



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Huy Nguyen Deacon: George Piech-Meat

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 February 2025

Readings for Year C 1 Samuel 26: 2,7-9,12-13,22-23 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38



Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate

This Gospel passage (Luke 6:27-38) is all about loving everyone, even your enemies. Jesus tells us to be generous, forgiving, and kind to all, no matter how they treat us.

It's like the Golden Rule: treat others the way you want to be treated.

This means showing mercy, giving to those in need, and letting go of grudges. Essentially, the passage urges us to live a life filled with love and compassion, just as God loves us.

Carmel Stutterd St Louis' School Principal



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News and Announcements

Requiem Mass for Donna Cardamone

Father will announce details of Donna Cardamone's funeral during the weekend masses. Rest in peace.

Pray for Pope Francis

Pope Francis has spent the last few days in Rome's Gemelli Hospital receiving treatment for pneumonia. Let us join in prayer for his healing, strength, and comfort. May the Lord restore his health.

Scripture & Friendship

Our next Scripture and Friendship group is on this coming **Tuesday, 25th February at Ann's home, 47 Gothic Road, Aspendale**. We begin at 10am and will finish with a cuppa about 11am. This group is open for anyone - we discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, questions or just listening. A great way to meet people in our Parish. Contacts: Ann 0425712741 Carmel 0425773608.

Holy Rosary and Adoration - St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration while we recite the Holy Rosary next **Saturday 1 March at 4.30pm at St Louis' church**.

Aspendale's St Vincent de Paul Conference

Let's Do Pancake Tuesday on Tuesday 4th March, 12pm-2pm, in St Louis' Church Foyer

Enjoy a special Pancake Tuesday Lunch with a fun Quiz. Cost is a donation to St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program. All are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Desk.

SMOTC Parish Winter Knitting Appeal (formerly Bob's Knitting Group)

First meeting **Friday 7 March at St Louis meeting room 1pm to 2.20pm**. All are very welcome. Contact Monique for more details 0422 155 694.

Alpha 2025

Please pray for our guests who are in our Alpha group on Tuesday's for the next six weeks. We also ask that you continue to pray for that one person whom you would like to invite to our Alpha sessions in 2025. It's not too late to join, but please let the office know for catering purposes.

Goodbye

Farewell to Marj and Kevin Reed who are leaving our Parish after 9 years. They are moving into the Corpus Christi Village in Clayton. Good luck with the move and we hope you can come back for the occasional visit. Blessings of the Holy Spirit on you both.



This Week on FORMED Discerning God's Will by Fr Larry Richards

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr Larry as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories. Remember the parish provides FORMED free to all parishioners.

Access FORMED at <https://formed.org/>

St Mary of the Cross Mordialloc & Aspendale
Justice Action Group present

DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE FORUM

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Register via the QR code or at
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au



WHEN: Saturday
15 March 2-3.30pm

WHERE: St Brigid's
Primary School
Hall (enter & park
via Barkly St
Mordialloc)

THE FORUM WILL FEATURE

- Panel discussion with experienced professionals.
- Opportunity to submit questions when you register.
- Information booths & follow up.
- Afternoon tea provided.
- All welcome, bring a friend.

News and Announcements



The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday 5 March - Ash Wednesday

Didn't we just take down our Christmas decorations? Well Lent is about to begin, and our parish has many opportunities for everyone to reflect and prepare in the lead up to Easter.

Ash Wednesday - 5 March

Our Ash Wednesday Masses will be at **10am at St Brigid's** and **7pm at St Louis**.

Lenten Small Groups

Our Lenten small groups will commence on **Tuesday 4 March**. Small groups are a great way to experience belonging, where you can grow spiritually and make friends who care for one another. We encourage everyone to think about joining a Lenten small group this year. Why not bring a friend?

+ **Tuesday 10am @ St Louis Church led by Carmel Barker**

+ **Tuesday 2pm led by Mary Nayna in her home**

+ **Wednesday 10.30am @ St Brigid's church led by Kristian Tangso**

+ **Wednesday 7.30pm led by Tony and Josie Aloysius in their home**

+ **Thursday 7.30pm led by Ann Furlong via Zoom**

All are welcome. Please register your choice of group at the Welcome Desk.

Lenten Retreat

Our annual Lenten Retreat will be held next weekend on **Saturday 1 March - 9am to 12.30pm at St Brigid's church** and will be led by **Kristian Tangso**.

The words "I Thirst" are hidden in the deepest aches of our hearts. In this retreat, we will journey together to prepare ourselves to enter this season of Lent with a greater awareness and eagerness to receive and respond to Jesus' personal love and thirst for each of us.

With Ash Wednesday just around the corner, we invite you to take some time to slow down and listen to how God might be asking you to redirect and make more room for Him in your heart in preparation for Easter. Join us in song, guided meditations, quiet reflection/prayer/creative time and morning tea.

No need to sign up, just come along on the day. All are welcome.

Hand-painted Lenten candles by Kristian Tangso will be available to purchase on the day of the retreat or by request. To place an order feel free to contact her on love.kristianjoy@gmail.com or 0490357852.



Baptism Celebrations this Sunday 23 February

We welcome into our parish family: **Albie Carlo**

God has you in his hands on this special day.

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



Clean up Australia Day Sunday 2 March

Join a local event by clicking on the link and registering for the Aspendale Beach Patrol (Gnotuk Ave carpark at 9am) or the Mordialloc Creek Reserve (Jack Grut Reserve, Governor Rd 9am) or just turn up.

https://register.cleanup.org.au/join-a-clean-up?_ga=2.229174620.1725099240.1740004943-1598464437.1740004943

Save the Date - World Day of Prayer Friday 7 March 10.30am

This global ecumenical service is held in over 170 countries in all different churches. This year's service for Mordialloc-Mentone will be held at **St Augustine's Anglican Church Como Parade Mentone**. Service begins at 10.30am. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 1/2 MARCH 2025

1/2 March 25	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings Year C Sirach 27: 4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Joanne Partleton	Ann Brennan	Bernie Stuart	Michael Barker	Carmel Barker	John Bainbridge	Monique Bruce
8.00am (M)	Tony Aloysious	Joan Healy	Marlene Tangso	Jack Guthrie	Carole Guthrie	Angela Meo	Odette Budge
9.30am (A)	Maureen Wraight	Ann Furlong	Volunteer	Lesley-Anne Bailey	Ron Schneider-Loos	Niko Tovia	Anne Marsh
11.00am (M)	Nola Petraitis	Jennifer Rodrigues	Juan Wilson	Peter Wain	Volunteer	Robyn Worsnop	Lucy Cameron
Counters	Group 5	Anthony & Julie Barnhoorn					

Recently deceased: Donna Cardamone (Mordialloc), Harry Spies (Mordialloc), Lesley Frances Buicke (nee Buxton).

Anniversaries: Charles Vassallo - Brian Stanley Wagstaff - Florence Rizzo - Judith Carboon - Alfred Moncrief - Anthony Malone - Mary Logan - Helen Grogan - John (Jack) Delahey - Barry Sims - Joan McMahon - Jean Parker - Arthur Hager - Patrick Fallon - Audrey Castleman - Victor Vellozo - Norma Smith - Christopher Walley - Dorothy Stevens - Adrian Werny - Jill Parker - Carmel McGrath - Teresa Vaizzi - Kevin Phelan - Brian Conway - Jenny Popley - K. M. Mathew - Joan Mead - Fred Sommerville - Elizabeth (Betty) Wood - Carmel White - Mirko Mesic - Monica Westgarth - Lorenzo Barbarino - Lynn Young - Percy Wilson - Antonio D'Astoli - Alan Jones - Christopher Parker - William Ellis - Audrey Kane - Kevin Allday - Luigi Camillo - Vijay H Galkwad - Judy de Lacey - Pauline Dwyer - Patricia Maher - Dorothy O'Connor - Kathleen Le Brocq - Kathleen Bourke - Peter Hughes.

Praying for the sick: Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Therese Brown, Fernanda Barbarino, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Ben Quirk, Sam Finnochiaro, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Brenda Cortese, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Heidi Soeding, Janice Gillette, Peter Shoppe, Natalian Constanzo, Flynn, Andrea Williams, Fr Kevin Tortorelli (OFM), Joseph Michaleff, Geraldine Bennett, Charmaine Milne, Michelle Lieour, Louise Hawes, Virginia Hindall, Penny Proctor, Clayton Dunn, Keith Wiltshire, Michelle Parker, Basil Van Der Merwe, Brian Smith, Brian Gleeson, Adrian Smith.

WEEKEND MASSES

St Louis Saturday 6pm
St Brigid's Sunday 8am
St Louis Sunday 9.30am
St Brigid's Sunday 11am
Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:
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WEEKDAY MASSES

St Louis Mon 9.15am Communion Service
St Louis Tuesday 9.15am,
St Brigid's Wed 10am,
St Louis Thurs 9.15am,
St Brigid's Fri 11.30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY

St Brigid's every Fri 10.30am
St Louis 1st Sat of the month 4.30pm

RECONCILIATION

St Brigid's Friday's 12pm
St Louis Saturday's 5.30pm

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Huy, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

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

CHILD SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

Fr Andrew Jekot 03 9412 8432
Fr Huy Nguyen 03 9412 8432
Trish 0421 604 849
Louise 0415 963 799
Joe 0407 354 568
Helen 0498 178 899
Joanne 0413 133184
Robyn 0412 814 592

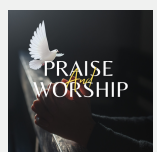
Growing in Community & Belonging at St Mary of the Cross



Children's Liturgy
5 - 12-year-olds.
4th weekend of the month. All masses except 8am.



Prayer Ministry
Intercessory prayer.
Last weekend of the month - all masses.



Praise & Worship
3rd Friday of month
7.30 - 9.5 8.30pm.
Alternates between each church.

Pastoral care

If you would like a pastoral visit, Helen is available to drop by for a chat or to organise some help if required.

Please contact the office at
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Contact us

Parish Office: 03 9580 7981
OPEN Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's 9am to 4.30pm
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Parish House: 03 9412 8432

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. We recognise their continued connection to Country, and we thank them for their role in caring for, and maintaining Country and waterways, over thousands of generations.