



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

31 March 2024 - Easter Sunday

**Our readings are from Year B: Acts 10:34,27-43, Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23,
1 Corinthians 5:6-8, John 20:1-9**

Gospel Reflection

The discovery of the empty tomb is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus.

Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death was an extraordinary statement of God's love, it is his rising again that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened. Upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw, and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, he recognised the truth and significance of what he saw. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe.

Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Unable to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

Jodie Marziano

*St Brigid's' School Deputy Principal,
Learning and Teaching Leader and
Religious Education Leader*



Coming Up

**Divine Mercy Sunday
7 April**

**Alpha 2024 Begins
9 April**

**Parish Forum with
Archbishop 20 April**

Our Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday Vigil and 8am Easter Sunday Masses can be accessed at: m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Parish Announcements



Alpha - it's about to begin and we are holding a seat for you!

At Alpha EVERYONE is welcome! Each session has three key ingredients:

1. Connection: Over a meal all sessions start with a time to connect, relax and build friendships. Eating food is a great way to create the space for people to connect and share life on a deeper level. **2. Content:** The Alpha talks are designed to engage people from all walks of life and inspire conversation. They explore the big issues of life and faith and unpack the basics of Christian belief, addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "How does God guide us?" **3. Conversation:** The discussion time is an opportunity for people to respond to the talk, hear from others and contribute their own perspective in an honest, open and friendly environment. This video will give you an overview:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNWsW_Ps1Hk



We invite you to come to our Alpha "Wine & Cheese Launch Night" where you can get a better idea of what Alpha is all about on **Tuesday 9 April from 7-8.30pm at St Louis' Church.**

Think about bringing a friend or family member, particularly if they are unsure about faith. We do need you to register so please scan the QR code above. **Registrations close 4 April.** Pick up an invite card at church this weekend.

St Vincent de Paul collection

There will be a St Vincent De Paul Collection taken up at all our Easter Masses, the money collected will be shared between Aspendale and Mordialloc. Funds will be used to assist people in need throughout the year. Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul Society please call 1800 305 330.

Parish Vision Morning

Thank you to all parishioners who attended our Parish Vision Morning at St Louis' on Saturday 16 March. It was a very productive and informative time together. The full results are available on our parish website at m.stmaryofthecross.com or can be accessed [here](#).

Parish church working Bee - Do you have any spare time?

There is a working bee planned for Holy Saturday **30th March from 10am-12pm** at both churches. General cleaning, dusting, sweeping, tidy up etc in preparation for the Easter celebrations. Morning tea included. At St Louis' we will also have a gardening tidy up.



Serve Ministers Roster 6 April - 25 August 2024

The latest roster has now been emailed to all who serve in our parish. There are printed copies on the Welcome Desk, and you are welcome to pick one up.

NOTE - A reminder, if you need to change your day and time, please let the Parish office know on 9580 7981 or mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au. If you would like to become a serve minister, please pick up a copy of our Serve Ministers booklet in the church foyers or online at the parish website [here](#).

We give thanks and welcome our five new members to the Catholic faith at our **Easter Vigil on Saturday 30 March.**



Tanya Stefanec



Kate Keltie



Gary Young



Sarah Barr



James Barr

God called you and you answered. May you grow in God's love every day.

Parish Announcements



Daylight Saving Ends
Don't forget clocks go back
next **Sunday**
7 April at 3am.



Happy Birthday Breda

A very happy 99th Birthday to **Breda Cooney** who reaches this milestone on 29 March. May God continue to love and bless you Breda.



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed (15 minutes) after the 9.30am mass at St Louis' on **Sunday 7 April**. All welcome to stay and join in the prayer.

Holy Rosary and Adoration

All are welcome to join in Holy Rosary and Adoration on the first Saturday of the month from 4.30-5.30pm at St Louis' Church. Next gathering is **Saturday 6 April**.



Baptism celebrations this weekend

We welcome into our Parish Family: Harry James, Rose Sarah, Florence May, Sienna Noelle, Isabella Daisy, William Christopher, Xavier Lorenzo, and William Phillip.

God has you in his hands this special day. With every step you take, he guides you on your way.



Watch on FORMED

The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ with the Chosen star Jonathon Roumie is a Passion Play adapted from the Gospels. This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. Our parish has a subscription to FORMED which means that all parishioners can access the amazing online content for free. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Mission - Transform Lives... Theirs and Yours

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty? Come to Palms' **Discovery information session** at Sacred Heart Oakleigh (2 Mora Ave., Oakleigh) on 22 April from 5.30-6.30pm. Meet our director Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about **Assignments Aboard**.



Save the Date - Parish Forum with Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli

Archbishop Peter has chosen our parish to visit from April 19-21. This is a great opportunity for the Archbishop to spend an extended time and celebrate with our community. All parishioners are invited to a 'Forum with Archbishop Peter' on **Saturday 20 April from 10.00-12 noon at St Brigid's Church**. This will be a unique opportunity to learn more about the Archbishop's plans for the archdiocese, to hear his views, ask him questions, and get to know him better. The Forum will include a morning tea and registrations will be requested soon.

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.

Next Week's Serve Ministers Roster. 2nd Week of Easter 6 and 7 April 2024.

6/7 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Readings (Year B)				Acts 4:32-35	John 5:1-6	John 20:19-31	
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Pauline Parker	Julie Barnhoorn	Carmel Barker	Anthony Barnhoorn	Bernie Stuart	Annette Brilliant	Berna Wake	Ann Furlong
8.00am (M)	Tony Aloysius	Angela Meo	Barry Wheeler	Carole Guthrie	Chris McAleer	Paula Rodrigues	Wenceslaus Rodrigues	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Lesley Bailey	Martin Newington	Alison Krishnadas	Ron Schneider-Loos	Maureen Wraight	Carmel Smith	Rosemary Miller	Susan Dornom
11.00am (M)	Vikki Fitzgerald	Adam Whatmore	Volunteer	Gail Bell	Helen Rocks	Christine D'Cruze	Les D'Cruze	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Group 3	Deborah Joseph	Joe Corda	Nelson Popley				

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

John Payne, John Robert Payne, Dorothy Torney, Margaret Malone, Hazel Sweeney, Guiseppe Aparo, Francis Colin Butler, Angela D'Amelio, Denis Castenetto, Alice Madden, Patrick Madden, Denis Govinder, Michael Van Staveren, Janina Drozd, Lance Forkgen, Margaret (Peggie) Pashley, Lina D'Avola, Erwin Roschutz, Jesus Manahan, Baltazar Caday (Snr), Nicole Petersen, Gwain Walker, Aime Zara, Dianne Marchant, Sr Justine Power, Lucy Asciak, Christopher Lee Eng Chye, Sydney Haag, Damian West, Marjorie Kirkby, Placida Vieceli, Clotilda Herman, Sophie Medlicott, Keith Keatinge, Ross Stevens, Sharon Budge, Margaret Lloyd, Ana Vitulic, Louisa Vitulic.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS

Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Fernanda Barbarino, Sophia Bicos, Brother Roger Burke FMS, 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, Sr Rita Hayes, Pam Ulbrick, Anne Burke, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone.

If you would like healing prayers in our Parish Bulletin or a pastoral visit, please reach out at:
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'

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sbmord.catholic.edu.au
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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.**

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