



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

7 April 2024 - Second Sunday in Easter

Our readings are from Year B: Acts 4:32-35, John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31



Gospel Reflection

'Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed'.

This is us - we have not seen and have believed. Prompted by John's Gospel we should use Easter time to focus on our 'believing' - the ways that we live and act upon our faith. How will we do that? As today's Gospel tells us, through the gift of the Holy Spirit and the peace that faith can bring.

Then we can focus upon what we do: In what ways are our actions 'Good News' for others? Are our relationships marked by love? How do we bring peace to those in our lives?

Rather than be judgmental about Thomas' lack of faith, may we be compassionate, acknowledge our own failings and acknowledge that he got it right in the end - and pray that we can too, living loving and faith-filled lives.

Patrick Jurd - Parishioner

Coming Up

Alpha 2024 Begins
9 April

Parish Forum with
Archbishop 20 April

New Parishioner
Welcome Event 11 May

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

Parish Announcements



Holy Week and Easter - We Give Thanks

Thank you to all who made our 2024 Holy Week and Easter Liturgies such blessed, emotional and uplifting experiences. The abundant life and love that Jesus brought about through his death and resurrection was palpable to all who attended in record numbers. To all of our Serve Ministers, those who spring-cleaned our churches, Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius and Fr Peter and to **you** our parishioners and many welcomed visitors, we give thanks to you all for making the parish a part of your lives. Ultimately, we give thanks to Our Lord.

Thanks to our parishioners and our valued visitors who generously contributed \$1460 for our Easter Mordialloc & Aspendale Vinnies appeal (this is the partial tally, full amount in next week's bulletin) and \$1990 for the Holy Land appeal for missionary work providing welfare assistance including health, education, housing, employment and orphanages in the Holy Land and in the maintenance of over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.



Alpha begins this week - An opportunity to love, listen and laugh

Our 8-week Alpha series begins this week on **Tuesday April 9 from 7-8.30pm at St Louis'** with a 'Wine & Cheese Night'. It is not too late to come along, but we will need you to register by **Monday 8 April** for catering purposes. Please email the Parish Office if you would like to attend. Equally if you can't make the first week but would like to

come to the subsequent weeks, you can, but please email or contact the Parish Office asap at:

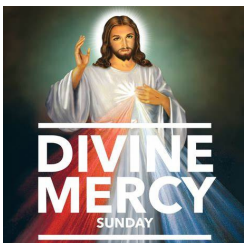
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Please pray that God will prepare the hearts and the minds of all Alpha guests to help them explore Jesus' character and nature. Pray also for the hosts and helpers for wisdom in helping to facilitate discussion.



Save the Date - Parish Forum with Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli

Archbishop Peter has chosen our parish to visit from April 19-21. This is a great opportunity for the Archbishop to spend an extended time, meeting people from our schools, aged care residents, parishioners and to hear first-hand about our parish renewal journey. All parishioners are invited to a 'Forum with Archbishop Peter' on **Saturday 20 April from 10.00-12 noon at St Brigid's Church**. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the Archbishop's plans for the archdiocese, to hear his views, ask him questions, and get to know him better. The Forum will include a morning tea. **Please register at the Welcome Desk.**



Divine Mercy Sunday - This Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed (15 minutes) after the 9.30am mass at St Louis' on **Sunday 7 April**. All welcome to stay and join in the prayer.



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Why Catholics believe in "life everlasting"

The Catholic Church cares about every BODY. Think of relics and funerals—reverence for our bodies and the body's of holy people is part of being Catholic. But why? We find the answer at the end of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." That's a pretty strong statement and it's founded on Jesus. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can look forward to our own body's being raised at the end of time. Pretty cool, right?

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WELCOME

Deacon George Piech-Meat

Deacon George is a Permanent Deacon who has been appointed by the Archbishop to our parish and he will begin his diaconal ministry from next week. George was ordained in 2012 and has been ministering in the parish of St. Mary's, Dandenong. George hails from South Sudan and works fulltime in the department of Youth and Justice as a chaplain. He will assist primarily during the weekend masses in his capacity as deacon to serve at mass, preach and celebrate some baptisms. Let us all make him very welcome.



Justice Action Group Meets Wednesday 10 April 7.30-9pm at St Louis'

Are you looking for ways to understand more and take action with social justice issues including Family Violence & Homelessness, Refugees and

People Seeking Asylum, First Nations People, Human Trafficking and Protection of the Environment? Then why not come to our next JAG meeting this **Wednesday 10 April at 7.30pm at St Louis'**. Everyone is welcome and new ideas are encouraged.



Our Scripture & Friendship Group

will meet on **April 16 and April 30** at Ann's home: 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. All are welcome to join as we discuss Sunday's Gospel. We start with a cuppa at 10am and conclude at 11.30am.



Our Praise & Worship Night

Please note the change of date to **Friday 26 April from 7.30-8.30pm at St Brigid's**.

Usually, the night is held on the 3rd Friday of the month, alternating between our 2 churches, but it is a week later this month due to the Archbishop's visit. All are welcome to come and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Longbeach Parishioner Luncheon

The next Longbeach Parishioner Luncheon will be held at **12:30pm on Wednesday 17th April** at the Chelsea Longbeach RSL. For bookings ring either Patricia Adams on mobile 0448-866-020 or Keith on 0417-350-733, alternatively leave a message on Keith's landline 9772-7292.

Blessings Our quarterly parish magazine Blessings will be available next weekend, jam-packed with many stories about our parish and people.

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.

Answering the call to discipleship

We are all called to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19) It was Jesus' last command and is our first priority.

Here at St Mary of the Cross it is part of our Parish Mission to Love God, Love Others and **Make Disciples**. We do this by making our parish a warm, welcoming and inviting place for newcomers and visitors. Here are a few suggestions as to what we can all do...



Say hi to someone new

Think back to when someone you didn't know made you feel welcome. How good was that? How can you do the same for that unfamiliar face at Mass?

Invite a friend to church

It could be to one of our social events, worship nights, parish groups, retreats or Mass itself. Keep it simple and low-key. Suggest going for a coffee together after.



Reach out

to someone you haven't seen at church for a while. They might be unwell or unable to get there. Take a Bulletin or copy of Blessings, have a cuppa and see if you can offer a lift. Let them know you care.



Next Week's Serve Ministers Roster - 3rd Week of Easter 13 and 14 April 2024.

Welcomer's please note this is a cuppa weekend.

13/14 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Readings (Year B) Acts 3:13-15, 17:19 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48 CUPPA WEEKEND							
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Patrick Jurd	Ann Brennan	Pauline Parker	Gail McGillivray	Julius Lau	Bernie Stuart	John Bainbridge	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Stefanie Carino	Barry Wheeler	Jack Meyer	Jane Standish	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Angela Meo	Odette Budge	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Phillip Morris	Brenda O'Leary	Elizabeth Newington	Felice Cortese	Mary Nayna	Maureen Wraight	Niko Tovia	Tony Allday
11.00am (M)	Peter Hannan	Dianne Wain	Helen Rocks	Peter Wain	Christine D'Cruze	Ellen Young	Lucy Cameron	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Group 4	Bernadette Terrell	Geoff Terrell	Susan Dornom				

RECENTLY DECEASED

Zoltan Korom, Kingsley Anthonisz (Snr) Aspendale

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Thomas Shanahan, Doreen Jewell, Eric Ludwick, Dianne Veitch, Margarita Lacson, George Irving, Kitty Greenwell, Delfino Castenetto, Brian McMahon, Alan Vickers, Chinamma Eapen, Calvin Saddler, Giovanni Faoro, Patricia Forkgen, Noel De Quadres, Foster Varney, Hans Bongers, Peter Grotto, William Peart, Anthony Zerdoner, Gail Panton, Anne Weir, Gwen Rosario, Gavin Kirchner, Phillip Allan Reid, Michael John Healy, Helena O'Toole, Peter Wain, John Smith, Bishop Camillo Balin, John Myles, Margaret Burns.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS

Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Fernanda Barbarino, Sophia Bicos, 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, Pam Ulbrick, Anne Burke, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone.

If you would like healing prayers in our Parish Bulletin or a pastoral visit, please reach out at:
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

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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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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