.DIFABIO
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: L. MILLER .M.D'ANGELO
ALTAR FLOWERS: S.SAMUEL
COUNTING TEAM: 4, 25/5

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	15 May	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	16 May	8.30am	NO Mass
		10:00am	NO Reconciliation
		11:00/1.30pm	Confirmations
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass for Ascension of the Lord
Sunday	17 May	8:00 am	Mass for Ascension of Lord
		10:00 am	Mass – CUPPA after Mass
Monday	18 May	9:15am	Mass
Tuesday	19 May	9:15am	Mass CLASS 3BC
Wednesday	20 May	9:15am	LOTW – C. Assouad
Thursday	21 May	9:15am	Mass
Friday	22 May	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	23 May	8.30am	Mass,
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Mass Pentecost Vigil
			Eucharist Commitment Mass
Sunday	24 May	8:00 am	Mass Pentecost
		10:00 am	Eucharist Commitment Mass
			Confirmation for an adult
			CUPPA after Mass
		11.30	Baptisms
Monday	25 May	9:15am	Mass Class 3CR

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

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

Eph 1 : 17-23

Matt 28:16-20

NEXT WEEK

Acts 2 :1-11

Ps 103 :1,24,29-31,34

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

Jn 20 : 19-23

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. Please also ensure that your **Working With Children Check (WWCC)** is current and up to date.

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.

**IMPACTFUL Sessions!****Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!**

Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. Join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see palms.org.au/events

May Session: Live from Timor Leste!

Date: Thursday 21 May 2026

Time: 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST

02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au

MAY INFO SESSION



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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



St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, Heidelberg

Warmly invites you to celebrate a very special milestone 🎉 **175th Anniversary Gala Dinner** 🎉 Join us as we honour **175 years of faith, community, and tradition** in a joyful evening of celebration.

📅 **Friday, 29 May 2026** ⌚ 7:00pm – 10:30pm

An evening of fellowship, fine dining, and celebration awaits as we give thanks for the past and look forward with hope to the future. All are welcome to be part of this memorable occasion.

✝ Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession ✝

📅 **Sunday, 7 June 2026**

⌚ 1:30pm

📍 **Begins:** St Patrick's Cathedral

📍 **Concludes:** Federation Square

All are warmly invited to join this annual **Corpus Christi Procession** through the streets of Melbourne's CBD.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we walk together in faith, bearing witness to Christ in the Eucharist—our light and our hope—into the heart of the city.

Come and be part of this powerful public expression of faith. 🌿

🌿 Come Away Day – 2026 🌿 Wed, 24 June

⌚ 9:30am – 2:30pm

Step aside from the busyness of everyday life and enter a gentle space of reflection, renewal, and peace. Our **Come Away Days** throughout 2026 offer a quiet oasis for individuals seeking spiritual rest and reconnection.

Each day includes a thoughtfully prepared program featuring: Prayer and meditation, Silence and personal reflection, Gentle group interaction, Anointing, Eucharist or Liturgy of the Word with Communion

📍 **Location:** Holy Cross Retreat
207 Serpells Road, Templestowe

📅 **2026 Dates:**

- Wednesday, 24 June
- Wednesday, 16 September
- Wednesday, 18 November

📞 **Bookings & Enquiries:** Sr Brigid CP

bridget.m64@gmail.com Come away... and rest awhile. 🌸

🙏 Volunteer Needed 🙏 Altar Server Garment Care

Our parish is seeking a kind volunteer to assist with washing and caring for Altar Server Garments. Your help ensures our young servers are always prepared to serve with dignity. 📞 **Please contact the Parish Office:** macleod@cam.org.au Thank you for your generous support of our parish community! ❤️

Southern Stars Social Club Over 28s Party Night for Single Catholics in 28-60 age group

Single Catholics are warmly invited to join **Melbourne's premier Catholic social club** for ages **28–40 (Young Stars)** and **40–60+ (Southern Stars)**. Enjoy a variety of social and community activities, including: Club party nights, Wine & cheese evenings, Walking groups & tennis afternoons, Restaurant outings etc. A wonderful opportunity to meet others, build friendships, and share in faith and community.

Saturday 23rd May : from 7.30pm

Location : St Benedict Parish Hall Central Ave Burwood

Cost: Members \$7 Non-Members \$13

Enquiries:

📞 Peter – 9885 2167

📧 sssc.online@gmail.com

Hairdressing for Women and Men:

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