



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

PARISH VISION STATEMENT: We are a faith community who gather to praise and worship God. We express Christ's presence among us by reaching out to those in need with Christ's message of love and forgiveness and the promise of justice and hope for all.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 19 February 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18, 1 Corinthians 3:16-23, Matthew 5:38-48

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc

St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

ASSISTANT PRIEST:

Fr Ignatius Tan

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss,
Kristian Tangso**

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

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9am - 4pm



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m.stmaryofthecross.com

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

In this week's gospel Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.



Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. He tells us we are to love those who do not like us. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

This week the Prep/Foundation children will celebrate Mass together at Braeside Park. The theme is taken from John Burland's song "Love Like Jesus Did". The power of Jesus is love. Jesus gives us the power to love in this way. Our challenge is, as the song says, to "open your heart, you've got to play your part, Come on and love like Jesus did".

Jodie Marziano - Deputy Principal St Brigid's Primary School

**We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather
and their leaders - past, present and emerging.**

Parish News

Parish Catechist Program 2023



Our 2023 Parish Catechist Program begins on **Tuesday 21st February** and runs until the end of November. This is a Religious Education Program for children not attending Catholic Schools and it helps prepare children for receiving their Sacraments. It is run by a dedicated group of Parish volunteers and classes are held at St Louis' on Tuesday afternoons 4pm - 5pm. Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program are asked to please contact: Elizabeth 9512 1155 or the Parish 9580 7981.

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next set of thanksgiving envelopes from 5th of March through to 25th of June are in the church foyers for collection. If you give via credit card or direct debit please contact the parish office for a copy of your receipt.

Serve Ministries

One of our four parish mission anchors is Servant Leadership - Where we are all called to serve in our parish ministries and wider community. This weekend we offer our masses to give thanks for all who serve in our parish and ask all current serving ministers in **all** parish roles to **re-confirm** their commitment and encourage **new people** to step forward. Lists will be available on the tables in the church foyer. Our Serve Ministry booklet outlines all of the serve ministry roles and is available on our parish website, printed copies are also available in the church foyers.



Current Serve Ministry Roster

The Roster for March to April is currently being organised. If you wish to go on / come off the roster or are away during this time please let the parish office know. All volunteers are welcome and must have a WWCC and some ministry roles require a police check.



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday (**22 February**) signals the beginning of Lent, a beautiful time and journey leading us towards Easter. Masses will be at **10am (St. Brigid's)** and **7pm (St. Louis')**.



Stations Of The Cross

St Louis' Stations of the Cross will start

on the **23rd of February**. This will be held each week throughout Lent on **Thursday's after the 9:15am Mass.**

St Brigid's Stations of the Cross will start on the **24th of February**. This will be held each week throughout Lent on **Fridays at 10:30am.**

All are welcome.

Lenten Scripture Groups

There are a number of different scripture groups that you are invited to partake in beginning **Monday 20th February**.

*****Please note - if you are in a Wednesday group - don't forget to factor in Mass on Ash Wednesday*****

- **Tuesdays (beginning 21st Feb)** at 10.30am, St. Louis' church led by Carmel Barker.
- **Tuesdays (beginning 21st Feb)** at 2pm, 63 Nepean Highway, Aspendale led by Mary Nayna.
- **Wednesdays (beginning 22nd Feb)** at 10.30am, at St. Louis' church led by Trish Le Brocq.
- **Wednesdays (beginning 22nd Feb)** at 7.15pm, at 41 Rivette St. Mordialloc led by Jack Meyer
- **Wednesdays (beginning 22nd Feb)** at 7.30pm, via Zoom led by Kim Jeremiah.
- **Thursdays (beginning 23rd Feb)** at 7.30pm, via Zoom led by Ann Furlong.

Thank you to our facilitators. Please register at the Welcome Desk

Longbeach Parishes Dinner

Our first event of 2023 will be a **dinner at 6pm on Thursday after Ash Wednesday i.e. 23 February** at The Longbeach RSL, Chelsea. For Bookings ring Pat Addams on 0488-866-020 or Keith Reiter on 0417-350-733, alternatively leave a message on 9772-7292.

Bulletin Notices Please ensure you have your Bulletin Notices into the parish office by Thursday afternoons via email - mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au.

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**PREP FAMILY MASS SUNDAY FEBRUARY
19TH 10.30AM BRAESIDE PARK**

There will be an extra mass offered on Sunday 19th February. All are welcome to join our Prep/Foundation school families for their special welcome mass.



Syrian Earthquake Appeal

PLEASE DONATE NOW! The recent Syrian earthquake has hit people who were already displaced in a region that has been devastated by more than a decade of civil war. Yet again, we are seeing people fleeing and desperate for shelter in freezing winter conditions. We want to help provide that light in the deepest darkness, to get through this devastating disaster. MCF DGR ACCOUNT Ref: Syrian Appeal BSB: 062784 Account: 100011493 All donations are Tax Deductible. For a receipt please email mcf@melkite.org.au or contact on (02) 9750 5514

Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know, call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567, or visit www.palms.org.au



World Day of Prayer

The special worldwide Eumenical Service World day of Prayer for Mordialloc and Mentone areas will be held at **St Patrick's church Mentone on Friday 3rd March at 10:30am**. Over 170 countries participate bringing together people of various races, cultures and traditions. Taiwan is the host country this year. There will be refreshments served and everyone is welcome.

Lenten Reflection with Maria Forde

"To be free we must be able to give up what is old and so answer God's will today and tomorrow". Ernst Käsemann. Join Maria Forde as she leads us on a Lenten reflection on **Friday 3 March from 7pm -8.15pm at St Louis' Church**. Using scripture, ritual, music and conversation Maria will explore the meaning of Lent and ways in which we can meaningfully enter into this time more fully. We will discuss the meaning of prayer, almsgiving and fasting and its role during Lent. Maria Forde is an educator, spiritual director, accomplished singer songwriter and liturgist. **All are welcome.**



With St Mary of the Cross We Pray



Recently Deceased

Graig De Palo (South Africa)

Anniversaries

Marie Berg, Judith Carboon, Audrey Castleman, Geoffrey Colwell, Brian Denman, Alexandrina Connelly, John (Jack) Delahey, Robert (Bob) Dynes, Patrick Fallon, Mary Irene Graham, Helen Grogan, Arthur Hager, Josef Laude, Doris Lavery, Lily Lebler, Mary Logan, Anthony Malone, Bernice Marshall, Joan McMahon, Alfred Moncrief, John (Jack) Mooney, Domnick O'Donnell, Jean Parker, Peter Perazzo, Florence Rizzo, Barry Sims, Norma Smith, Dorothy Stevens, Nicole Strickland, Luciana Tenace, Maureen Varney, Charles Vassallo, Victor Vellozo, Brian Stanley Wagstaff, Christopher Walley

Healing Prayers Asked For

Brenda Cortese, Ray Martin, Sophia Bicos, David Morris, Helen Pedrazzini, Sue Kelly, Craig Martin, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Mary Deveson

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

All Parish volunteers require a current Working With Children Check and completion of the Safeguarding Essentials training. Copies of the policy are available on our Parish Website and at our Parish Office. For any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot ... 03 9412 8432	Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568
Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	

Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

1st Sunday of Lent - Sunday 26 February 2023				
Our readings are from Year A: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11				
25th & 26th Feb	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Carmel Grace	Jane Standish	Brian Martin	Volunteer
Commentator	Julie Buick	Frances North	Lisa Tuke	Gail Bell
Special Minister	Ann Furlong	Jack Meyer	Jaun Wilson	Peter Hannan
Welcomers	John Bainbridge	Barry Wheeler	Berna Wake	Wence & Paula Rodrigues
	Danny Carey	Odette Budge	Mary Nayna	
Counters	Bern & Geoff Terrell	Susan Dornom		
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Vo Johnson	Susan Dornom	Glenice Laughlin

If you are unavailable on your rostered day please arrange a replacement and contact the Parish Office on 9580 7981 to inform us of the change



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If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office

PARISH MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS:

Saturday

6pm (Vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS:

Monday 9.15am - St Louis' (Communion Service),

Tuesday 9.15am - St Louis',

Wednesday 10am - St Brigid's,

Thursday 9.15am - St Louis'

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION

Friday 12pm - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

PARISH SCHOOLS



St Brigid's School,

129 Albert St, Mordialloc

9580 4518

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St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

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