



# St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Ignatius Tan,  
Deacon George Piech-Meat

**5 May 2024 - Sixth Sunday in Easter**

Our readings are from Year B: Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus is commanding the disciples to love one another. Jesus sights God's love for Him and how it is demanding, full of presence and promise.

On reflection of this love between Jesus and His Father and the fact that I have just celebrated 43 years of marriage, I see many similarities. Love is not easy but necessary for happiness and wellbeing. It is something that needs to be continually worked on and live through the ups and downs of life.

Love in a marriage and the love we are asked to show others is one that prunes, cleanses, moulds, forms, challenges, and supports. This is the love of Jesus Christ in which we are invited to abide.

Jesus asks us to love one another as friends of God. Jesus tells us to look at the bond he has with the Father and how that bond of love has been shared with us.

Jesus' love for us is unconditional and eternal.

**Carmel Stutterd**  
**St. Louis' School Principal**

Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:  
[m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass](https://m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass)

Our Parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live on the land of the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.

# Parish Announcements



**St Mary of the Cross  
Catholic Parish**  
EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

## *New Parishioners Welcome Morning*

**SATURDAY 11 MAY 10-11AM  
PARISH HOUSE MAIN STREET, MORDIALLOC**

A special welcome event for those who are new to St Mary of the Cross or have been visiting for a while but haven't formally connected with our community. Our New Parishioners Welcome Morning is a chance to learn more about our Parish Mission Plan, explore ways you can get involved in our Serve Ministries whilst chatting and mingling over morning tea with our Parish Leadership Team and some other parishioners. We would love to see you there!



**Register here**

**HOW DO YOU FEEL  
ABOUT THE IDEA  
THAT GOD HAS A  
PURPOSE FOR  
YOUR LIFE?**



### **Alpha**

Please pray for every guest who is currently doing Alpha in our parish. Pray that each person will find a space where they can connect with one another and connect with Jesus. Pray for courage for those inviting friends and family to attend our **next** Alpha series, which we plan for **September 2024**.



### **Annual Mass Attendance**

The Archdiocese requests a weekend mass attendance count from all parishes annually. This will take place over the 4 weekends of 4-5 May, 11-12 May, 18-19 May and 25-26 May.



### **Our Scripture & Friendship Group**

will meet on **Tuesday May 14** at Ann's home: 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. All are welcome to join as we discuss Sunday's Gospel. We start with a cuppa at 10am and conclude at 11.30am.



### **Justice Action Group Meets Wednesday 8 May 7.30-9pm at St Louis'**

Family violence and homelessness are very much and rightly so in the news at the moment. The JAG team are keen to raise awareness and understanding of the issue and find ways to take meaningful supportive action. At our next monthly JAG meeting our own Graham Harrison from the Mordialloc Vinnies Conference will provide an overview of the work they do in this and other areas. We will also discuss the Catholic Social Services "Shining A Light" pilot program which is a collaborative project working to build capacity for a whole-of-Church response to domestic and family violence. All are invited to come along and join in the discussion on **Wednesday 8 May 7.30-9pm at St. Louis'**



### **Opportunity to reach out and help others**

The Food Van run by the students at John Paul College Frankston which provides a hot cuppa, food and companionship to the homeless and marginalised people in Frankston are looking for 4 volunteers to cover the nightly shift on **Thursday 23rd May – from 4.30pm – 7.00pm**. If you would like to be involved please contact Sandy Lindfield on 0412057177.



### **First Eucharist**

Children from St. Louis' Primary School will be receiving their First Eucharist at 12 pm and 1.30pm at St. Louis Church this **Sunday 5 May**. Please pray for the children on this special occasion united with Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

# Announcements



## Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal 4 & 5 May

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help

the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



## Happy 95th Birthday Bernie Hambridge

We wish Bernie the happiest birthday and pray for him:

*"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."* **Numbers 6:24-26**



Our parish has a **FORMED** subscription.

Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



There is so much great content on **FORMED**, including this week's pick which would be great to watch together with your children and/or grandchildren.

After meeting Jesus during one of his adventures in the Sea of Galilee, Lukas and his friend Noah the turtle, share the wonderful stories of Jesus and other Heroes of the Bible with Lukas' friends from the reef. In this episode Lukas tells the story of a young Karol Wojtyla who would one day become Pope John Paul II. The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.

## Beginning THIS TUESDAY 7 MAY. Parish Novena.

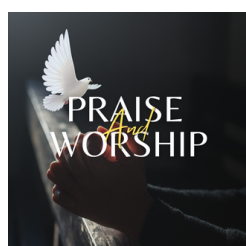
Parishioners are invited to join Martin & Elizabeth Newington for a 30-minute Novena in preparation for Pentecost. The event will be conducted at St. Louis' church commencing at 10.15am and will be conducted during the period **7th May to 17th May**, excluding the weekends 11 & 12th of May. Please contact Martin on 0493499032 if you wish to attend.

## THIS TUESDAY 7 MAY Let's do Mother's Day - Aspendale's St. Vincent de Paul Conference -

All, (not just mothers) are welcome to High Tea on **THIS TUESDAY, 7 May, 12pm-2pm**, in St. Louis' Church Foyer. Enjoy a special High Tea Lunch with a Mothers' Day themed quiz and spot prizes. Cost is a donation to St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.



**Children's Liturgy.**  
4-10-year-olds.  
4th weekend of the month.



**Praise & Worship.**  
3rd Friday of the month  
7.30-8.30pm.



**Rosary & Adoration.**  
1st Saturday of the month 4.30-5.30pm  
St. Louis'.



**Scripture & Friendship.**  
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month  
10-11.30am.



**Prayer Ministry.**  
Intercessory prayer.  
4th weekend of the month - all masses.

## Next Week's Serve Ministers Roster - The Ascension of the Lord 11/12 May 2024.

| 11/12 May 2024 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Readings (Year B) Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mark 16:15-20 |                     |                   |                    |                     |                 |                      |                  |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|
|                | Reader                                                                            | Commentator         | Special Minister  | Special Minister   | Special Minister    | Welcomer        | Welcomer             | Sacristan        |
| 6pm (A)        | Lesley Bailey                                                                     | Joanne Partleton    | Pauline Parker    | Julius Lau         | Marg De Vries       | Julie Buick     | Ann Brennan          | Marie Medicott   |
| 8.00am (M)     | Joan Healy                                                                        | Krystyna Wzresinski | Jane Standish     | Marlene Tangso     | Volunteer           | Paula Rodrigues | Wenceslaus Rodrigues | Vo Johnson       |
| 9.30am (A)     | Maureen Wraight                                                                   | Niko Tovia          | Alison Krishnadas | Ron Schneider-Loos | Elizabeth Newington | Rosemary Miller | Carmel Smith         | Ann Furlong      |
| 11.00am (M)    | Lucy Cameron                                                                      | Jennifer Rodrigues  | Peter Wain        | Christine D'Cruze  | Helen Rocks         | Judy Lamb       | Vanessa Fernandes    | Glenice Laughlin |
| Counters       | Group 3                                                                           | Deborah Joseph      | Joe Corda         | Nelson Popley      |                     |                 |                      |                  |

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Nancy Daglish, Jessie Quek, Ron Smith, Mollie Buxton, Joan Freeman, Nesan Murugayan, Nora Monaghan, Eileen Owen-Tucker, Jim Rix, Marjorie Currigan, Noel Williams, Pam Dusink, Barry Stanton, George Dawson, Byron Myles-Johnson, Patrick Dundon Snr, Angelo Licciardo, Vincent Licciardo, John O'Toole, Marie Carson, Maria Brasacchio, Robert Mattea, Helmut Hartig, Mary Shoppee, Rita Sarmento-Cardoso, Muriel Reed, Philip John Murphy, Helen Pedrazzini, Tom Wain, William O'Brien, Patricia O'Leary, Frank Jones, John Popley, Virginia Popley, Eugen Vitulic, Wayne Williams, Steve Coultas, Jan Clark, Patricia Joy Ellis, Ted Newton, Ruth D'Cruz, Joan Hopkins, Len Hopkins, Marlene Stockdale.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS:** Rob Ward, Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Fernanda Barbarino, Sophia Bicos, Valerie O'Hara, John Nicholson, Therese Brown, Peter Waltho, Steve Gobac, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Sam Finnochiaro, Pam Ulbrick, Anne Burke, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone.

**If you would like healing prayers in our Parish Bulletin or a pastoral visit:**  
[mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)

### Mass Times

#### Weekend Masses



Saturday: 6pm Vigil Mass (St. Louis')  
 Sunday: 8am Mass (St. Brigid's)  
 Sunday: 9.30am Mass (St. Louis')  
 Sunday: 11am Mass (St. Brigid's)

#### Weekday Masses

Monday: 9.15am Communion Service (St. Louis')  
 Tuesday: 9.15am Mass (St. Louis')  
 Wednesday: 10am Mass (St. Brigid's)  
 Thursday: 9.15am Mass (St. Louis')  
 Friday: 11.30am Mass (St. Brigid's)

#### Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary



Friday 10.30am St. Brigid's  
 and 1st Saturday of the month  
 St Louis' 4.30pm

#### Reconciliation



Friday - 12pm St. Brigid's,  
 Saturday - 5.30pm St. Louis'

### Email

[mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)

### Website

[m.stmaryofthecross.com](http://m.stmaryofthecross.com)

### Online Bulletin

[m.stmaryofthecross.com/news](http://m.stmaryofthecross.com/news)

### Parish Coordinator

Ann Fitzgerald

### Baptism Coordinator

Deb Poynton - 0403 471 931

**Parish Leadership Team:** Fr Andrew,  
 Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

### Parish Schools

St. Brigid's - 9580 4518  
[sbmord.catholic.edu.au](http://sbmord.catholic.edu.au)  
 St. Louis de Montfort's -  
 9580 5169

[stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au](http://stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au)

**Parish House - 03 9412 8432**

**Parish Office - 03 9580 7981**

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

### Our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot 03 9412 8432  
 Fr Ignatius Tan 03 9412 8432  
 Trish Angliss 0421 604 849  
 Louise Breslin 0415 963 799  
 Joe Corda 0407 354 568  
 Joanne Partleton 0413 133184  
 Robyn Worsnop 0412 814 592  
 Helen Healy 0498 178 899

**Support our Parish  
 To organise direct debit**

Email:  
[mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)