



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



First Sunday of Lent 9 March 2025

Readings for Year C Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 Romans 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13

*Jesus was led by the Spirit
through the wilderness where he
was tempted*



In Luke 4:1-14, we witness Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, where He faces trials set by the devil, mirroring the struggles of humanity. We can align these 3 temptations to Pleasure, Possession and Pride. Jesus' response to each temptation highlights His unwavering trust in God's word. First, when tempted to turn stones into bread, He counters with, "Man shall not live by bread alone," emphasizing that spiritual nourishment is paramount. During Lent we are asked to curb our pleasures by fasting. Second, when offered all the kingdoms of the world, He refuses, declaring, "Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only." During Lent we are asked to overcome our need for earthly possessions by Almsgiving. Finally, when challenged to throw Himself from the pinnacle of the temple, He responds, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Our response to pride is to pray humbly. These responses demonstrate Jesus' deep commitment to God's will over earthly desires or power. Through this passage, we are reminded of the importance of relying on God's Word for strength, and of ways we can grow closer to God throughout Lent.... And beyond!

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News and Announcements

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.

Domestic and Family Violence Forum

Our forum on domestic and family violence is only a week away. **Have you registered? If not, please scan the QR code on the left or email the parish office at mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au**

JAG is delighted to confirm the members of our panel for the forum, all practitioners with extensive experience in the area:

Kitty McMahon (CEO of Women's Health in the South East) will be MC.

Jocelyn Bignold OAM (CEO of McAuley Family Services).

Nadine Gadd (Program Lead of the Family Violence Program at Better Health Network).

Candice Weir (Family Practice and Program Development Specialist at Family Life).

Karina Chaves (Paediatrician and parishioner).

Fr Andrew Jekot (Parish priest).

Further details about the members of the panel are available by [clicking here.](#)

We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday 15 March 2-3:30pm** at St Brigid's school hall (enter and park via Barkly St, Mordialloc).



Justice Action Group Meeting

Our next JAG meeting is **Wednesday 12 March in the St Louis meeting room at 7.30pm**. If you are looking for ways to live out the mercy, compassion and love for others which Jesus has, then this might be the group for you. All are welcome.

A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

by Father James Martin

Loving God,

We ask you to look with favor on your servant Francis, who has served you as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and now as a pope.

Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian, sharing the love, mercy and compassion that you Son showed to all he encountered, especially those who were poor or struggling.

As Francis faces this new illness, help the doctors and nurses who care for him, help him to bear any pain with grace, and help him to heal quickly.

We ask this in your Holy Name.
Amen.



RCIA -Rite of Election

Please pray for our RCIA candidates who will be going into St Patrick's cathedral this Sunday for their Rite of Election. We pray that this journey they are undertaking will lead them to a place of hope and peace and that they feel the support of our parish behind them. Please show this support by picking up a bookmark after mass and pray for one of our candidates on this journey.

Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Monique and Mark Bruce who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary and will receive a blessing at the 6pm mass this weekend.

May the Holy Spirit watch over you and continue to bless your relationship and your family.



New thanksgiving envelopes

Please pick yours up from the church foyers.



The Season of Lent at St Mary of the Cross Parish

"Be praised, my Lord, for sister moon and the stars: clear and precious and lovely they are formed in heaven." Let Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on care for creation, be your guiding star this Lent.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Will be held on Monday evenings at St Louis church from 7.30 to 8pm. Stations will start on the 10 March and go through to 7 April. They will also be held on Friday mornings at St Brigid's church at 11.00am, Holy Rosary at 10.30am.

Lenten Small Groups - It's not too late to join

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. All are welcome. Why not bring a friend? Please register at the Welcome Desk.

+ 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

ACRATH Easter Chocolate Campaign

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of ACRATH's Easter chocolate awareness campaign. In the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday on April 20, Australians will spend billions of dollars on chocolate. Much of the chocolate consumed will be produced using cocoa beans picked by children and adults in conditions that are often unsafe and restrict a child's access to education. For more information: www.acrath.org.au



Choir practice for Easter

Is being held at St Brigid's church on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm beginning on 11 March. We will be practicing for Lent and the Holy Week services. All are welcome. Contact Trish for more details on 0421 604 849.

This Week on FORMED Restore: Lent with Sr Miriam. Week One

Sr Miriam reflects on the theme of the week - the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. We can look to him for comfort, love and healing. Access FORMED at <https://formed.org/>

Project Compassion 2025

This year will feature three stories from around the world. We'll meet Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) from Samoa, Lam from Vietnam and Irene from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities. Look out for Toefuata'iga's story in next weeks Bulletin.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code on the right, or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling: 1800 024 413.



Happy Birthday

To Mrs Filippenia (Fil) Schumacher who will celebrate her 90th birthday on 10 March. May God continue to bless her abundantly.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 15/16 MARCH 2025

15/16 March 25	Second Sunday of Lent Readings Year C Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3: 17, 4:1 Luke 9: 28-36						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Julie Buick	Bernie Stuart	Marie Medlicott	Gail McGillivray	Ann Furlong	Monique Bruce	Gail Hamilton
8.00am (M)	Chris McAleer	Paula Rodrigues	Barry Wheeler	Marlene Tangso	Jack Meyer	Carole Guthrie	Jack Guthrie
9.30am (A)	Gen Martin	Brian Martin	Ron Schneider-Loos	Elizabeth Newington	Mary Nayna	Jon Searle	Rosemary Miller
11.00am (M)	Peter Hannan	Dianne Wain	Volunteer	Louise Breslin	Peter Wain	Christine D'Cruze	Les D'Cruze
Counters	Group 2	Helen & Kelvin Rocks					

Recently deceased: Ian Searle (Jon's father), Fr Peter Carrucan PE.

Anniversaries: Martin Crosbie - Lesley Reyneke - Luca Auditore - Celiia Balm - Stephen Mardling - Fr Jim Flanagan - Fr Hugh McGrath - Eilish Sterling - Emmanuel Sterling - Martin Sterling - Albert Ryan - Kathleen Hudson - Betty Nunn - Isa Maria Ibanez - Joseph Genovese - Trevor Hall - George Jeeves - Marge Rosevear - Bob Temple - Michael Wood - William McVeigh - Peter Rodgers - Fr Denis White - John Calleja - George Pearson - Brian Waldron - Bill Medlicott - Jack Renton - Theo Jaspers - Carmel Dickinson - Bernie Dee - Lyn Brunbery - Harold Kennan - Linda Se Hin Son - William Aldridge - Therese Enzinger - Timothy John O'Dea - George Pugsley - Jack Quinn - Patrick Brady - Eugene Cleary - Percy Gregory - Tom Casey - Michael Peril - Br Kevin Moloney - Elma Fraser - Tise Tago.

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, Sam Finnochiaro, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Caiden Hoare, Gail Bell, 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, Clayton Dunn, Keith Wiltshire, Michelle Parker, Basil Van Der Merwe, Brian Smith, Brian Gleeson, Adrian Smith, Graziella Marini, Br Michael McCabe (De La Salle) .

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:
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

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
 Denise 0412 926 752

Growing in Community & Belonging at St Mary of the Cross



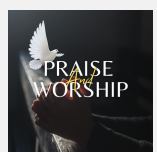
Children's Liturgy

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
 Parish Coordinator: Ann Fitzgerald
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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.