Welcome

This newsletter aims to keep all members of the St Martin’s community informed of upcoming events across the Parish, school and affiliated groups. Future editions will cover events in 2016 including activities to celebrate our 60th year as a Parish. Feedback can be sent to macleod@cam.org.au.

Christmas message from Fr Michael

As I write to you I hear a blackbird singing, - The joy in that bird song can, from the viewpoint of faith, be linked to the coming feast of Christmas. For truly all of creation has been touched by God, in the birth of the One born for us, born to set us and creation free through his life, death and resurrection. And being “set free” reminds me that Jesus’ gift of forgiveness to us will be celebrated communally on Thursday 17 December at 7.30 pm.

Sr. Maria and I as parish pastoral team as well as those who work and volunteer at the Parish Home sincerely pray that the season of Advent will help prepare all of us to bear Jesus to those we encounter each day. In this way may all our families, our parish, parish school our local community and world be blessed!

Invitation – Christmas carols at St Martin’s

The children and staff of St Martin’s Primary School invite all parishioners to join them for carols. 

When: Thursday 10th December, 2015 at 7pm.

Where: Bottom yard.

What to bring: Chair or picnic rug, food and drink if desired and your best singing voice.

2016 – Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

2016 celebrates both the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy and our 60th year as a Parish. The theme of Mercy resonates strongly with the example set by St Martin of Tours. The year of Mercy begins on 8th December and St Martin’s Parish will join others across the Melbourne Archdiocese in a Pilgrimage to St Patrick’s Cathedral where a special holy door of mercy will be opened by Archbishop Denis Hart. The door will be open for pilgrims to pass through as a prayer for personal conversion and action. The afternoon festivities include live music, games, activities, food stalls and special mercy prayer flags.

When: Sunday 13th December, 2015 at 2.30pm.

Where: Meet at 2.20 at the gates of the Cathedral car park (Lansdowne St, Melbourne). You may like to catch the 1.18pm or 1.38pm train from Rosanna and walk from Jolimont.

More information see link or for help on the day: Dennis 04014 529 454
COMMUNITY RECONCILIATION LITURGY (2ND RITE)
- Thursday 17th, December, 7.30 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, Thursday 24 December
Children’s - 4.30 pm Carols, 5.00 pm Mass
Family – 7.30 pm Carols, 8.00 pm Mass
Mass during the night – 10.00 pm Carols,
                        10.30 pm Mass

Christmas Day, Friday 25 December
Italian Mass -  8.30 am
Family Mass - 10.00 am

New Year’s Eve, Thursday 31st December 2015
New Year’s Eve Mass of Thanksgiving – 5.00 pm

JANUARY 2016

New Year’s Day, Friday 1st January 2016 – 10.00 am only
Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Merry Christmas and a safe and holy 2016 from all at
St Martin of Tours Parish.