



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

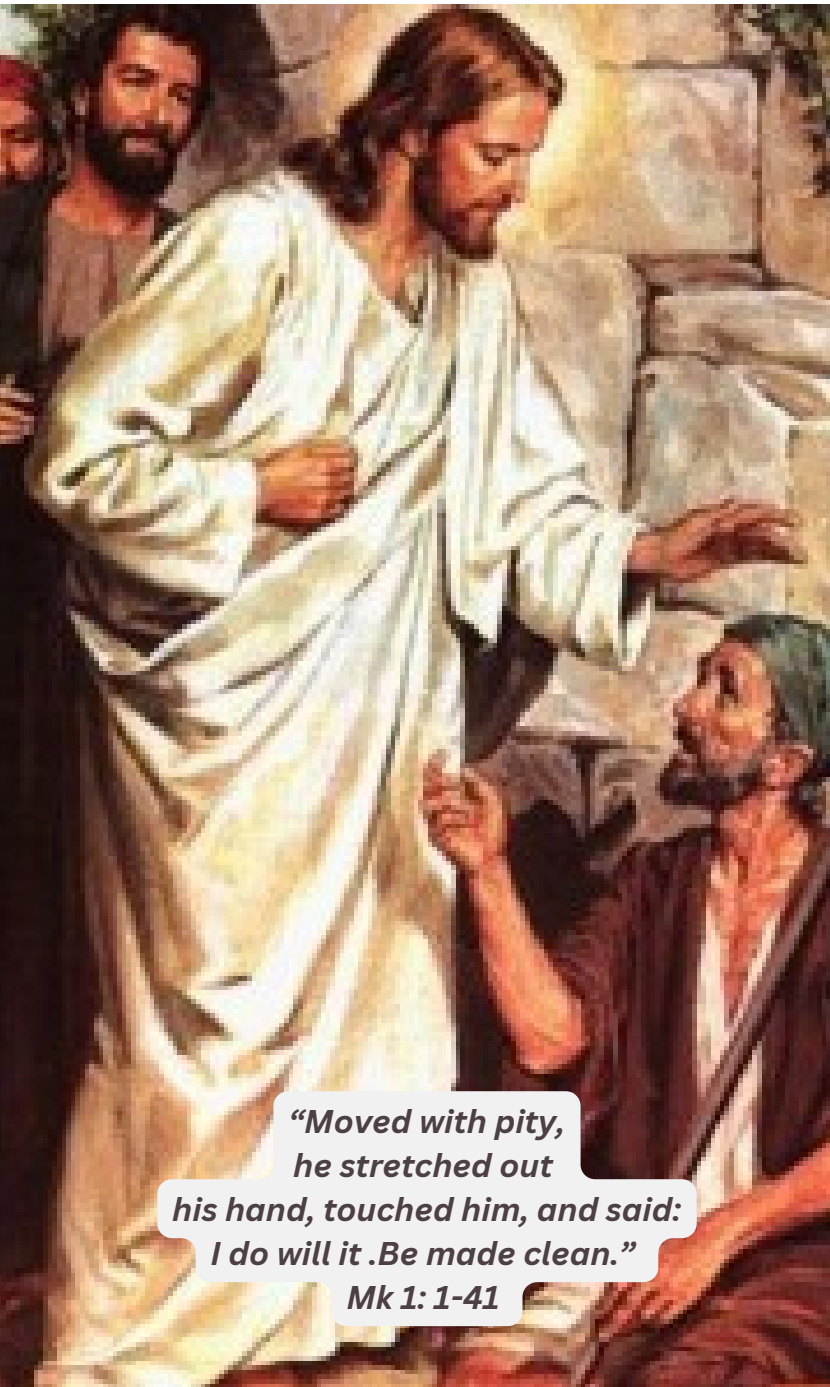
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EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Ignatius Tan

11 February 2024 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings are from Year B: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46. 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1. Mark 1:40-45



*"Moved with pity,
he stretched out
his hand, touched him, and said:
I do will it .Be made clean."*

Mk 1: 1-41

Gospel Reflection - Jesus is compassionate & merciful

Leprosy was a contagious disease in ancient times when there was no way to treat it, and isolation was the way to safeguard the spreading of the disease. All of us have experience of the threat of pandemics such as bird flu and COVID. Isolation is still one of the most effective measures modern society has to avoid widespread pandemics.

Our society still have people isolated from the community due to being house bound, those who are in aged care or living alone, and those excluded from society.

Jesus is compassionate and merciful to those isolated from society and communities. When Jesus healed the Lepers, he not only removed their physical suffering, but he also gave spiritual and mental healing because of their exclusiveness. Let us reach out to our sisters and brothers suffering from loneliness and isolation, especially those who are sick, house bound and in aged care residences.

*Fr Ignatius Tan
Assistant Priest*

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

Events and announcements

Alpha is coming to St Mary of the Cross and you're invited



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 at St Mary of the Cross. Alpha will begin on **Tuesday 9 April** and will run for 8 weeks, from 6.30-8.30pm. **More details soon.**

Ash Wednesday

The Season of Lent begins **Wednesday 14 February** on Ash Wednesday. Mass times and distribution of the ashes are: **10am at St Brigid's** and **7pm at St Louis'**.



Project Compassion

Caritas Australia supports communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes, or online caritas.org.au/project-compassion



"It's halfway between 59 and 61!"

Come & celebrate Fr Andrew's birthday. All parishioners are invited to celebrate Fr Andrew's birthday on **Sunday 3 March** in the presbytery grounds from 12.00 to 2.30pm. Please sign up for catering purposes at the Welcome Desk.



Recently our parishioners Marj and Kevin Reed celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a special blessing at St Louis'. Marj wanted to express her thanks: **"Thanks to Fr Ignatius and our Parish family for the beautiful and spiritual celebration of our 60 yrs of Marriage. It was a very special time for us."** Look out for the next edition of Blessings for photos.



Our love and blessings for Tung Phan as he enters the seminary

On February 18, 2024, our beloved parishioner Tung enters the seminary at Corpus Christi Carlton to begin his studies towards priestly ordination. Tung has been a valued member of our community with his gentle, kind and humble service. We will have the opportunity to let Tung feel our love and prayers at all Masses on the weekend of **February 17 and 18.**



Baptism Celebrations at St Louis' this weekend

We welcome into our Parish Family: **Maddison, Alira Mae and Mila Grace**

God has you in his hands this special day.

With every step you take, he guides you on your way.

Kidz Zone Children's Liturgy

How do we bring children closer to Christ? Kidz Zone at St Mary of the Cross is an opportunity for children 4-10 yrs old to do just that. We are looking for more adult leaders to enable us to offer Kidz Zone more frequently at our weekend Masses. Training & materials are provided. Please contact Sangeetha if you can help at: nsangeethac7@gmail.com



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.

Events and announcements



Men's Fellowship Group

All men of the parish & their friends are welcome, to view & discuss the new video series from Fr. Dave Pivonka.

<https://wildgoose.tv/programs/father-trailer>

Thursday 15 February, 7.30pm at St Louis'.



Stations of the Cross during Lent

St Louis' - Beginning 15 February - Thursday 7:30pm.

St Brigid's - Beginning 16 February - Friday 11am

Adoration and Rosary begin at 10:30am, followed by Mass at 11:30am at St Brigid's).



Bob's Knitting Group

All welcome to enjoy knitting for those in need.

Friday 16 February, St Louis' 10-12pm.



Praise & Worship Night - an opportunity for all to give praise to our loving God.

Friday 16 February, St Brigid's 7.30-8.30pm.



Parish outdoor Prep Level 2024 Welcome Mass

All welcome.

Sunday 18 February, Braeside Park 10.30am.

Friendship & Scripture Group will re-commence after Lent.

Parish Catechist Program 2024

Our 2024 Parish Catechist Program for First Eucharist, Confirmation and First Reconciliation for children not attending Catholic schools begins on Tuesday the 20th of February, 4pm-5pm and will run until the end of November. Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program are asked to please contact Elizabeth 9512 1155 or the Parish Office 9580 7981.

Serve Ministers Roster April-July 2024

The roster for April to July is currently being compiled. If you are going to be away during this time, wish to go on, or come off the roster please let the parish office know. New volunteers for our serve ministries are always welcome. We will provide training and support. For information on all of the parish serve ministry roles please pick up a copy of our Serve Ministers booklet in the church foyers or online at <https://m.stmaryofthecross.com/serve>

Longbeach Luncheon

The Longbeach Parishoner's luncheon will be held on **Wednesday 21st February** at the Longbeach Hotel Nepean Highway Chelsea. 12:30pm. For bookings ring: Pat Adams 0448-866-020 or Keith Reiter on 0417-350-733.

Thanksgiving envelopes available this weekend, in church foyers.

How to meaningfully observe Lent

Lent is a 40-day period of reflection, repentance, and renewal leading up to Easter.

Here are some suggestions to prepare & observe Lent:



Prayer: Spend time each day in prayer. This can be a few minutes in the morning or evening, or longer periods of time for deeper reflection.



Fasting: Give up a particular food, beverage or activity for the 40-day period. Choose a fast that is meaningful and challenging for you, but also realistic and sustainable. You can fast from activities or habits that distract you from your time with God, such as social media, or gossip.



Almsgiving: Consider giving to those in need, whether through donations or acts of service. It is not just about giving money or time, but also about giving of yourself. Be open to the ways in which God may be calling you to serve others and to be a presence of love and compassion in the world.

Serve Ministers Roster- Next Week 17/18 February

1st LENT 17th & 18th Feb	Readings (Year B):	Genesis 9: 8 - 15	1 Peter 3: 18-22	Mark 1: 12 - 15				
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Jenny Ford	Marg DeVries	Marg De Vries	Julius Lau	Gail McGillivray	Danny Carey	John Bainbridge	Ann Furlong
8.00am (M)	Angela Meo	Joan Healy	John Guthrie	Carole Guthrie	Jane Standish	Robyn Worsnop	Odette Budge	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Phillip Morris	Irene Crowe	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington	N/A	Patricia Le Brocq	Rosemary Miller	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Peter Hannan	Paula Rodrigues	Louise Breslin	Volunteer	Philippa Pecora	MaryAnn Farren	Tung Phan	Glenice Laughlan
Counters	Group 2	Anthony Barnhoorn Kelvin & Helen Rocks						



If you would like healing prayers in our bulletin or a pastoral visit, we are here for you, please contact us at:
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Recently Deceased

Lucio Meconi (Lou), Robert John Muddyman

Anniversaries

Emanuele Tovia, Francisca Diaz Amaya, Sofia Tovia, Olive Bellamy, Paul Brennan, John Earp, Jenny Harston, Judex Neeamuthkhan, Carmel Franklin, Mary Foley, Aileen O'Donnell, Faye Mattea, Tom Walker, Andrew Jones, Eric Dart, Edna Bryant, Jack Kennedy, Margaret Fitzgerald, Josephine Tranter, Catherine Varney, Jean O'Toole, Cyril Nunn, Robert Whitehouse, Stan Davies, Dorothy Rodriguez, Betty Pike, Marlene de Qudros, Patricia Atkins, Ron Jackson, Nicola Corda, Nan Plant, Arlene Roberts, Jean France Hennequin, Elizabeth Durham, Brian Tobin, Greg Riordan, Phyllis Cain

Healing Prayers asked for

Laurie McKwen, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Fernanda Barbarino, Brother Roger Burke FMS, Valerie O'Hara, Sophie Bicos, John Nicholson, Therese Brown.

Mass Times



Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm 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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St Brigid's - 9580 4518

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's - 9580 5169,

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

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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