

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION 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.

LENTEN THEME 2026: The Light of Jesus leads us to Living Water & a life of Hope

An Invitation to Holy Week

Holy Week is a special and sacred time in the life of the Church, when we journey with Jesus through His passion, death and resurrection. There are many beautiful liturgies and moments of prayer during this week.

Everyone is warmly invited to take part in these celebrations. There is much to experience, and we encourage you to join us whenever you are able. All are welcome as we gather together in faith and hope to celebrate the great mystery of Easter. ✝

Palm Sunday Vigil

📅 Saturday 28 March 5:30 pm Mass

Palm Sunday - Sunday 29 March

📅 8:00 am Mass

📅 10:am Procession Mass

Please gather at 9:45am at the corner of Lower Plenty Rd and Cantala Ave for the procession across the walk bridge.

- Palms will be distributed for blessing and to take home.
- The Passion Story from Matthew's Gospel will be proclaimed
- We will wave our palms during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Holy Thursday – 2 April

📅 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

During the Mass, we celebrate the Washing of the Feet, remembering Jesus' example of loving service. At the conclusion, the altar will be stripped, and the Blessed Sacrament will be taken to the Altar of Repose.

You are invited to remain for quiet prayer and "keep watch" in remembrance of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Night Watch concludes at 10:00pm.



Good Friday – 3 April

📅 10:00 am Community Stations of the Cross

Led by our young people who will role play the 14 stations interspersed with music and silence.

📅 3:00 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Beginning in silence, with the proclamation of the Passion from John's Gospel and the Veneration of the Cross. All are invited to venerate the Cross.

Holy Saturday – 4 April

📅 7:00 pm Easter Vigil

We begin outside the Church with the Service of Light. The Paschal Candle will be lit from the Easter Fire, and we will process into the Church by candlelight. The Gloria will be sung and bells rung — please bring a bell to ring during the Gloria if you wish. Please bring a small container or tea light holder to avoid wax spillage on the carpet. Candles will be provided.

We warmly welcome the **Wickliffe family**.

Carly Engela Wickliffe

will be baptised this weekend through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Children**.

Jason Diep

will be confirmed this weekend through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult**.

All parishioners are warmly invited for a cuppa in the GECCO after the Easter Vigil as we celebrate our newly baptised.

Easter Sunday – 5 April

📅 Masses at 8:00am and 10:00am

🕒 Daylight Saving Ends – Easter Sunday!

Please remember to **turn your clocks back one hour** before going to bed on Saturday night, so you wake up on time for Easter celebrations!

Our Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung 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 \$ 738 Presbytery \$ 395 Loose \$ 592

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Exploring The Word –This long reading from the passion of Jesus is presented by Matthew as a series of alternating scenes in which the disciples fail while Jesus commits himself both to them and to the Father. The betrayal by Judas, the disciples fleeing at his arrest and Peter's denial all highlight sinful humanity and imperfect faith. But it is this very state that Jesus has come to redeem. The moment of his death is when this redemption is achieved. At that moment, the veil in the temple, which hangs in front of the holy of holies, where God dwells, is torn asunder. God is no longer separated from humankind. God's indwelling has burst the confines of the temple and permeates the entire world. Heaven and earth are no longer separate from each other. In the salvific death of the God-man, heaven and earth are united again. Ironically, it is the Gentile centurion who proclaims the divinity of Jesus: 'In truth this was a son of God.'

- In what ways do you feel the indwelling of God in your life?
- In what ways do you feel liberated and redeemed by Christ?

RECENTLY DECEASED : Greg Brandon

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY

AT THIS TIME - Peter Celotti (1Yr), Fatima Mary, Bernard Luby, Bruno Perillo, Vincenza Francavilla, Dane Malone, Marion Sanaghan, Mary Clark, Mollie Nankervis, Franco Galati, Moira Brophy, Leslie Humphrey, Louise Nixon, Peter Celotti, Angelo Lunardi, Ivan Calopa, Kathleen Scully, Rollo Jackson, Anastasia Murphy, Maria Brenkovich, Patricia Densley

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 Kennealy, 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, Marilyn Kenneally, Damien, Anna

WISER WOMEN'S GROUP Theme: Funny Savings

The next catch-up will be on **Thursday, 9th April 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. For more details, contact **Leonie** via the office or **Sr. Maria** at maria.bui@cam.org.au



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**Palm Sunday
28-29 March 2026**

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice. Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, by scanning the QR code, or online:

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

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.



**Parish Synod
Corner**



Where does the word "Synod" come from?

The word *Synod* comes from the Greek *syn-hodos*, meaning "walking together on the road." This reminds us that the Christian life is never meant to be lived alone. Faith is a shared journey, where we support one another, listen to one another, and discern together how best to follow Christ.

Palm Sunday 28th & 29th March (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

SACRISTAN: S. FITZGERALD
COMMENTATOR: M. DI FABIO
READERS: J. K. MARTINEZ, A. PRIESTLEY
GOSPEL READER:
 1. **NARRATOR (N):** N. RAJASINGAM
 2. **JESUS:** FATHER MICHAEL
 3. **OTHER(S):** SALLY KERR
COMMUNION MINISTERS: R. WEBSTER, P. RYAN, F. ESPOSITO, I. FRIJO, A. CALDERONE
WELCOMERS: M. CASTILLO, S. YEOH
MUSIC: M. PUSPA, M. O'LEARY

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: F. CARNOVALE
COMMENTATOR: G. MULLINS
READERS: M. D'SOUZA
GOSPEL READER:
 1. **NARRATOR (N):** M. D'SOUZA
 2. **JESUS:** FATHER MICHAEL
 3. **OTHER(S):** **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
COMMUNION MINISTERS: F. CARNOVALE, M. D'SOUZA
WELCOMER: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: M. LOVE
COMMENTATOR: R. BROADBENT
READERS: S. REGO, J. PAVONE
COMMUNION MINISTERS: M. GRASSO, P. FUMEI, M. LOVE, A-M POWER, M. FLEMING
WELCOMERS: L. BAKER, P. FUMEI
MUSIC: J. LACHAL
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP: C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: L. MILLER, D. DIAS
ALTAR FLOWERS: NA
COUNTING TEAM: 1, 30/3

ROSTERS FOR THE EASTER TRIDUM

Holy Thursday – 2 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 pm

Altar of Repose – Setting Up: Marie Daly, Celine Zabboughi, Lillian, Marian Amad
 Sacristan: M. Love, **1 x volunteer need**
 Commentator: Robert Broadbent
 Reader – 1st Reading: Gay Nicholls
 Reader – 2nd Reading: Marie D'Souza
 Washing of the Feet Helpers: Altar Servers & Families
 Altar Servers: Bosco, Orlando, Alfonso, Lisel, Gabriel, Juanito
 Communion Ministers: Pia Basile, Ann Ciacchi, Itria Frijio, Marie D'Souza, Monique Grasso
 Welcomer: David Grasso, **1 x volunteer need**
 IT: Ngoc Nguyen
 Music: Marg & Mira & Singers

Good Friday– 3 April 3:00pm

Sacristan: Francois Grobbelaar, Jovan Jacob
 Commentator: Robert Broadbent
 Carrying of the Cross: Gavin Rego, Jason Diep
 Unveiling of Cross: Ann Ciacchi, **TBC**
 Reader – 1st Reading: Marie D' Souza
 Reader – 2nd Reading: Jan Newell
 Passion Reading:
 (Narrator): Fulvio Frijio (Person)1: Mariella Di Fabio
 (Pilate): Naren Rajasingam (Person)2: Etta Grenfell
 (Peter): John O'Connell (Person)3: **volunteer need**
 Communion Ministers: Jovan Jacob, Ann Ciacchi, John Scanlon, Monique Grasso, **1 x volunteer need**
 Welcomer: Mona Castillo, Techie McIvan
 Serving Hot Cross Bun: Lesa Miller, Rebecca Kealy
 IT: Ngoc Nguyen
 Music: Helen & Mira & Singers

Easter Vigil– 4 April 7pm

Sacristan: Francois Grobbelaar, Jovan Jacob
 Commentator: Fulvio Frijio
 Reader - 1st Reading: Marg Ryan
 2nd Reading: Mariella Di Fabio
 3rd Reading: Sr Anne Priestley
 4th Reading: Ngoc Nguyen
 Dressing of the Altar: **TBC**
 Altar Servers: Liam, Toby, Orlando, Gabriel, Alliyah
 Communion Ministers: Phil Ryan, Ron Webster, Adam Calderone, Itria Frijio, **1 x volunteer need**
 Welcomer: Mary Zaccari, Ethan Rich, Etta Grenfell
 Dispensing of Candles: **TBC**
 Refreshments in GECCO after Easter Vigil: Ethan Rich, **2x volunteers need**
 Music: Marg & Mira & Singers
 IT: Odyn Stockmyer

Easter Sunday 5 April 8am

Sacristan: **1x volunteer need**
 Commentator: Tony Vitez
 Reader – 1st Reading: Mike Fernandes
 Reader – 2nd Reading: **volunteer need**
 Communion Ministers: Ann Ciacchi, **2 x volunteers need**
 Welcomer: **volunteer need**
 IT: Tony Motta

Easter Sunday 5 April 10am

Sacristan: Francois Grobbelaar
 Commentator: Elizabeth Woodlock
 Readers: Ngoc Nguyen, John O'Connell
 Communion Ministers: Pia Basile, Marie D'Souza, Monique Grasso **2x volunteers need**
 Welcomer: Pia Basile, Jacqueline Grobbelaar
 IT: Gordon Lewis
 Altar Servers: Ethan, Nathaniel Ellio
 Counters: Team 1 7/4

🌸 Flower Ministry Reminder 🌸

Your **2026-2027** roster is ready in the flower room - please pop by and pick it up when you can 😊
 Thank you for bringing beauty to our church 🌺

👋 **menALIVE** - menALIVE will meet on Friday, 3 April, 7:00–8:15am at Stephanie's Acai Café Bar, Rosanna; for more details visit <https://www.menalivevic.au/mens-groups>

DATES THIS WEEK		
Friday	27 March	9:15am Mass
Saturday	28 March	8.30am Mass
		9:00am Reconciliation
		5:30pm Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday
Sunday	29 March	8:00 am Mass for Palm Sunday
		10:00 am Palm Sunday Youth Mass
Monday	30 March	9:15am Mass
Tuesday	31 March	9:15am Mass
Wednesday	1 April	9:15am LOTW – J. Morris
Thursday	2 April	HOLY THURSDAY – No 9:15 Mass
		7:30pm Mass of The Lord's Supper
		Night Watch till 10:00pm
Friday	3 April	GOOD FRIDAY
		10:00am Stations of The Cross
		3:00pm Passion of The Lord
Saturday	4 April	HOLY SATURDAY
		No Morning Mass and Reconciliation
		7:00pm HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil
Sunday	5 April	EASTER SUNDAY
		8:00 am Mass for Easter Sunday
		10:00 am Mass
Monday	6 April	9:15am Mass

READINGS	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
First Reading:	Is 50:4-7	Acts 10:34, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24	Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Second Reading:	Phil 2:6-11	Col 3:1-4
Gospel Reading:	Mt 26:14 - 27:66	Jn 20:1-9

✚ Holy Week Rehearsals ✚

Holy Thursday – 2 April 7:00 PM for altar Servers, parents, and feet washing helpers

🌿 Youth Stations of the Cross

- Sunday, 29 March – 11:00 AM (after Palm Sunday 10:00 AM Mass)
- Good Friday – 9:00 AM. All youth are invited to participate in the liturgy. Please contact Sister Maria

✚ **Good Friday – 3 April 11:00 AM** – Passion readers, carrying of the Cross, and unveiling of the Cross

☀ **Easter Vigil – 4 April 6:00 PM** for altar Servers

Fr. Michael & Sr. Maria 's

Message

As we enter the holiest of weeks in the calendar year, we pray that all parishioners and their families may be touched by God through the liturgies on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Day.

Shalom,
Father Michael & Sister Maria



Certificate of

Gratitude

This certificate is gratefully presented to

Father Michael O'Connell

In recognition of your invaluable support and collaboration in advancing the Mission of the Church with us in 2025.



**Sr Maria is available
for home visits
on Tuesdays,
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