

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

2nd 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
Through the light of the Transfiguration Jesus takes away our fears

Exploring The Word – In the later part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples that he must journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die and to rise again. He begins his journey towards his fate, but that journey is interrupted by this wondrous moment where he is revealed as the glorious Messiah, the beloved Son of God. In the language of this text, there are echoes of the Jewish expectation of the Messiah coming in glory at the end of time. Through the appearance of Moses and Elijah in this scene, Matthew links Jesus intimately with Jewish expectation. The law, represented by Moses, established a covenant with the chosen people, and it was the role of the prophets, represented by Elijah, to constantly remind the people of their covenant obligations. Both the law and the prophets looked forward to God's final intervention in human history, and here, Jesus is presented as that intervention. The disciples want to capture this moment and freeze it in time by building shrines, but Jesus is adamant that the journey must continue to its final outcome, which will confirm God's action in human history. It is not until Christ has been raised that the truth of this vision will be known.

- How do you look forward to your baptism or reception? Will it be a single moment of glory and joy?
- How will you continue the journey after that moment has been experienced?

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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.

Eucharist28

Website: <https://eucharist28.org/>

The journey toward the **International Eucharistic Congress 2028** (Eucharist28), to be held in **Sydney**, has officially begun with the launch of its website and the distribution of parish Starter Packs across Australia. Marking 100 years since the 1928 Congress in Sydney, Eucharist28 is being shaped as a multi-year national pilgrimage of prayer, formation, and renewal.

Church leaders, including Bishop Richard Umbers and **Anthony Fisher**, have expressed hope that the Congress will renew Eucharistic faith and inspire deeper intimacy with Christ and missionary zeal throughout Australia.

EUCCHARIST28

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenceless and homeless, the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ.

Amen.



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	\$ 858	Presbytery	\$ 265	Loose	\$ 608
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CREDIT CARD & DIRECT DEBIT FOR MONTH:

Stewardship	\$ 11,099	Presbytery	\$ 913
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**RECENTLY DECEASED : Margaret Tighe, Pauline Pinner****ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME**

Susan Murphy, Paula Salpigidis, Maxwell Wood, Carole Prestney, Joseph Casamento, Mario Ferraro, Lucia Tosetto, Fr. Peter Carrucan, Giovanni Segat, Ellen Davies, Annie Cruise, Margaret Beriman, Joyce Hasler, Teresa Iaconis, Andrew Stevenson, Vittoria Donati, Gloria Wisby

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

Fr Brian Carey, Sr Maureen Sheehan MSC, Louis Sarkady, Judy West, Ahmed Abdulwahid (11yo), 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, Augusto DaSilva, Henry DaSilva, John Capaletti, Lauren, Phillip Minnelli, Patricia Valente, Julie & Joe Morris, Stephen Lau, Fr Tony Kerin VG, Charles, Queenie

In memory of Pauline Pinner : Pauline will be known to members of the St Martin of Tours community as the coordinator of the OSHC program from 1990-2001. Pauline passed away on 20 February 2026. She was much loved by the children she cared for in the out of school hours program. We remember Pauline as a valued member of the St Martin's community and pray now for the repose of her soul; may she rest in God's peace.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION****Second Sunday of Lent**

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code or online:

<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraise/rs/macleodcatholicparish> Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

**The Prodigal Son - Lenten Retreat Days, Kew VIC – 21 & 22 March 2026**

You are warmly invited to a two-day Lenten retreat centred on the beautiful parable of mercy. The days include input, silent reflection and shared spiritual conversation, offering space to slow down and listen for God's tender mercy at work in your life.

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 March 2026 9.30am – 4.00pm

Campion Centre - 99 Studley Park Road, Kew

\$130 (includes materials & refreshments)

Bring your own lunch

Facilitated by Anne Priestley RSM and Maureen Atkins (JISA Campion).

Email: info@jisa.org.au

Phone: 1 300 392 636 (ask for more details)

Register by 18 March 2026.

**Online Donation****Available now****SCAN HERE**

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**Pastoral
Home Visits**

**Sr Maria is available
for home visits
on Tuesdays,
Wednesdays & Thursdays**

For an appointment call
9401 6338
or email Sr Maria at
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**Lenten Message 2026**

“ I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor.

**Pope Leo XIV**

2nd Sunday Of Lent**28th February & 1st March (Year A)****SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM**

SACRISTAN: C. VALENTE
COMMENTATOR: A. CALDERONE
READERS: A. LACEY, 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
PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL
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

3rd Sunday Of Lent**7th & 8th March (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: M. PUSPA

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: S. SAMUEL
COMMENTATOR: T. JACKSON
READERS: M. D'SOUZA
COMMUNION MINISTERS: F. CARNOVALE, F. ESPOSITO, S. SAMUEL
WELCOMER: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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: JUSTIN
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE / C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: NA
ALTAR FLOWERS: NA
COUNTING TEAM: 2, 9/3

DATES THIS WEEK

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
Friday	6 March	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	7 March	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass for 3rd Sunday of Lent
Sunday	8 March	8:00 am	Mass for 3rd Sunday of Lent
		10:00 am	Mass
Monday	9 March	9:15am	Mass

READINGS**First Reading:****THIS WEEK****Gen 12:1-4****Responsorial Psalm:****Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22****Second Reading:****2 Tim: 1:8-10****Gospel Reading:****Mt 17:1-9****NEXT WEEK****Ex 17:3-7****Ps 94:1-2, 6-9: R****Rom 5:1-2, 5-8****Jn 4:5-42****Grief & Loss Support Group**

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 10 March 2026**. The group meets every second Tuesday of the month, commencing at **7:00pm** and running for approximately 1 hour.

📍 **Venue:** The Parish House

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Sr Maria on **9401 6338** or email Maria.Bui@cam.org.au. All are warmly welcome.



The Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM) reports have now been uploaded to the parish website for your reference. A limited number of printed copies are also available in the main foyer of the church for those who would prefer a hard copy. Thank you to all our ministry leaders and parishioners for your contributions and ongoing support of our parish community.

Choir / Music Rehearsal sessions for March:

To avoid gathering on the evening of Labour Day, the **Open Age Choir & Music Rehearsal** will be held on **Monday 2nd March at 6.30-8.30pm** in the St Martin's church.

Also please feel welcome to come to the **extra rehearsal in March to cover Holy Week music - on Monday 23rd March** - same time and same place! **Thanks so much**

From Marg O'Leary 🙏🎵😊



Lenten Talks – 175th Anniversary Celebration

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend a special series of Lenten talks on the Gospel of St John.

The talks will be presented by **Associate Professor Joel Hodge**, National Head, School of Theology, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy at Australian Catholic University, and a parishioner of St John's.

Dates: 3rd, 10th & 17th March

Time: 7:00pm (approx. 1 hour) **Cost:** Free

We encourage you to take this opportunity during Lent to deepen your understanding of the Gospel.

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.



WISER WOMEN'S GROUP

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

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



Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required.

The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

We are currently offering 2 weekends in 2026.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

1. April 24 - 26th

2. November 6 - 8th

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au

Mary Magdalene – The Musical

An uplifting Lenten production retelling the journey of Mary Magdalene through music and story. Presented by **COG Theatre Group** and directed by **Beth Mondragon Williams**, this moving work reflects on redemption, grace, and hope.

When: Fri & Sat 13–14 March, 7:00 pm

Sat & Sun 14–15 March, 1:00 pm

Where: [Renaissance Theatre, High Street, Kew](#)

Tickets: trybooking.com/DHZPD



Newsletter Notice - Due to a technical issue, our email newsletter will not be sent this week. Please visit our parish website for the latest newsletter and important updates. Thank you for your understanding.

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/macleod>

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