



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.*

1st Sunday of Lent – 6 March 2022

Our readings are: Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

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 Hoang Dinh

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Fr Andrew, Fr Hoang,
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Kristian Tangso**

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Gospel Reflection

The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises.

Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.



The temptation in the wilderness
Luke 4:1-13

By Marylene Douglas

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

Parish News

All are welcome for Mass

The celebration of Mass will be live-streamed from [6pm Saturday](#) and [8am Sunday](#). Go to YouTube and search for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew' or the [parish website](#).

Masks and check in no longer required

With the change in regulations, masks are not mandatory to wear for mass. By all means feel free to wear a mask at mass. No check in is required. Welcomers will be able to do the job that they have signed up for - **to welcome you!!**

There will be **Stations of the Cross** after the 9.15am Communion service on **Monday 07th March** at **St Louis**.

Second Rite of Reconciliation is offered on **Thursday the 17th March** at St. Louis' beginning at 7pm. All are welcome to include this sacrament as part of your preparation for Easter.

Mass at St Brigid's & St Louis'



Cuppa after Mass

Held every 2nd and 4th weekend at all masses. Please assist if you can.



You are invited!

Don't miss out on this global event to listen to 3 experts (Fr James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron and Revd. Nicky Gumbel) on the topic of parish renewal and evangelisation. After the video presentation we will have ample time to discuss the implications for our parish as we move forward with our Parish Mission. **Tuesday March 15, 7-9.30pm at St Louis'.** Please register at the Welcome Desk.

Justice Action Group Meeting

Are you interested in social justice issues, including Refugees & Asylum Seekers, Care for the Environment, First Nations People, Homelessness & Domestic Violence? If so we would love you to join us at our **JAG meeting on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 7.30pm at St Louis'**. All are welcome!



Are you interested in social justice issues? If so please join us.

Choir Practice for Easter

Choir practice begins this Wednesday 10 March for our Easter services. Practice will be held at St Brigid's church starting at 7.30pm. All singers and musicians are welcome. Please contact Trish on 0421 604 849 for any enquiries.



Lent Scripture Groups

It's not too late to join our **Lenten Scripture Groups**. We are using the resource from Fr. Michael Elligat. Feel free to sign up for **10am Tuesday morning group (St. Louis')**, **11am Wednesday morning group (St. Brigid's)** or an **online group 7pm Thursday evening**. Sign up sheets at the Welcome Desks.

Lent 2022 with Bruce Downes: The Catholic Guy

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here - BruceDownes.org/Lent22 or call 1300 734 880 for more info.

Visit from Bishop Anthony Ireland

Bishop Tony, our new regional bishop, has offered to celebrate two **masses on Sunday 13th March at 9.30am and 11am**. We welcome him amongst us as he gets to know the many parishes in his care. We will have a cuppa after Mass to show our hospitality and welcome Bishop Tony.

Parish News



Australian Catholics Magazine

The Autumn 2022 Parish Edition is available for collection in the foyer.

St Louis' Church Garden Weeding

If you have a couple of hours to spend please come along to help us tidy up the weeds at the St Louis' Church garden. **Monday 21 March 9-11am.** BYO garden tools. Morning tea provided.



Blessings Magazine

Our quarterly magazine is available this weekend. Pick up a copy in the church foyers.

Letters from St Louis' Primary School Children

The children from St Louis' primary school have written letters to the parishioners. If you would like a letter please pick one up from the welcome centre at both churches.



**Caritas AUSTRALIA**

First Sunday of Lent
5 & 6 March

**PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS**

Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Do you feel like being called to serve?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.**

For more information contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate 03 9412 3357 / diaconate@cam.org.au A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below are working: Melbourne's Deacons youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0, Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY, Brochure cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate

Farewell Kristian

Kristian Tangso, a member of our Parish Leadership Team, is getting ready for her next adventure in Europe to study **Sacred Art** in Florence. You will have the chance to personally wish her well on her journey over the next two weeks. **Prayer cards** printed with her original artworks will be available for purchase (\$3.50 - \$4 each/set of 4 for \$15) after each Mass next weekend **12th & 13th March.**



Recent Deaths

Fr. Kevin Mogg

Anniversaries

Luca Auditore, John Calleja, Gaetano Cortese, Martin Crosbie, Fr Jim Flanagan, Joy Greenwood, Trevor Hall, Jack Howitt, Kathleen Hudson, George Jeeves, Kevin Lyons, Fr Hugh McGrath, William McVeigh, Daniel Nicholson, Betty Nunn, George Pearson, Lesley Reyneke, Peter Rodgers, Albert Ryan, Eilish Sterling, Emmanuel Sterling, Martin Sterling, Bob Temple, Brian Waldron, Colin Walton, Fr Denis White, Michael Wood, Arthur Woodwiss

Healing Prayers Asked For

Maureen Hepburn, Srijana Shakya, Margaret McGowan, Helen Pedrizzini, Jason Turner, Ferena Zienau, Paul Dodkians, Amelia Terry, Michele Ives

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

All Parish volunteers require:

- Current Working With Children Check a
 - Read & signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct.
- Available on our Parish Website & at our Parish Office

Any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot ... 03 9412 8432
Fr Hoang Dinh ... 03 9412 8432
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799
Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568

Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522
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Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592

Next Week's Roster

2nd Sun Lent	Readings (Year C): Genesis 15:5-12,17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28-36			
12th & 13th March	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Ann Brennan	Barry Wheeler	Felice Cortese	Judy Lamb
Commentator	Joanne Partleton	Stefanie Carino	Phillip Morris	Lucy Cameron
Special Minister	Marie Medlicott	Marlene Tangso	Elizabeth Newington	Louise Breslin
Welcomers	John Bainbridge Carmel Barker	Carole & Jack Guthrie	Berna Wake Joe Corda	Christine D'Cruze
Counters	Mary & Serge Nayna	Aileen Dynes		
Sacristan	Susan Dornom	Fred Burns	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin



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 (Communion Service)

9.15am - St Louis',

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

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St Louis de Montfort's School,

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our Parish



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



Our Parish Mission



Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples