



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

PARISH VISION STATEMENT: We are a faith community who gather to praise and worship God. We express Christ's presence among us by reaching out to those in need with Christ's message of love and forgiveness and the promise of justice and hope for all.

2nd Sunday of Lent - Sunday 5 March 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Genesis 12:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc

St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

ASSISTANT PRIEST:

Fr Ignatius Tan

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss,
Kristian Tangso**

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

BAPTISM COORDINATOR:

Deb Poynton - 0403 471 931

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PARISH OFFICE:

03 9580 7981

Hours: Tue, Wed & Fri
9am - 4pm



Contact Us



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Mass Online

PARISH LINKS:

Email

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m.stmaryofthecross.com

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, the disciples see Jesus revealed in all his divine glory. It is a special moment for them, as Peter confirms – *'it is good for us to be here'*. This Gospel story is mysterious—beyond our everyday experience—difficult to understand. It is a way of revealing to the disciples and to the Church as it is today, Jesus' identity. It is God's stamp of approval on Jesus and the path upon which he has set his feet—a path that he has just revealed to the disciples - a path that will lead to the cross.



The disciples were privileged to see Jesus in glory, to recognise that their friend could be fully present to them and to God. Jesus saw that the experience was too much for them and told them to keep it in their hearts as they headed back towards the everyday. It is important that we thank God for the inspiration and encouragement we discover in prayer and ask that we may know how best to cherish it in our everyday life and to be present both to God and to our friends. Prayer is better described as listening rather than speaking. It is important, especially during Lent, that we spend some time echoing his words, or just listening to the mood of love and peace in prayer.

Jesus saw that there was a time for silence and a time to speak. We ask God to help us to know which is appropriate - and when.

Adapted from Sacred Space

Michelle Barron - St Louis' de Montfort Primary School

**We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather
and their leaders - past, present and emerging.**

Parish News

First Eucharist Commitment masses this weekend

We welcome our First Eucharist families as they attend mass for the Commitment ceremony. The 6pm, 9.30am & 11:00am masses are the Year 4's (St. Louis') and Year 3/4 (St. Brigid's) level masses.

Servant Leadership - One of our Four Core Parish Mission Anchors

Thank you to everyone who has re-committed to a role/s in our Serve Ministries and to the new people who have stepped forward to serve. One of the Parish Leadership Team members will be in touch with all of our new people to explain more about the role and answer any questions you might have. It is not too late to express your interest. The Serve Ministry Booklet and sign-up sheet is available in our church foyers and on our parish website. You are also always welcome to pop into the Parish Office and Ann will be only too happy to help.



Pastoral Care Ministry

Jesus needs you to be His hands and legs! If you come across anybody in your neighbourhood who is unwell, home-bound, needs meals, or wishing for prayers, please let the Parish Office know. When we reach out with kindness and care to our neighbours that is evangelisation (Growing Wider) in action!

Upcoming events!!

- ❖ 1st Rite of Reconciliation Thursday 23rd April 7pm St. Brigid's church
- ❖ Saturday 1st April - Parish Lenten Retreat and Penitential Service 9am - 1pm St. Louis'
- ❖ Wednesday evenings for 7 weeks beginning 12th April. Seminar on the Holy Spirit 7-8.30pm

Syrian Earthquake Appeal

The recent Syrian earthquake has hit people who were already displaced in a region that has been devastated by more than a decade of civil war. Yet again, we are seeing people fleeing and desperate for shelter in freezing winter conditions. We want to help provide that light in the deepest darkness, to get through this devastating disaster. MCF DGR ACCOUNT Ref: Syrian Appeal BSB: 062784 Account: 100011493 All donations are Tax Deductible. For a receipt please email mcf@melkite.org.au or contact on (02) 9750 5514.

Fr. Kevin Burke

If you need to contact Fr. Kevin regarding his book, feel free to call him on 0490 449 647

Holy Week Roster

Serve Ministers are required for the Holy Week Rosters across all masses: **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses.** If you're able to assist please sign up on the list located in the church foyers.

Ethically Sourced Easter Products

As we journey through Lent in preparation for Easter it is a good time to remember when choosing your chocolate, coffee, tea or cocoa to look for a label that shows the product has been sourced ethically (that is not produced by the forced labour of children).

Labels to look for are - 'Fairtrade', 'Rainforest Alliance', 'UTZ Certified' or 'Cocoa Horizons'.



Choir practice for the Easter Triduum

Tuesday nights 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Come along and join us to help celebrate the Easter Season
Singers and musicians all welcome.

We will be alternating practices at St Louis and St Brigid's churches
Tues 28 Feb at St Louis, 7 March St Brigid's, 14 March St Louis,
21 March St Brigid's, 28 March St Louis, 4 April St Brigid's

CONTACT TRISH 0421 604 849

Parish News

St Louis' Stations of the Cross will be held each week throughout Lent on **Thursday's after the 9:15am Mass.**
St Brigid's Stations of the Cross will be held each week throughout Lent on **Fridays at 11:00am.**
All are welcome

Stations Of The Cross



UNIVERSITY
OF DIVINITY

Enrolments are still open for Semester 1 at Catholic Theological College.

We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as *John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century*, *Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church* and many online options.

For more information contact: registrar@ctc.edu.au or visit ctc.edu.au

Rite of Election Photographs

The Rite of Election is a significant occasion in the life of our local Church in Melbourne. It marks the beginning of the final preparations of our catechumens and candidates towards receiving the sacraments of initiation. If you would like to view photos from last Sunday's Rite of Election 2023 please subscribe to our digital newsletter: m.stmaryofthecross.com/subscribe. Subscribing to our digital newsletter keeps you informed of all our Parish notices so you never miss any of our key events and stories.

Longbeach Parishes Dinner

Our next social will be on Wednesday 22nd March for Dinner at Doyle's Hotel (The Bridge) Mordialloc starting at 6pm. All welcome. For bookings please ring Patricia Adams 0488-866-020 or Keith Reiter. 0417-350-733 or leave a message on 9772-7292.

Mission - Change their lives and yours

Mission: Change their lives and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Go to our website for news and stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. For further enquiries telephone 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 or web www.palms.org.au.

**Caritas
AUSTRALIA**

**Second Sunday of Lent
4 & 5 March**





Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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ON DEMAND.

Living Lent as a Family (Part 1 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

With St Mary of the Cross We Pray



Recently Deceased

Kevin Allday (Tony Allday's father - St Louis' de Montfort)

Anniversaries

Stephen Mardling, Liviana Aldana, Luca Auditore, Gaetano Cortese, Martin Crosbie, Beryl Ellis, Fr Jim Flanagan, Eileen Goss, Joy Greenwood, Trevor Hall, Jack Howitt, Kathleen Hudson, George Jeeves, Kevin Lyons, Fr Hugh McGrath, William McVeigh, Arvind Menon, Daniel Nicholson, Betty Nunn, Lesley Reyneke, Peter Rodgers, Marge Rosevear, Albert Ryan, Eilish Sterling, Emmanuel Sterling, Martin Sterling, Bob Temple, Colin Walton, Fr Denis White, Michael Wood, Arthur Woodwiss

Healing Prayers Asked For

Brenda Cortese, Ray Martin, Sophia Bicos, David Morris, Helen Pedrazzini, Sue Kelly, Craig Martin, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Michael Bell

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults in our community.

All Parish volunteers require a current Working With Children Check and completion of the Safeguarding Essentials training. Copies of the policy are available on our Parish Website and at our Parish Office. For any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot ... 03 9412 8432	Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568
Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	

Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

3rd Sunday of Lent	Readings (Year A):	Ex 17:3-7	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8	John 4:5-42
11th 12th March	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Ann Brennan	Angela Meo	Niko Tovia	Peter Hannan
Commentator	Patrick Jurd	Tony Aloysious	Gerard Wagstaff	Helen Rocks
Special Minister	Ann Furlong	Jack Meyer	Elizabeth Newington	Phillipa Pecora
Welcomers	Anthony Barnhoorn	Jack & Carole	Berna Wake	Vanessa Fernandes
	Julie Barnhoorn	Guthrie	Trish Le Brocq	Tung Phan
Counters	Serge & Mary Nayna	Aileen Dynes		
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Vo Johnson	Susan Dornom	Glenice Laughlin



Welcomers' please note this is a 'cuppa' weekend, we appreciate your help. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share.



If you are unavailable on your rostered day please arrange a replacement and contact the Parish Office on 9580 7981 to inform us of the change



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If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office

PARISH MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS:

Saturday

6pm (Vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS:

Monday 9.15am - St Louis' (Communion Service),

Tuesday 9.15am - St Louis',

Wednesday 10am - St Brigid's,

Thursday 9.15am - St Louis'

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION

Friday 12pm - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

PARISH SCHOOLS



St Brigid's School,
129 Albert St, Mordialloc
9580 4518

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale
9580 5169

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Support
our Parish



KIDZ ZONE **CALLING ALL 4-10 YR OLDS**
JOIN US EVERY 4TH WEEKEND DURING MASS

Face Mask Strongly Recommended

Let's take care of each other

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