



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

17 March 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Lent



Our readings are from Year B: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-30

Gospel Reflection

Holy Week is fast approaching. This week's Gospel reminds us about the meaning of our Lenten preparations. The hour is near: grains of wheat must die to produce life-giving fruit and so one must lose one's life to save it.

We know that in order to experience his resurrection at Easter, Jesus had to suffer and die first. However, we have the benefit of hindsight, the disciples didn't. When Jesus gives them a preview of what he will do, they don't understand.

It was very probable that Jesus was feeling anxious about his coming death, But he knows that his purpose in coming to the world was to fulfill his Father's will. He knows that, like the grain of wheat that has to die in order to grow into a fruit producing plant he has to give his life in order for us to have eternal life.

We too are called to be like those wheat seeds. We can also look at our Lenten promises as we do those seeds. These things have to die in order for us to rise to new life.

We need to rid our lives now of jealousy, laziness and fear.

Michelle Barron
St Louis' School Deputy Principal and
Learning & Teaching Leader

*"If a grain of wheat falls on
the ground and dies,
it yields a rich harvest."
John 12:24*

Coming Up

Lenten Retreat
23 March

Alpha 2024 Begins
9 April

Parish Forum with
Archbishop 20 April

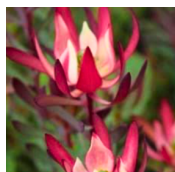
Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Parish Events and General Announcements



Mass of the Oils at St Patrick's Cathedral

A communion service will replace the weekday mass on **Wednesday 20 March at 10am St Brigid's**. Fr Andrew and Fr. Ignatius will be attending the Mass of the Oils at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, beginning at 10.30am. This cathedral mass includes the blessing of the new oils to be distributed to all parishes along with attending priests renewing their commitment to their priesthood. This mass is open to all. What about coming along?



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.

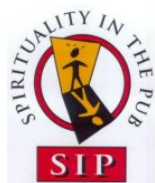
Men's Fellowship Group

All men of the parish & their friends are welcome to come together, watch an episode of "My Father's Father" featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka (Wild Goose), enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

Thursday 21 March @ 7.30pm @ St Louis'.

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. The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be offered during the retreat. **Last weekend to register at the Welcome Desk.**



Spirituality in the Pub

The next Spirituality in the Pub (SIP) 'From co-dependency to adult faith' with Robert Van Mourik is being held on **Wednesday 20th March at Hampton RSL**.

For further information click [here](#) or check the notice in the church foyer.

You're invited! (and so is your friend)

Everyone should have the chance to explore faith, ask big life questions and share their point of view. Whatever your faith background and wherever you are in life - there's always a seat for you at Alpha.

Alpha is not heavy on religious doctrine or judgement. We invite you to ask a family member or friend (maybe someone who is not sure about faith at all) to join you at our **Alpha 'Wine & Cheese Launch Night' on Tuesday 9 April, 7- 8.30pm at St Louis'** (37 Dolphin Street, Aspendale).

An opportunity to see what Alpha is all about with no obligation. **Please register your attendance by 4 April, 2024.**



Register by scanning the QR code or at
<http://m.stmaryofthecross.com/alpha>

Alpha
**IS THERE MORE
TO LIFE THAN THIS?
WE BELIEVE THERE IS.
WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?**

**AT ALPHA, YOU CAN
ASK ANYTHING... ANYTHING!**

**ALPHA IS A SAFE SPACE WHERE
YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT
LIFE, FAITH AND MEANING.**

**AND THE GREAT NEWS IS
ALPHA RUNS HERE.**

**RIGHT NOW, A SEAT AT THE TABLE
HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR YOU...
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS COME.**



Lenten Announcements

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Project Compassion Thank You

To all parishioners for your support. Donations assist Caritas Australia in helping disadvantaged communities overseas, working with local partners. These include the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) who support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. Programs include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, gardening, a weekly medical clinic, upcycling and income generating activities.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities with access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

Project Compassion: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion



Callout for Palms

Can you help by supplying large palm branches which will decorate our churches on Palm Sunday? If so, please drop them off at the Parish Office on **Friday 22 March**, thank you.

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.

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice and Peace

Rights for all,
including people
seeking asylum.

Permanent visas for all refugees

Sunday 24 March 2024



10.30am Parliament Gardens Cnr Spring and Albert Streets
#justice4refugees #PermanentVisas
Organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network.
Enquiries: info@refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au

Lent at
St Mary of
the Cross

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.

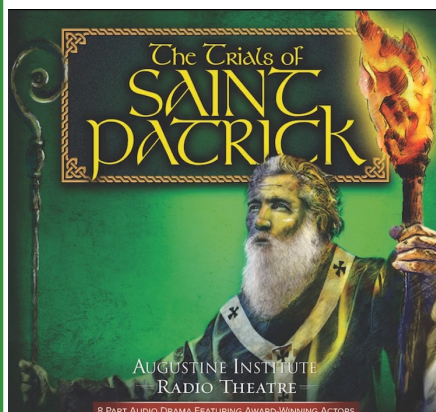
2nd Rite during our Lenten Retreat on 23 March at St Brigid's.

THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

The Trials of Saint Patrick

A powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration. Our parish has a **FORMED** subscription.

Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



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



Serve Ministers Roster- Next Weekend- Palm Sunday 23/24 March, 2024

PALM SUNDAY	Readings (Year B):		Isaiah 50: 4 - 7	Philippians 2: 6 - 11	Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47	Cuppa Weekend		
23rd & 24th Mar	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Carmel Barker	Michael Barker	Bernie Stuart	Gail Mcgillivray	Julius Lau	Jan Hughes	Tom Hughes	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Jane Standish	Angela Meo	Chris McAleer	Jack Meyer	Marlene Tangso	Joan Healy	Odette Budge	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Lisa Tuke	Basia Mitula	Alison Krishnadas	Ron Schneider-Loos	N/A	Trish Le Brocq	Carmel Smith	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Dianne Wain	Nola Petraitis	Jaun Wilson	Gail Bell	Volunteer	Lucy Cameron	Vanessa Fernandes	Glenice Laughlan
Counters	Group 2	Anthony Barnhoorn Kelvin & Helen Rocks						

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

Recently deceased: Joseph Genovese, Brian McKittrick



Anniversaries: Anne Blakeney, Chris Byrne, Fred Greenwell, Esme Gailey, Jessie Rebello, Beverley Mills, Frank Sweeney, Patrick James Keane, Lisa Malone, Amal Basry, Kathleen McNicholas, Michelle Cevec, Fr Ernie Smith, Verna Crane, Betty Teasdale, Antonino Indriolo, Michael Goss, Alan Stoppa, Peg Smith, Jaison Antony, Anthony (Tony) Medlicott, Jim Stynes, Stacey MacInnes, Peg Weaver, Marie Dorian, Ted Burke, Vivian Morillion, Gabrielle O'Donnell, Thomas Raines, Richard Thorne, Charles Judd, Faye Marshall, Gordon McCarthy, Laurie Mattea, Bevan Porter, Jennifer Crawford, Hygino Soares, Margaret Barnett, W/O Gordon Parker RAAF, Grazia Basile, John Langer, Nello Fabris.

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 Finnochiaro, 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 Coordinator

Ann Fitzgerald

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Deb Poynton - 0403 471 931

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 Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

Parish Schools

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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.

Our Child Safeguarding Team:

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Louise Breslin 0415 963 799

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