



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

10 March 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Our readings are from Year B: 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23, Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21

Gospel Reflection

This week's Gospel contains one of the most Scriptural references-

"for God so loved the world that he gave his only son." (John 3:16)

The ultimate gift from God is His own son, "...so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but have Eternal life". This reminds us that the whole reason Jesus came into the world was not to die but to love.

In His resurrection, Jesus demonstrated that God's love is so strong that even death cannot overcome it. Even though we may not always make good choices, God still chooses to give us an amazing gift of His merciful love. We aren't forced to do anything God asks us, but he hopes we will follow in His way. Whatever we choose to do, God doesn't stop loving us or inviting us to come back to Him. What God wants for all people is to have eternal Life.

Carmel Stutterd
St Louis' School Principal

*"For God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son..."
John 3:16*



Coming Up

Parish Vision Morning
16 March

Lenten Retreat
23 March

Alpha 2024 Begins
9 April

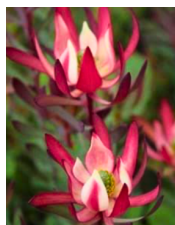
Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Parish Events and Announcements



Parish Vision Morning - Next Saturday 16 March

As we approach the 3- year mark since embarking on our parish journey of missionary discipleship, we would like to reflect as a parish community on our progress and importantly plan for our continued growth as a vibrant and welcoming community of faith. We will do this by reviewing 10 common values that are shared by healthy, growing parishes. All are welcome to be a part of this morning on **Saturday 16 March from 9-12pm at St Louis. Last weekend to register at the Welcome Desk.**



Gardening Group at St Brigid's

Our next get together is **Monday March 18 starting at 8.30am** finishing with morning tea at about 10.30am. There will be the usual weeding but also come prepared for pruning.



Justice Action Group Meeting - Wednesday 13 March @ 7.30pm @ St Louis'

JAG offers the opportunity for all who are looking for ways to follow Jesus' example to hear and respond to the cries of the oppressed and act against systemic injustices, inequality and suffering for every human being. Our next monthly JAG meeting is on **Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm at St Louis'**. We will be joined by the team from Kingston Council's AccessCare who will discuss ways we can support their work with homeless people in the Kingston & Bayside areas. All are welcome, no obligation.



Men's Fellowship Group

All men of the parish & their friends are welcome, come together, watch an episode of "My Father's Father" featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka (Wild Goose), enjoy a cuppa and a chat. **Thursday 14 March @ 7.30pm @ St Louis'.**



Bob's Knitting Group

All welcome to enjoy knitting for those in need.

Friday 15 March, St Louis' 10-12pm.

Praise & Worship Night

An opportunity for all to give praise to our loving God.

Friday 15 March, St Louis' 7.30-8.30pm.



The Longbeach Parishes luncheon

Riviera Hotel 30 Nepean Highway Seaford. For bookings ring Patricia Adams on 0448-866-020 or Keith on 0417-350-733. Alternatively leave a message on 9772-7292.

Wednesday 20 March, at 12.30pm



THANK
YOU
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With heartfelt thanks I express my gratitude to all of you for your birthday wishes, cards and gifts. Thanks to the many who came to my birthday luncheon last Sunday and to the team who put it all together. I certainly felt the love.

*God Bless,
Fr. Andrew*

Lent at St Mary of the Cross



Lenten Retreat with Maria Forde

Our parish is offering a very special Lenten Retreat on **Saturday 23 March from 9-12pm at St Brigid's Church**, led by one of Australia's best Celtic musicians, Maria Forde. **Please register at the Welcome Desk, this weekend.**



Project Compassion 2024 Week 4

Memory is a 26 y.o. from rural Malawi. Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents and siblings. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She is

the first female carpenter in the country, inspiring other young women in her community to succeed in a male-dominated industry. Watch Memory's story here:

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/memory-story-video

Support Project Compassion today:

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or pick up a box/envelopes in the church foyers.

Alpha is coming to our parish



*Is the bible relevant today?
Is there more to life than this?
Why did Jesus die?*

**THERE'S
A SEAT
FOR YOU
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TABLE**

You might be thinking, of course the answer is YES, and I am strong in my faith! But what about your own family members and friends who are cynical or have given up on the Catholic Church and perhaps God? Do some of us lament the fact that our children and young people no longer come to mass or see the relevance of a parish community, nor believe in the love of an all-forgiving and loving God? This is your chance to address this.

Alpha is a great opportunity to truly live our **Parish Mission to Make Disciples. And this is the responsibility of all baptised.**

We invite you to think about inviting your family and friends to consider coming with you to our Alpha Launch night. No pressure, we only ask you to invite and leave the rest to God.

Alpha is not heavy on religious doctrine or judgement. We have an Alpha 'Wine & Cheese' Launch night **on Tuesday 9 April 7-8.30pm at St Louis'**. This will be fun and relaxed night with no obligation. Have a think about inviting family and friends. Registration details to follow.

Events and Announcements

REFLECTION, REPENTANCE, RENEWAL

Weekly Stations of the Cross & Adoration

Thursday 7:30pm at St Louis'.

Friday 10.30am at St Brigid's.

Slavery-free Easter chocolate

To know which companies make chocolate easter eggs with transparent and ethical sourcing practices see here:

<https://www.chocolatescorecard.com>

P.S. Darrel Lea is one!

Reconciliation During Lent

1st Rite on Tuesday 26th March

7.30pm St. Brigid's . Also, each week, see back page.

2nd Rite during our Lenten Retreat on 23 March at St Brigid's (see above).

Serve Ministers Roster- Next Weekend 16/17 March, 2024

5th Lent 16th & 17th Mar	Readings (Year B):	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Hebrews 5: 7-9	John 12: 20-30				
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Ann Brennan	Helen Healy	Julius Lau	Michael Barker	Carmel Baker	Monique Bruce	Pauline Parker	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Graham Jones	Tony Aloysious	Barry Wheeler	Carole Guthrie	John Guthrie	Robyn Worsnop	Chris McAleer	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Robert Bronts	Brenda O'Leary	Maureen Wraight	Ann Furong	N/A	Carmel Smith	Rosemary Miller	Susan Dornom
11:00am (M)	Adam Whatmore	Mark Carrazzo	Peter Wain	Helen Rocks	Vikki Fitzgerald	Ellen Young	Judith Lamb	Glenice Laughlan



Holy Week and Easter Serve Ministries

As we approach Holy Week, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, this is an ideal opportunity to welcome guests and visitors to our parish and allow them to experience the love of Christ and a community where all can belong. We welcome our serve ministers to register their availability on the sign-up sheets on the Welcome Desk.

We remember in our prayers

Anniversaries: Albert Ryan, Kathleen Hudson, Betty Nunn, Trevor Hall, George Jeeves, Marge Rosevear, Bob Temple, Michael Wood, William McVeigh, Peter Rodgers, Fr Denis White, John Calleja, Tise Tago, George Pearson, Brian Waldron, Bill Medicott, Jack Renton, Theo Jaspers, Carmel Dickinson, Jack Quinn, Bernie Dee, Lyn Brunbery, Harold Kennan, Linda Se Hin Son, William Aldridge, Therese Enzinger, Timothy John O'Dea, George Pugsley, Patrick Brady, Eugene Cleary, Percy Gregory, Tom Casey, Elma Fraser, Michael Peril, Br Kevin Moloney, Connie Mellan, Hilda Hunter, Venderando Costanzo, Eileen Geary.

Healing Prayers asked for: 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 Finnocchiari, Sr Rita Hayes.

If you would like healing prayers in our Parish Bulletin or a pastoral visit, please reach out at: mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au



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.

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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Parish Schools

St Brigid's - 9580 4518

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's -

9580 5169,

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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